

Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on August 22, 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 August 19, 2019 at 8:50 a.m. in compliance with Title 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members present were

Vickie Nation, RCP, Chair
Jim Grantz, RCP, Vice-Chair
Beth Tenney, RCP
Melody Beard, RCP
Carl Pettigrew, DO

Members absent were:

Clyde Moss, RCP
Clayton Royder, DO
Mark Fixley, MD
OSMA Physician Member (Vacant)

Others present included:

Reji Varghese, Deputy Director
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 11:30 a.m.

Following Committee review, Ms. Beard moved to accept the minutes of May 2, 2019, as written. Dr. Pettigrew seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

TIFFANY RICHARDSON did not appear in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure or in response to an inquiry regarding a possible violation of the Respiratory Care Practice Act (practicing without a license). Mr. Grantz moved to table the application of **TIFFANY RICHARDSON** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Tenney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

NATALIE FITZPATRICK appeared in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure, and in response to an inquiry regarding a possible violation of the Respiratory Care Practice Act (practicing without a license). Ms. Cullen advised that the applicant's license expired in February of 2019; however she continued to practice through

June of 2019. The applicant stated that she believed her license did not expire until 2020, but was ultimately alerted to her expired license by her supervisor. Ms. Fitzpatrick apologized for the oversight. Her file is now complete. Following Committee discussion, Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the application of **NATALIE FITZPATRICK** for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure with a Letter of No Tolerance to be placed in her file. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**Mr. Schneider joined the meeting.*

INACIA WHITE appeared in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. She last practiced in January of 2000 and she holds a lifetime certification with the National Board for Respiratory Care "NBRC." The applicant stated she left her employment in 2000 and subsequently let her license lapse due to pregnancy complications. She ultimately became a stay-at-home mom and is now ready to return to the outside workforce. She is not currently licensed in another state. Following Committee discussion, Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the application of **INACIA WHITE** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending successfully retaking the National Board for Respiratory Care Therapist Multiple Choice exam, and to practice under direct onsite supervision for 90 days. Ms. Tenney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Following Committee discussion, Mr. Grantz amended his motion to: Recommend approval of the application of **INACIA WHITE** for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending successfully retaking the National Board for Respiratory Care Therapist Multiple Choice exam, and to practice under direct onsite supervision for 90 days with a letter from her supervisor provided to staff upon completion thereof. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MICHAEL NGUYEN appeared in support of his application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His license expired in November of 2017 and he last practiced in September of that year. He is currently a pharmacy student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He stated that he is current on required continuing education units. He stated he was unaware his license had lapsed. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of **MICHAEL NGUYEN** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of 44 days of direct onsite supervision with a letter from his supervisor provided to staff upon completion thereof, and obtaining twelve (12) continuing education units. Mr. Grantz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MICHAEL WRIGHT appeared in support of his application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His Oklahoma license lapsed in November of 2015 and he last practiced in July of 2014. His National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") certification expired in January of 2015. In the interim, he began graduate school at University of North Texas and then returned to Oklahoma. He currently works as a data analyst at Symphony Talent and would like to return to the practice of respiratory care. He recently retook the NBRC Therapist Multiple Choice exam ("TMC"). Following discussion, Mr. Grantz moved to recommend approval of the application of **MICHAEL WRIGHT** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending verification of passing the National Board for Respiratory Care Therapist

Multiple Choice exam, and obtaining twenty-four (24) continuing education units. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KAREN BRUNER did not appear in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Beard moved to table the application of **KAREN BRUNER** for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Tenney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

JIMMY SPARGER, JR., appeared in support of his application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. His Oklahoma license lapsed in November of 2018 and his National Board for Respiratory Care ("NBRC") certification expired on May 31 of 2019. He has not practiced since May of 2014. The applicant stated he has been dealing with his mother's health issues and he has undergone a couple of surgeries. He currently works for the Emergency Response Team for Oklahoma City. He has not obtained any continuing education units specifically for his Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure reinstatement. Following discussion concerning the status of his NBRC certification, Mr. Grantz moved to table the application for reinstatement of **JIMMY SPARGER, JR.**, pending clarification of his National Board for Respiratory Care certification status. Ms. Beard seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

EURADELL DAVIS, RC, appeared in support of her request to change her supervision requirement from "direct" to "general." She stated she is unable to find employment due to the requirement of direct supervision and, therefore, has not yet completed the 90 days of practice under direct supervision as recommended by the Committee in February of 2015, recommended by the Committee in November of 2018, and recommended for a third time in February of 2019. She has completed all other recommendations. The Practice Act states the definition of "direct supervision" is "on the premises and readily available." *Okla. Admin. Code. 435:45-1-2*. The Committee took no action in this regard and will let the previous recommendation(s) of "direct supervision" stand.

