

Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on May 2, 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 May 1, 2019 at 8:05 a.m. in compliance with Title 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members present were

Vickie Nation, RCP, Chair
Clyde Moss, RCP
Beth Tenney, RCP
Carl Pettigrew, DO
*Clayton Royder, DO
Mark Fixley, MD

Members absent were:

Jim Grantz, RCP, Vice-Chair
Melody Beard, RCP
OSMA Physician Member (Vacant)

Others present included:

Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Kenna Shaw, Licensing Analyst
Thomas Schneider, AAG, Committee Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Nation called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

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

LYNDSEY GAVIN appeared in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Gavin's license lapsed in September of 2014 and she last practiced in May of 2013. The applicant's CRT and RRT certifications are valid through 2023. She currently holds a temporary letter to practice with stipulations from Texas which are a result of her not practicing since 2013. Ms. Gavin advised that she took time off to be with her family and when they moved to Texas, she let her Oklahoma license lapse. She is in the process of fulfilling the restrictions for Texas licensure. Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of the file to include the stipulations placed upon the applicant by the Texas Medical Board of passing the National Board of Respiratory Care RRT certification examination and practicing under direct, onsite supervision for six months for at least 20 hours

per week for 20 weeks with submission of work log and evaluation at the end of the supervision period. Dr. Royder 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. Dr. Royder moved to recommend tabling the application of **HOLLIS LOLLAR** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending a personal appearance before the Committee. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BRITTNI ADCOCK appeared in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. She has never held an Oklahoma license and has not practiced in the past 12 months. She is currently CRT and RRT certified and holds a current Tennessee license. Ms. Adcock also is current on her continuing education requirements. Ms. Adcock stated she took time off work to care for an ailing relative. Mr. Moss moved to recommend approval of the application of **BRITTNI ADCOCK** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BONNI ROBBINS appeared in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her license expired June 30, 2010 and she last practiced in August of 2008. Ms. Robbins' CRT and RRT certifications were issued in 1998 and they do not have an expiration date. She is not currently licensed in any other state. Ms. Robbins let her license lapse to stay home and raise her four children. She has not obtained any continuing education courses. Ms. Robbins previously practiced as an RC for ten (10) years. Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the application of **BONNI ROBBINS** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the file to include nine months of direct, onsite supervision with a supervision report provided to the Committee for review, obtaining 30 continuing education units, and passing the National Board of Respiratory Care entry-level examination. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DANY DANG appeared in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure and possible violation of Respiratory Care Practice Act (practicing without a license). Mr. Dang applied for a provisional license in May of 2018 and that provisional license expired February 28, 2019. He graduated from Rose State on August 2, 2018 and sat for his TMC exam on September 12, 2018, which he passed. He was notified his provisional license would expire in February of 2019. Because he passed his TMC exam in September of 2018, he practiced without a proper license from September 2018 until March 28, 2019. His provisional license expired in February of 2019 and therefore, subsequently, he practiced with no license from February of 2019 until March 28, 2019. Mr. Dang advised the Committee he thought that he had a year to obtain his license. He said he did not receive any renewal information from the licensing department. He is employed at Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City and is a graduate of Rose State College. Mr. Moss moved to recommend approval of the application **DANY DANG** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Cullen advised the Committee that the next two personal appearances are here under the same circumstances as Mr. Dang. Dr. Fixley admonished all applicants that it is their responsibility to maintain their license.

