

Board of Respiratory Care Minutes

Date: May 29, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. C.S.T.

Location: Iris Conference Room
Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Ray Davis, RRT, Chair
Delmar Mack, RRT, Ed. D, Secretary
John Schario, Hospital Administrator
Anna Ambrose, RRT
Jeffrey P. McCartney, MD
Troy Hamm, RRT

Staff Present: Mary Webb, Board Administrator
Lisa Lampley, Board Director
Mary Katherine Bratton, Assistant General Counsel
Denise Moran, Director of Division of Investigations

Staff Absent: Marva Swann, Board Director

Guests Present: Mike Harkreader, Director, Tennessee Professional Assistance Program
John Williams, Attorney, Tennessee Society for Respiratory Care

With a quorum being present, Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Dr. Mack and seconded by Dr. McCartney to elect Ray Davis as the Board Chair. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ray Davis and seconded by Troy Hamm to elect Dr. Mack as Secretary. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schario made a motion seconded by Mr. Hamm to approve the minutes for the Board meeting of February 27, 2014. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Rules

The proposed rule amendments which the Board voted to have sent to a rulemaking hearing have been posted on the Secretary of State's website for public viewing and commentary. The Rulemaking hearing is set to take place at the August 28, 2014 meeting.

Mary Katherine reported that she and Gene Gantt attended the Tennessee Society of Respiratory Care Conference in Memphis, TN on April 10-11, 2014 and they discussed the purposes and power of the board.

Litigation

OGC currently has six (6) pending cases pertaining to the Respiratory Care Board.

Legislation

Ben Simpson from the legislative office presented Board with five (5) bills that will affect its profession now or in the near future.

Bill number one (1) is the initial online application which allows applicants to submit their application in a quicker and more efficient way.

Bill number two (2) will allow annual surveys of nursing homes scores to be released to the public.

Bill number three (3) will provide civil immunity to health care providers who are providing health care services for free or at a reduced rate. These providers will be protected against being sued.

Bill number four (4) limits the amount of Sudafed you are allowed to buy over the counter.

Bill number five (5) is a Tele Health bill and allows insurance to pay for Tele Health services.

Investigative/Disciplinary Report

There are currently two (2) RRT complaints and two (2) CRT complaints open in Investigations as of April 30, 2014. There are thirty four (34) individuals being monitored at this time: eleven (11) RRTs, twenty one (21) CRTs, one (1) CRA, and one (1) unlicensed to practice.

Tennessee Professional Assistance Program Report

Mr. Harkreader gave the following report:

Statistics from July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

	Monitoring	7
	Treatment	1
	Agreement Signed	3
MA completed		1

Peer Assistance Contract

A motion was made by Dr. McCartney and seconded by Mr. Hamm to continue with a peer assistance program.

Applicant Interview/File Review

1. Tamara Nicosia – Ms. Nicosia file was reviewed and discussed by the full board. Ms. Nicosia had several charges that did not result in any convictions. A motion was made by Mr. Schario and seconded by Troy Hamm to request that Ms. Nicosia submit character references and past employer references to the Board and defer the application until the August 28th board meeting. The Board also requested that Ms. Nicosia to appear before the Board. The motion carried.
2. Sean Poirier – Mr. Poirier file was presented to the full board due to a drug paraphernalia conviction. A motion was made Mr. Schario and seconded by Mr. Hamm to defer the application until the August board meeting contingent upon Mr. Poirier going through a TnPAP evaluation. The motion carried.

Board Discussions and other Board business

A. The appropriate use of surplus money including but not limited to a reduction in fees

The Board discussed and made a motion to send Mary Katherine Bratton and Dr. Mack to the Clear conference in New Orleans, LA in September; John Schario and Mary Katherine to the FARB conference in Annapolis, MD in October; Mary Katherine to the FSMB conference in October; Dr. McCartney to the American College of Chest Physicians in October and Dr. Mack to the AARC conference in December in Las Vegas, NV. The motion was seconded by Troy Hamm. The motion carried.

Dr. Mack also made a motion to send a board member and the board attorney to attend some of the regional meetings and conferences that are taking place. A motion was made by Dr. Mack and seconded by Mr. Hamm. The motion carried.