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

ALLEN, HALEY LAUREN
LUJAN, BREONNA FAY
PARKS, RACHEL CHRISTINE

BROOKS, ESPERANZA ONG
COLVILLE, TIFFANY MARIE
VINCENT, BAILEY KATHRYN

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

SHELTON, KENNETH JESSE
BARNIE, KWAKU
ULLRICH, BRITTANY MICHELLE

HAGINS, CORYNNE MICHELLE
NGUYEN, AMY MINH
WINDSOR, JENNIFER ANN

**CONSIDINE, ALLEE LYNN
WELLS, SARAH ANNETTE
HOSCH, SARA MICHELLE
EULBERG, NICHOLAS
XIONG, PONG Y
HENSLEY, RYAN STEPHEN
BOSTICK, CINTERRIA RENA
SHARBER, ELIZABETH KAMAY
ARTEAGA, KATRINA MARIE
ROMAN-RAMIREZ, SAUL
KENNEMER, JAZNEE NICOLE
PERERVA, EKATERINA STEPHANIE
MARTIN, CHARLES S
SMITH, MEGAN NICOLE
DANH, SABRINA A.**

**NORMAN, HALEY MAE
HENSON, JENNIELE CASSIDEY JAYCIE
ARANDA, TRINIDAD JOSEPH
BONNER, KATY ELIZABETH
MESSIAH, CRYSTAL
CAMPBELL, LADAWNA GAIL
HUDSON, MADELINE E
BERNARD, KATHRYN
BARDRICK, PATRICIA MARIE
BITTLE, MADISON
LAASCH, LINDSEY RAE
TODD, ASHLEY DANIELLE
WHITMORE, KAITLYN P
YARBROUGH, KASSITY LEANN
MEDINA, TARA L**

Mr. Grantz 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.

**FLEMING, ZANQUISHA SHATWANA
BIVENS, ERIN KATHLEEN
RUSSELL, SHENITA R
CHOATE, TARA ANN
MAIN, DAVID
LANG, CYNTHIA ANN
KLINE, MICHAEL LOWRY
HOUGH, SARA LYNN
WHEELER, NICOLE MAIRYE
LUCY, AUSTIN ALLEN**

**BARRETT, CORTNI PAIGE
JOHNSON, JACKY LANE
MCLAIN, JESSICA DALE
GILLISPIE, TORI DANIELLE
GOKOOL, STEPHEN
FORSGREN, LUKE WILLIAM
DELMONTE, ASHLEY NICOLE
LOWERY, ROGER ANTHONY
NGUYEN, THERESA THIEN-THANH
OVERTON, DONNA LYNN**

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

**MCGEHEE, PRISCILLA JUNE
ANDERSON, ALANA FRANCIS**

**TAYLOR, JACQUELINE SUZANNE
ARMSTRONG, CHRISTOPHER RYAN**

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

GUTIERREZ, VICTOR F

JETER, KIMBERLY A

BUSSEY, DARBY JO

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

**GETMANENKO, YELENA PETROVNA
WATSON, KEVIN H.
MEEKS, JEREMEAH
ROTTINGHAUS, TRINA LOUISE
SMITH, ALPHA
LO, NTXHEE
MOULDER, CHELSEA RACHEL
ARNOLD, RICKY LOWELL
WALKER, DEVIN STAR
KENNICUTT, BILLIE JEAN
FITCH, JAKE
PINA BORJA, MONICA DEL PILAR
BOUGH, KELLIE
GRIMES, NICHOLAS CAIGE
CLAYTON, BRITTANY NICHOLE
RIOPELLE, SEAN
COLE, KAY LYNN
DAVIES, CHRISTOPHER LEE
SCHAFER, ASHLEY NICOLE**

**HORNER, MICHAEL DOUGLAS
YOUNIS, ISLAM H
DUNN, ABBEY ELIZABETH
GUNTER, JEREMY
MADEWELL-DELEON, DEBBRA
GOODWIN, AARON DAVID
ERNE, LUBIN
RICHARDSON, NICOLE TRENETTE
SWIFT, ALYSSA JOY
CORTESE, CORTNEY ROSE
KALKA, KERI LYNN
CROSS, STEPHANIE
DELEON, BRYAN ALEJANDRO
SCHILPEROORT, BRANDON CORRIE
SAXTON, NICHOLE ANN
PADEN, KIMBERLY
MORTON, JENNIFER ANN
NGUYEN, MEGAN MARIS
LINVILLE, VIRGINIA LORENE**

Barbara Smith, Executive Secretary, reported on the CMA-Advanced: Respiratory Treatments curriculum which is being provided by the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology Education. Ms. Smith stated that the Oklahoma Medical Board approved correspondence to be sent to the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology Education requesting a change in curriculum title which removes the words "Respiratory Treatments" or any language that implies it is a service provided by respiratory therapists, and, additionally, that the teacher of this particular curriculum would educate the students that it is unlawful to provide these services without a respiratory care license.

There being no further business, Mr. Grantz moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Tenney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 12:19 p.m.