

Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on September 3, 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
Justin Sparks, DO
Jim Porterfield, RCP
Karen Hart, RCP
Dean Wersal, RCP
Matthew Britt, MD

Members absent were:

Deborah Huff, MD
Carl B. Pettigrew, DO

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 11:30 a.m. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 7, 2009 meeting. Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The next item of business was election of officers. Ms. Smith moved to elect Mr. Wersal as Chairman. Dr. Britt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Wersal moved to elect Mr. Porterfield at Vice Chair. Dr. Britt 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. Scott advised that only one of the required drug tests had been received since last meeting and no evidence had been provided of her compliance with the Northcare recommendations or other requirements imposed by the Committee. Ms. Ford-Cruz stated she had been attempting to apply for

disability so had not complied with any of the Committee's requirements. When her disability was denied, she obtained one drug screen but had not obtained any additional continuing education hours or attended 12-step meetings. She had met with a counselor as recommended by Northcare but not followed any of their other recommendations. She asked the Committee for more time to meet their requirements. Ms. Hart moved to table the application until Ms. Ford-Cruz meets the requirements of the Committee set out in the May 7, 2009 meeting. Mr. Wersal seconded the motion and the vote is recorded as follows:

Justin Sparks, DO	Aye
Jim Porterfield, RCP	No
Carol Smith, RCP	No
Karen Hart, RCP	Aye
Dean Wersal, RCP	Aye
Matthew Britt, MD	No
Julie Fanselau, RCP	Aye

The motion carried.

TIFFANY LEIGH GATHINGS appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of her Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure under re-entry provisions. Ms. Gathings had last practiced respiratory care in 2004. She testified regarding her respiratory care related activities since the license expired. She reported that she had been licensed in Arizona and maintained their continuing education requirements. Ms. Hart moved to recommend approval of the application. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DONALD RAY BROWN, JR. appeared in support of his application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure under re-entry provisions. Mr. Brown's license expired in June 2005. He testified regarding his activities since that time. He reported that he had 54 hours of continuing education, 4.5 of which were within the past year, with an additional eight planned for the next week. Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of the continuing education. Ms. Hart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The next item on the agenda was an appearance by **Obaidullah Zaid, RCP**. Staff reported that Mr. Zaid would be appearing at the November 5, 2009, Committee meeting.

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

LYMAN, JILL ANN
ASTLEY, CRISTINA P
BAKER, MELANIE DAWN
BLISS, KACI NICOLE
CARR, ALEXANDRA MAE
COLE, RUSSELL R
DEAN, BRANDON SCOTT
DOOLING, JESSICA SUE
EFUNNUGA, KAYODE AMOS
HALEY, NOAH BLAKE
HOLLE, KENDRELL Q
KASTNER, TRACY LYNNE
KURTZ, MARY LINDA
MACK, WALTER LAYTON
MILAM, CANDACE YVONNE
MORENO, ROBERT
NEAL, MISTY MARIE
PADILLA, ABIGAIL LYNN
ROBERTSON, TERRI TAJMA
SMITH, MARCIE MARIE
STAUFFER, AMANDA ANN
SWINK, KERRY LOGAN
WILLIAMS, CALLIE ALISE
WHITE, KARY LEIGH

ALMACK, NICHOLAS JAMES
BAKER, CRYSTAL GAIL
BIVENS, KIMBERLY DAWN
BRADSHAW, CAROL ANNETTE
CLOW, CHASTEEN ELIZABETH
DALMEIDA, CINCINVI AMAGAN
DELANEY, MICHAEL ANTHONY
DUFUR, MARLA JEAN
GARZA, DAISY
HAWKINS, LANA MICHELLE
HUFFSTUTLAR, MARISSA ANN
KUMPE, JESSICA RENEE
LIN, SU L
MCLAIN, JOHNNY DAVID
MILLIGAN, LINDSEY RACHELL
MURPHY, BRENDA ANN
OGLETREE, ALANA MARIE
RAZMUS, MATTHEW JAMES
SKINNER, LANNY J
SPICER, MELISSA RENE
STUCKEY, BRYAN KEITH
WILEY, CHRISTOPHER ALAN
BINDU, THOMAS

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

OGLE, SARAH KELSEY
CRAIG, JESSICA GRACE
GAGE, MANDI MACHELLE
MANNING, STEVEN EDWARD

BOSTON, KAYLA DEANN
DUQUETTE, SUSAN C
GRIGSBY, LISA LYN
THRONEBERRY, JENNIFER LYNN

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

MELANIE JUNE BROWN

MICHAEL WILLIAM STEPHENS

Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the application of CHRISTOPHER JUSTIN

GATHINGS for reinstatement of his Respiratory Care Practitioner license under re-entry provisions. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Britt moved to recommend approval of the application of **JENNIFER LYNN ROOKER** for reinstatement of her Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure under re-entry provisions. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

ALDRIDGE, LUCINDA FERN	BEARD, MELODIE ANN
BRADFORD, CORDY LOU	COKER, JENNIFER GAIL
DOWUONA-HAMMOND, NEILS J	DRAGICEVIC, ZORAN
DUNCAN, CARI SUSANNA	GILLIGAN, MARISSA AMERICA
GUTHRIE, JAMES CHRISTOPHER	JOHN, ANNAMMA
LAWRENCE, DANNY JOE	LE, QUANG DANG
NGUYEN, HOAI TIEN	PAPPOE, TRACY ADDLEY
UNDIEME, ELAINE MICHELLE	VALOIS, SARAH LILLIE
VU, NGUYEN, HOANG	WRIGHT, MICHAEL

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

ROBIN RENE MADISON	JENCY ELSA MATHEW
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Interpretation of respiratory protocols as relates to the Oklahoma Respiratory Care Practice Act was discussed. Oklahoma law does not define standards for implementing respiratory protocols and whether those can be implemented prior to notification to the physician. After discussion, the consensus of the Committee was that protocols should be designated in the record as an order from the physician prior to implementation. The Respiratory Care Practitioner can make recommendations but the physician must give or approve the order before the protocol is initiated.

The Committee briefly discussed the issue of polysomnography and Respiratory Care. It was reported that AARC had entered into discussions with national sleep groups to resolve some of the conflicts. Ms. Fanselau reported that AASM requirements for polysomnography certification have been changed. The required number of months of experience can now be further reduced with additional education. The AARC's sleep credential is still not recognized

in pending legislation, which would lead to the need for an additional certification for RCPs desiring to work in sleep facilities.

Staff reported new standards by the state require all licensees to renew their licenses on-line. The Respiratory Care rules require submission of continuing education at the time of renewal, which will require a rule change prior to implementing the on-line renewal process. Staff was directed to develop proposed rule changes and send to Committee members.

The Chair called for new business. Staff reported that Tom Smalling with CoARC had called this date asking to speak to a Committee member. He wanted to discuss issues relating to CoARC's separation for CAAHEP. Ms. Podolec reminded the Committee about the issue raised by the separation, namely, the concern that CoARC would not be a successor organization if CAAHEP continues to certify Respiratory Care Practitioners. She advised that the Board needed clarification from CAAHEP on whether they would be passing the certification to CoARC or if they would be continuing their certification. Ms. Fanselau stated she would call Mr. Smalling to request documentation of the clarification.

The application of **RICK TRUJILLO** for reinstatement of his Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure under re-entry provisions was considered. Mr. Trujillo had been requested to appear to discuss his application but was not present. Ms. Hart moved to table the application until Mr. Trujillo could appear before the Committee. Dr. Britt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Dr. Britt moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.