B. Non-Invasive Ventilation

After discussions from Mr. Gantt, Mr. Gantt requested the Board to form a task force committee and to develop a position statement for this discussion. Mr. Gantt would like a representative from the following entities to be a part of the task force: Medical Board, Nursing Board, Health Care Facilities, The National Board of Respiratory Care, The American Association for Respiratory Care, The Tennessee Hospital Association, The TN Board of Respiratory Care, The Bureau of TennCare, NAMDARC, The Board of Osteopathy and The Tennessee Society of Respiratory Care. Dr. Mack volunteered to be a part of the task force along with Gene Gantt. A motion was made by Mr. Schario and seconded by Dr. McCartney to defer this discussion until the August board meeting. The motion carried.

C. Performance of Cystic Fibrosis screening tests

Laura Asherbranner, BS, RRT from TriStar Centennial requested the board to add the Performance of Cystic Fibrosis Screening Tests to the scope of practice of respiratory care or does it already fall within the scope of practice. The Board determined that the testing does fall within the diagnostic testing of the scope of practice for respiratory care. A motion was made by Dr. Mack and seconded by Dr. McCartney to send a letter to the Medical Laboratory Board or TriStar Centennial that this procedure does fall within the scope of practice for Respiratory Care. The motion carried.

D. Chani Feldman and Patty Weiss from Maxim Healthcare regarding LPNs changing tracheostomies in a home setting

Ms. Feldman and Ms. Weiss explained to the Board that they felt an LPN is competent enough and will be provided proper training to change a patient's tracheostomy. Ms. Weiss gave examples of why it is important that an LPN be allowed to change an acute care patient tracheostomy in the home. Ms. Feldman and Ms. Weiss are seeking the Board's advice in asking the Nursing Board to change its policy to allow LPNs to perform this procedure. Troy Hamm made a motion that he would volunteer to be a part of a task force committee with the Nursing Board to discuss this issue. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mack. The motion carried.

E. Email from Steven Roach, RRT job duties that are within the scope of practice

After review and discussion of the email from Mr. Roach a motion was made by Mr. Schario and seconded by Mr. Hamm to send a letter to Mr. Roach for some clarifications regarding his email.

F. Polysomnography Position Statement

Mary Katherine Bratton and Candace Partee discussed with the Board to create a best practice model to share with the Polysomnography Committee because it is determined that at least fifty

percent of respiratory therapist practice polysomnography. The Board deferred the discussion until the August 28th board meeting.

G. Presentation from Colleen Schabacker, AARC representative regarding their position on licensing certified respiratory therapists

Ms. Schabacker explained to the board that in 2015 the NBRC will administer one exam and depending on high the score is you will either be a CRT or an RRT. The Board deferred the discussion until the August 28th board meeting.

Ratifications

Mr. Schario made a motion seconded by Mr. Hamm to approve the following licensure lists of registered respiratory therapist and certified respiratory therapist applicants for initial, reinstatement, and polysomnography endorsements. The motion carried.

REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

NEW LICENSES

KATELYN BROOK ALLEN
ELIZABETH REDDICK ALVAREZ
CHRISTINA NICOLE ANDERSON
JOANA N. ANDREWS
SHILAN M. BABIRY
BRITTLEY SHAREE BARNES
MASUM BASHAR
MELISSA LAURA BENJAMIN
JOHN TYLER BOX
ASHLEY BROYLES BROCK
KARA STEPHENS BROWN
THOMAS RYAN CARLTON
MAEGEN LEEANN CASTLEMAN
NICOLE MONIQUE CASTON
JENNIFER CONRAD CERASOLI
MARKEYSHA CHERON CHEATHAM
JUDY MARLEA COMBS
BRIDGETT LEIGH COTTRILL
KIZZIE MONIQUE COVINGTON
CANDACE BURTON COX
ARIEL RIPPY CROOK
DERRICK DOUGLAS CUMMINGS
CHARLOTTE BOOTH DAVIDSON
MARIANNE ELIZABETH DIETER
CAYCE DARE DUFFER
CAROL RAMSEY EHLERS
ERIN NICOLE FAULKNER
SAMANTHA LATISHA FORD
WENDY ANN FRANKLIN

