

Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on February 21, 2019. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 10, 2018. The notice and agenda were posted on the Board's website on February 19, 2019 at 9:07 a.m. in compliance with 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members present were

Vickie Nation, RCP, Chair
Jim Grantz, RCP, Vice-Chair
Melody Beard, RCP
*Clyde Moss, RCP
Beth Tenney, RCP
Carl Pettigrew, DO
Clayton Royder, DO
*Mark Fixley, MD

Members absent were:

OSMA Physician Member (Vacant)

Others present included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
*Thomas Schneider, AAG, Committee Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Vickie Nation, RCP, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. Ms. Nation welcomed the respiratory care students from Autry Technology Center, Enid, Oklahoma.

Barbara Smith, Executive Secretary, asked for nominations for the positions of Committee Chair and Committee Vice-Chair pursuant to *59 O.S. § 2029* and *Okla. Admin. Code 435:45-1-4*. Mr. Grantz moved to nominate Ms. Nation for the position of Committee Chair. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Beard nominated Mr. Grantz for the position of Committee Vice-Chair. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

*Thomas Schneider joined the meeting.

Following Committee review, Dr. Royder moved to accept the minutes of November 15, 2018, as written. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

*Mr. Moss joined the meeting.

****DAVID STUBBLEFIELD** did not appear in support of his application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure.

DEAN CONKLIN appeared via web video in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. He has not ever held an Oklahoma license and he last practiced in March of 2015. Mr. Conklin stated he teaches Heart Association classes. He provided his work history for the Committee's information and consideration. He has been a therapist since 1976 and is current on all continuing education requirements. Mr. Conklin is also licensed in Utah and California. Mr. Conklin has an offer of employment with ReadyLink at a facility in Oklahoma and needs Oklahoma licensure in order to do so. He received his Certified Respiratory Therapist credential in 1986. Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the application of **DEAN CONKLIN** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure based upon his appearance before the Committee today, and pending completion of the file to include passing the National Board for Respiratory Care Therapist Multi-Choice (entry-level) exam. Dr. Pettigrew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BRITTANY BARDEN appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her licensure lapsed September 30, 2018, and she is not currently licensed in another state. Ms. Barden last practiced in December of 2014 and her Certified Respiratory Therapist credential is current. She is not required to have an RC license for her position in Arkansas as she is providing plans of care and diagnostician notes. Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the application of **BRITTANY BARDEN** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure based upon her appearance before the Committee today, and pending completion of the file to include verification of continuing education courses. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

****HOLLIS LOLLAR** did not appear in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure.

EURADELL DAVIS appeared in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. She previously appeared before the Committee and was approved pending completion of the file with certain requirements. She has met all of those requirements. However, a prior felony charge (forgery) from 2002 was found through a background check. Ms. Davis explained that the forgery was a prescription she dropped off at a pharmacy for her boyfriend. She had no idea or concern that the prescription might have been forged. The script was in the name of Earl Washington. At that time, she was in an abusive relationship and has worked very hard to put that time of her life behind her. It was ultimately resolved in December of 2003. As a result, she was placed on probation for a year and submitted to random drug screens during that time. She never had a positive result and denies ever having any issues with drugs or alcohol. She is currently employed with American Medical

Road Tech Company where she works with CPAPs, Bi-PAPs, and non-invasive events. The Committee accepted and appreciated the explanation of Ms. Davis and no further action was taken on this matter since the applicant has been previously approved for licensure pending completion of the file.

KAREN MEEKS appeared in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her Oklahoma license lapsed September 30 of 2016 and she last practiced in 2015. Ms. Meeks stated that after graduation she worked approximately eight (8) months and then left the practice to care for her ailing father through December of 2016. She stated that she is current on her continuing education requirements. She has held a Certified Respiratory Therapist credential since 2014. She passed her CRT in 2014. Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the application of **KAREN MEEKS** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure based on her appearance here today, and pending completion of the file to include verification of her continuing education courses and successfully completing two months of direct, on-site supervision. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

****MICHELLE TAYLOR** did not appear in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure.

****KEITH FLETCHER** did not appear in support of his application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure.

DAMIAN DECKER appeared in support of his application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Mr. Decker stated that he received a notice that his license had lapsed. He checked the National Board of Respiratory Care ("NBRC") website and saw that his license was active so he ignored the letter and continued to practice. He later received another letter regarding the same matter and he checked the Medical Board website and saw that his license had, in fact, lapsed. He realized that he had mistakenly checked the NBRC website upon receipt of the first letter, instead of the Oklahoma Medical Board website. He ceased practicing that day. He applied for reinstatement on January 13, 2019. He works at VitaCare which is a home DME company delivering oxygen and audits on charts. He is current on all of his CEUs. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of **DAMIAN DECKER** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

