

## Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met in regular meeting on February 7, 2013, at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meeting Act and the Administrative Procedure Act. Members present were:

Dean Wersal, RCP Chairman  
Jim Porterfield, RCP, Vice Chair  
Vickie Nation, RCP  
Betty Fisher, RCP  
Melody Beard, RCP

### Members absent:

Carl Pettigrew, DO  
Justin Sparkes, DO  
Matthew Britt, MD  
Deborah Huff, MD

### Others present:

Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing  
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary  
Alecia George, Assistant Attorney General  
Randy Sullivan, Attorney for the Board

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. The minutes of the October 25, 2012, Committee meeting were reviewed. Mr. Porterfield moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Nation seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**HOMERO AVILA** appeared in support of his application for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Mr. Sullivan reported on Mr. Avila's arrest for DUI in December 2011. Mr. Avila had successfully completed all court requirements. A proposed Agreement for Licensure was presented that would allow the Board to monitor Mr. Avila. Mr. Avila testified regarding his education and the DUI arrest, which he stated was the result of some bad decisions. He told the Committee drinking and driving would not be an issue for him in the future. Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the application under terms of the Agreement. Ms. Fisher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

**ERIK SHULTZABERGER** appeared in support of his application for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Mr. Sullivan reported on Mr. Shultzaberger's two arrests for DUI, one in 2006 and the other in 2008. Mr. Sullivan reported Mr. Shultzaberger had completed all court requirements. He presented a proposed Agreement for Licensure that would allow the Board to monitor Mr. Shultzaberger. Mr. Shultzaberger stated he currently is enrolled at Rose State in the Respiratory Care program. He stated both DUIs were the result of bad judgment. He stated he has done everything to turn his life around in the last four years. He gave his word to the Committee that it would not happen again. Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the application under terms of the Agreement. He further moved to place a letter in his file stating there would be no tolerance towards any future problems related to drinking. Ms. Nation seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #2)

**JIMMIE E. HOWELL** appeared in support of his application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure after surrender. Mr. Sullivan reviewed Mr. Howell's drug history and his disciplinary history with the Board resulting from criminal violations. He stated Mr. Howell had been incarcerated for 11 months, where he received treatment for his drug addiction. Mr. Sullivan presented a proposed Order Granting Reinstatement of Respiratory Care License Under Terms of Indefinite Probation After Surrender in Lieu of Prosecution. The probation would require continued counseling and quarterly reports from the counselor, N.A. meeting attendance, and random drug testing through the Affinity program. Staff advised that Mr. Howell had retaken and passed the NBCOT certification exam in January 2013. Mr. Howell testified that he has been sober nine years and has dreamed of returning to respiratory care. Mr. Porterfield stated to Mr. Howell that the Committee takes substance abuse very seriously, as it directly impacts patient care. Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the proposed Order with the addition that Mr. Howell be required to practice under supervision for ten months with a report from his supervisor to be provided to the Committee upon completion. After discussion, Mr. Porterfield amended motion to include the requirement for 12 hours of continuing education and quarterly reports from his supervisor. Ms. Nation seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #3)

**LOUIS BROOKS** appeared in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure re-entry. Mr. Brooks' Oklahoma license had expired in September 2002 and his Texas license expired March 31, 2011. Mr. Brooks testified regarding his activities since leaving practice in January 2010. Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of three months of supervised practice and 12 hours of continuing education. Ms. Nation seconded the motion. The Committee asked Mr. Brooks about his practice after the expiration of his Texas license as noted on his application. Mr. Brooks said he made a mistake on the application; he said he did not work without a license. The vote was called and was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SHAUNA MICHELLE STOVER** appeared in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure reinstatement. Ms. Stover's license had expired November 30, 2011. She said she has been a stay-at-home mother. Her practice history was discussed. She stated she had not obtained any continuing education in the past year. Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of 12 hours of continuing education. Ms. Fisher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**ADE-APATA, OLAWUMI OLURONKE  
CALDWELL, COURTNEY MICHELLE  
GREENLEE, DON  
HOLT, RONALD WAYNE  
JWEID, DEREK GRANT  
LARSEN, THOMAS ROBERT  
MASSEY, DUSTY  
NGUYEN, CHRIS LONG  
PRINCE, DEANDREA BARNETT  
SACZALSKI, CURTIS TODD  
WASHINGTON, BRIAN HOLLIS**

**AKIMOVA, IRINA I  
EPSTEIN, JESSICA  
GRINNELL, VANESS LEE  
JOYNER, ERIN COLLEEN  
KARR, COTY MCKENZIE  
LEEDY, CRYSTAL  
MATTINGLY, JAMI LEADON  
PATTERSON, SHAWN D  
RYAN, HOLLY STEPHANIE  
UNDERHILL, PAMELA KAY  
WESTMORELAND, AARON R**

The application of **ZEKROLLAH TAGHIZADEH** was reviewed. Mr. Taghizadeh was asked to meet with the Committee but contacted staff to say he was unable to travel from California at this time. Mr. Porterfield moved to table the application until he appears because the Committee was not sure of the level of supervision he may need. He further moved that, if Mr. Tahizadeh has information related to his current practice, then he can provide to the Committee and they would look at the application. Ms. Fisher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**BIDARE, ABDULKADIR YUSUF**  
**COLLINS, CRYSTAL RENEE**  
**LAYTON, AMY ELIZABETH**  
**STEVENS, KEVIN L**  
**WEATHERTON, CHERYL LYNN**

**CHACKO, JOLLY K**  
**HENDERSON, AMANDA IRENE**  
**MANDEVILLE, THOAMS STEPHEN**  
**WALLACE, KATHERINE MARIE**

Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the application of **ROSE, TIFFINY ROCHELL** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Fisher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Porterfield moved to recommend approval of the following applications for re-entry into Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**MERANDO, MELISA ANN**

**WURGESS, EDDIE DEAN**

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

**DORRELL, CAROL ANN**  
**FISCHER, HANNAH NICOLE**  
**OKEEFE, OLEVA VIRGINIA**

**FARRINGTON, APRIL ANNE**  
**LACEFIELD, GAYLENE DEE**  
**SHADE, NICOLE JEAN**

Ms. Nation moved to recommend approval of the application of **WHITNI SHAEN ANDREWS** for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending satisfactory completion of the file. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Mr. Porterfield moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nation seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 12:32 p.m.