RANDI DAVIS appeared in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure and possible violation of Respiratory Care Practice Act (practicing without a license). Ms. Davis graduated from Rose State in August of 2018 and passed her TMC on August 14, 2018. She is employed at Baptist Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She did receive the Oklahoma Medical Board notice regarding expiration of her provisional license, but stated she thought she had her license this whole time. In fact, she has her provisional license framed on her wall. She takes full responsibility for the mistake. Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the application of **RANDI DAVIS** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Pettigrew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DUVAN SINGNAVONG appeared in support of his application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure and possible violation of Respiratory Care Practice Act (practicing without a license). He graduated from Rose State College and passed the TMC on August 21, 2018. He is employed at Baptist Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Singnavong stated that he lives in a very large household and he thinks his mail from the Oklahoma Medical Board may have gotten lost in the midst. Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the application of **DUVAN SINGNAVONG** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Pettigrew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the files. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

WEHMEYER, CATHERINE LYNN
DELEON, BRYAN ALEJANDRO
SMITH, BRITTNEY RENEE

CHILDERS, MADISON DION
SHEPARD, ANGELA MARIE

Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Pettigrew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

PRITNER, BRITTANY LYNN
GRUNOW, CHERI KAY
ARMSTRONG, JOSEPH ARTHUR

FRITCH, HOLLY ALANNA
SCHWERDTFEGER, JILL BROOK

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

MOORE, JHERICA
COCHRANE, LISA LADELL
CRAVEN, RYAN PATRICK
BECKER, SAMUEL ALEX
DILL, TABITA S
HOLLISTER, FELECIA
PEREZ, JESUS
HENRY, WILLIAM SHAWN
WHITE, KRISTEN GLENN

WALKER, MELISSA J
BOLT, HOLLEY ANN
HILL, MEGIN MARIA
WILLIAMS, DISHON TIMNA
HONEA, JOEL ALAN
JONES, KALEB DANIEL
DAVIS, JESSICA LEANN
GONZALES, GINA LYNN P

Dr. Pettigrew moved to recommend approval of the complete applications of **DAISY GARZA** and **ALICIA BUNCH** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application of **JUSTIN LYLE HEREFORD** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the file. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

WAINAINA, RITTA KAYINZA
WILLIAMS, JENNIFER LYNN
BROWN, SPENCER BAILEY
HARRIS, CHELSEA TAYLOR
GENTRY, TASHINA NYCOLE
ANGELO, TANYA LEIGH
RIVERA, RACHEL KEANA
LIPSEY, MARIA CRISTAL
LEEPER, KENDRA ANN
MCGUIRE, MICHAEL GORDON
HARRIS, JANICE DIANNE

GRAYSON, KEVIN EUGENE
MORENO, CHRISTOPHER RAY
WARD, THOMAS PETER
TITUS, AMANDA RENEE
SWAFFORD, ALYSSA MARJORIE MARIE
KEATHLEY, MICHAEL JAMES
BURKHEAD, LORI SUE
TANG, LINGSHAN
ROSE, LESLIE CAROL
FREEMAN, GLORY LARAINÉ
CLEVELAND, EKATERINA

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

Ms. Nation opened a discussion regarding CMA-Advanced: Respiratory Treatments. Ms. Nation was recently contacted by the president of Oklahoma Society of Respiratory Care ("OSCR"), Caitlin Coppock. Ms. Coppock advised that schools are teaching Advanced Certified

Medication Aide curriculum which includes providing respiratory treatments. This curriculum is in contrast to the Respiratory Care Practice Act. Ms. Nation stated this has been reviewed by OSCR and valid points have been brought up. The RC Practice Act states that to perform the practice of RC, a person must be licensed (*Title 59 O.S. § 2042*). Additionally, an Oklahoma Attorney General Opinion found that the Advanced Unlicensed Assistive Person could not perform respiratory care.

The Committee was quite concerned regarding this development. Mr. Moss stated the curriculum is being provided by the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology Education. Mr. Moss further stated that technology centers may teach this curriculum, but the students may not lawfully practice what they have been taught. After discussion, Dr. Fixley issued a staff directive for this matter to be referred to the Oklahoma Medical Board and put on the Board's agenda for its May 9, 2019 meeting. The Committee is hopeful that the Board Secretary will issue a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology Education pointing out the conflict between the CMA-Advanced: Respiratory Treatments curriculum and the Respiratory Care Practice Act.

There being no further business, Dr. Royder moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 12:28 p.m.