LESLEY WEBER SANDERSON appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Sanderson's Oklahoma license lapsed on April 30, 2018, but she continued to work as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. She is not licensed in another state. Ms. Sanderson stated that she looked at her National Board of Respiratory Care ("NBRC") card and it shows it will expire in 2021. Further, she stated she did not receive a letter from the Medical Board stating her license had lapsed. She is current on her required continuing education units. Ms. Sanderson works at St. Mary's and, since being made aware of her licensure status, has not been working as a therapist. Ms. Beard moved to recommend

approval of the application of **LESLEY WEBER SANDERSON** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KATRINA BALL appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her Oklahoma license lapsed May 30, 2018, and she does have National Board of Respiratory Care ("NBRC") CRT/RRT credentials. She stated she started a new job and did receive the reminder postcard to renew her license, but it was in the midst of her grandmother's and mother-in-law's deaths. She is working as a marketer for Encompass Health so she is not current employed as a respiratory therapist. She is current on her required continuing education courses. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of **KATRINA BALL** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the file. Mr. Grantz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

****HOWARD CRENSHAW** did not appear in support of his application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure.

NICHOLAS CARTER appeared in support of his request for reconsideration of the committee recommendations of May 3, 2018, which included satisfactorily completing the Therapist Multi-Choice ("TMC") exam, completing four months of direct on-site supervision, and obtaining 15 continuing education units. Mr. Carter stated he is having difficulty finding employment without being fully licensed, but he is unable to fulfill the supervision requirement without employment. He is looking to work at Select Specialty and is current on his continuing education requirements as well as passing the TMC exam. Potential employers have told him that if he were fully licensed, they would hire him and provide the direct supervision required. It was reiterated that he has completed all committee recommendations with the exception of the four months of direct on-site supervision. Ms. Smith suggested licensure under terms of agreement which would allow him to be fully licensed yet require him to still obtain the direct supervision. The Committee was very comfortable with that arrangement and discussed referring the matter to the Medical Board since the Board is the only body that has the authority to approve agreements for licensure. Mr. Grantz moved to refer this matter to the Oklahoma Medical Board for further action. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

*Dr. Fixley left for the remainder of the meeting

****Mr. Grantz** moved to table the following applications pending a personal appearance by the applicant: **DAVID STUBBLEFIELD, HOLLIS LOLLAR, MICHELLE TAYLOR, KEITH FLETCHER, and HOWARD CRENSHAW**. Dr. Pettigrew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Provisional Respiratory Care

Practitioner licensure. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**MADEWELL-DELEON, DEBBRA
RANDOLPH, KATELYN LEIGHANN
DUNN, ABBEY ELIZABETH
DEAL, CINDEE**

**HADLEY, EBONY DENISE
GILL, CHAD MATTHEW
FINCHER, HEATHER MARIE**

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

**EIGHMY, JOHN ANDREW
WILLIAMSON, A MICHELE
MONTANO, CARLOS JASON
GRONAU, SHELBY MARIE
VAZQUEZ, NOEL
HUERTER, JUANA I**

**KROFCHIK, STEPHEN RICHARD
GRAFFEO, ROBERT
MATHEWS, VERNON II
CHATWOOD, KACIE LEIGH
AGEE, TINA LEE**

Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the complete application of **MEGAN CARLSON** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure by endorsement. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the incomplete applications of **BARBARA L. PALMER** and **TERRY LYNN JANDA** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure by endorsement pending completion of the files. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**GRISMORE, AMY MELISSA
COTTRELL, JACKIE DAWN
CLIFTON, HANNAH LEE
HENDRIX, CANDIS
ROTH, CAMERON MICHELLE
DRAGOO, JON MICHAEL
DOBBINS, TYPHANIE SHERINE
CEREZO, EVA
GOFORTH, ASHLEY
TON, KEVIN THAT
MCCANN, SCHAEFFER KOWALSKA
KUEHN, ELIZABETH LAUREN**

**RELKIN, BRITTNEY
BUCHANAN, LINDA CHER
BIRK, KERI ROCHELLE
SANTIAGO, JOEL ENRIQUE
BRUCE, DANIEL NOEL
SINKO, KEVIN JOSEPH
VO, HUONG THI XUAN
JONES, JENNA LYNNE
WILLIAMS, MICHELE MONIQUE
MONTEJANO, JAMES ANTHONY
WILLIAMS, BRADEN LANE
KLEPPE, PAULA SHANNON**

**PRICE, SETH
RANDLE, SHEMEKA
MYERS, RODNEY CHAD
MABIS, SANDRA MELISA
HAIDARA, AISSA**

**HOCKING, JASON RAY
NGUYEN, TIEN THUY
MOORE, CASEY DREW
SANDERS, KRISTEN LYNN
LYON, MARICELA**

No continuing education units were presented for Committee review and, therefore, the Committee took no action in this regard.

There being no further business, moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 1:00 p.m.