HARVEY LYN GERARD
JEFFREY LEE GILLENLINE
AMBER MARIE HALL
JENNIFER JACOBS HAND
SIERRA R. HOPECK
CASSANDRA CLEMONS HUNSAKER
DANA LETICIA ISON
DENNIS JOHNSON, JR.
JULIE REBECCA KIMBERLY
NATALYA KUZMIN
FELECIA LENORE LEWIS
PAULA WIDNER MANNING
KELSEY LEANN MARENTETTE
MICHAEL SHANE MARTIN
LILLIAN MARGARET MCCLOUD
BRITTNIE STERLING MILLER
JODI BRUHN MOORE
APRIL ELISE MORGAN
JOHN EVERETT MURRAY JR.
QUINTON MARQUEZ OLRIDGE
GREGORY KIRK PALMER
ANA DE LEON PANGILINAN
RAKESH ISHVER PAREK
TAKESHA WILLIAMS PRATT
TIFFANY BROWN PRICE
ANTONIO PULIDO JR.
JUSTIN ANDREW RANDOLPH
RONALD EDWARD RICHARDSON
CARY NATHANIEL SCHOOLCRAFT

CONSTANCE DOMINIQUE GADDY
ASRESSU BAHRU GELAYE

VIVIAN MARCINA STEARNES
JUSTIN DANIEL RHOMPSON

NEW LICENSES

ANGELA VICKERS THORNHILL
JESSICA STONE TOUCHBERRY
LEE ANN TRUMAN
BILLY LEROY WHITEHEAD
SHELLEY ELAINE WHITMORE
JENNIFER LYNN WILKINS
LATRICE PRATCHER WILSON
MARY ANN WILSON
PAUL RANDALL WOOLPOLK
STEVIE WRIGHT

REINSTATEMENTS

JONATHAN ABRAHAM
BRANDE HANKS BURROW
TERRI L CURTIS
MARSHA RAE HAMPTON
WHITNEY ANNE HENRY
ZANNA P MEYERS
DEBORAH L RICHARDSON
SOMER SHALANE STONE
WENDY RENE THOMPSON

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC ENDORSEMENTS FOR REGISTERED REPIRATORY THERAPIST

KAYLA LONG
PAMELA WHEELER

CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

NEW LICENSES

SHILAN M. BABIRY
SHAINA CREECH CLARK
WILLIAM W. COOLEY
BRIAN PETTRY WILSON
JERRY EDDIE GRIFFIN II
ASHLEY NICOLE HILL-WILLIAMS
DANA LETICIA ISON
BRANDON J. JEFFERSON
CARRIE NOELL KITTLE
ERIKA STOVALL KUNKEL
TONI LAQUITHA LANE
JERRY WAYNE LOWERY JR
JESUS ISRAEL MARTINEZ

MRS. JENNIFER ALBERSON PETERS
PAMELA WEBB ROSE
BRITTANY NICOLE ROSEMON
TOMMY C. T. SMITH
KATRINA COX TAYLOR
TRACY SCITZS WALKER
PETRA ANN WHALEY-COGAR
SHEILA BARTON WHEELER
PAMELA SUE WHISENHUNT
WHITNEY OGLESBY PAYNE
KARRIE JEAN PEDIGO

TENNILLE LLOYD MCDOWELL
MELISSA HARGRAVE MESKENAS

REINSTATEMENT

DARYL B DONEY
JIMMY NEIL GOLDMAN
RAFAEL GUDIEL
PAMELA C GWYNNE
CHRISTY JONES

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC ENDORSEMENTS FOR CERTIFIED THERAPISTS

RHONDA MASON

Administrator's Report

As of April 30, 2014 the numbers of active licensees were:

- RRT—3164
- CRT—1567
- RCA—12

Board activity totals from February 25, 2014 through May 27, 2014

RRT	CRT
New licenses—72	New licenses—26
Reinstated—9	Reinstated—5
Retired—9	Retired—5
Failed to Renew—21	Failed to Renew—40

503 practitioners renewed during this period with 359 renewing online.

Financial Report

Ms. Vanessa Crutcher presented the Board's actual revenue and expenditures through December 31, 2013 and the projection for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 financial standing was presented. Board revenue was \$147,631.50 through December 31, 2013. Fiscal Year projection for 2014 is \$322,612.50 with expenditures of \$186,842.14 leaving a projected current net of \$135,770.36. This added to the cumulative carryover from FY2013, leaves the Board with a projected cumulative carryover of \$831,165.68 for FY2014. Ms. Crutcher told the Board that she would get some numbers for the board to work with to lower the surplus at its next meeting on August 28th.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

These minutes were ratified at the August 28, 2014 board meeting.

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