

## Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on May 7, 2009 in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 5104 North Francis Avenue, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were:

Julie Fanselau, RCP, Chairwoman  
Carol Smith, RCP, Vice Chair  
Dean Wersal, RCP  
Karen Hart, RCP  
Jim Porterfield, RCP  
Carl B. Pettigrew, DO  
Matthew Britt, MD

Members absent were:

Deborah Huff, MD

Others present included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director  
Patricia Podolec, Assistant Attorney General  
Elizabeth Scott, Assistant Attorney General  
Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing  
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary

Noting that a quorum was present, Ms. Fanselau called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 26, 2009 meeting. Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wersal seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **RENA JONES** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure after revocation was considered. Ms. Jones was not present. Elizabeth Scott, Assistant Attorney General, reported on Ms. Jones' July 2005 license revocation based on substance abuse. After review of the application, Dr. Britt moved to not recommend reinstatement of the license. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**VICKIE FORD-CRUZ** appeared in support of her application for reinstatement

of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure after revocation. Ms. Ford-Cruz's licensed had been revoked in September 2007 for falsification of continuing education. The Board subsequently found out about her substance abuse related arrests. Ms. Ford-Cruz testified regarding her activities since her license was revoked, her substance abuse treatment and her desire to return to respiratory care. Ms. Hart moved to table the application. She further moved that, if Ms. Ford-Cruz chooses to return to the Committee, that she come with at least one negative drugs screen per month and twelve continuing education units. Dr. Britt suggested an amendment to require fulfillment of Northcare recommendations. Ms. Hart accepted the amendment. Dr. Britt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Fanselau left the meeting. Ms. Smith took over as Chair.

**ANSON JAMES KNAUP** appeared in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Mr. Knaup testified regarding a November 2003 arrest for DUI. Mr. Knaup stated he has a Kansas license and has been working in Tulsa for three weeks under temporary authorization from the Board. Ms. Hart moved to recommend approval of the application. Dr. Britt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Committee advised Mr. Knaup that another appearance for DUI would not be tolerated.

**CARLOS DUNCAN** appeared in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Mr. Duncan testified regarding an arrest for DUI in 2005. After review of the application, Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the application. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Committee advised him that they did not want to see him again for DUI.

**STEWART MARK JOHNSON** appeared in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner license. Mr. Johnson testified that he had been in home care and now needed to be licensed. Ms. Hart moved based on his continuing education units, his CRT credential and his appearance to recommend approval of the application. Dr. Britt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Respiratory Care Practitioners. Mr. Wersal seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**STEPHANIE MARIE AINSWORTH  
CINDY AYN CANO  
FARON WESS HEMBREE  
CARLY ELIZABETH SEVART  
GERALD R ZOLLAR**

**ELIZABETH MARIE AVERY-BROWN  
SHEILA MARIE FRY  
JENNIE MICHELE OLSON  
CHRISTINE MICHELLE WHETSTONE**

Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the following applications for RCP licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Mr. Wersal seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**CLAYTON STANLEY JONES**

**GARY LEE THOMPSON**

Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the application of **AMY BETH LONGSTREATH** for reinstatement of RCP licensure. Dr. Britt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the application of **HAYDEN DUANE MILLER** for reinstatement of RCP licensure. Mr. Wersal seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Wersal moved to recommend approval of the application of **TINA LACHELLE THOMAS** for reinstatement of RCP licensure. Dr. Britt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the application of **JEFFERY ALAN YOST** for re-entry. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Hart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**CRYSTAL GAIL BAKER  
CASEY JEAN BOYCE  
JANINE GWEN BROWN  
SHELBY RENE' HALL  
BRENDA LEE HUGHES  
BEVERLY JEAN MCDONALD  
KRISTIE RENEE MILLIGAN**

**JENNIFER ELIZABETH BARKER  
SARAH BROOKE BROOMFIELD  
JULIE RAE FOWLKES  
KRISTEN MURIEL HOOKS  
DIANA LAVARN  
MARCIE KAY MEYER  
LINDSEY RACHELL MILLIGAN**

**JAMES LOUIS MORRIS, JR**  
**MISTY MARIE NEAL**  
**DANIELLE MARIE SHILEY**  
**YVETTE ELIZABETH SMITH**  
**JUANITA KAY WILLIAMS**

**DARRIN SCOTT NANCE**  
**ALANA MARIE OGLETREE**  
**ALLISON LEE SMELCER**  
**LISA RENEE SWANK**

Ms. Hart moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Mr. Wersal seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**KIMBERLY JEAN BUCKLEY**  
**JENNIFER LAUREN YEAROUS**

**TANISHA MARIE MITTELSTET**

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director for the Board, updated the Committee on legislation. He reported that Senate Bill 810, which addressed Polysomnography and impacted Respiratory Care, had been sent to conference committee. Ms. Hart reported on a more recent change that reverted the bill back to a previous version requiring RCPs to be certified. The Committee discussed further concerns with the bill.

\*Dr. Pettigrew left the meeting.

Ms. Hart said the Oklahoma Society for Respiratory Care already had written a letter opposing the legislation for several reasons. RCs are educated and trained in this area and should not be required to obtain an additional credential. The Committee discussed adding language allowing the health department to make exceptions. Mr. Kelsey advised that the any changes must be suggested to a conferee. He said he would find out who conferees were and notify committee members.

A letter from the Oklahoma Society for Respiratory Care regarding Respiratory Care scope of practice, polysomnography or sleep disorder services, and disciplinary action was reviewed. Staff was directed to respond based on today's discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 1:50 pm.