Minutes

The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on November 4, 2021. This meeting was held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 10, 2020 and posted on the Board’s website on November 1, 2021 at 8:17 a.m. pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311.9(b).

Members present were:
- Jim Grantz, RCP, Chair
- Karen Crouch, RCP, Vice-Chair
- Melody Beard, RCP
- Mark Fixley, MD
- Clyde Moss, RCP
- Clayton Royder, DO
- Beth Tenney, RCP

Members absent were:
- Duane Koehler, DO
- OSMA Physician Member (Vacant)

Others participating included:
- Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
- Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
- Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
- Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing
- Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General, Committee Advisor

Mr. Grantz, having determined a quorum, called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

Following review, Dr. Royder moved to approve the minutes of August 19, 2021 as written. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DAWN MARTIN appeared virtually in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Ms. Martin last practiced in 2016 and is not licensed in another state. Her application is complete. Ms. Martin stated that she took off while her children were small and wishes to now practice respiratory therapy in Oklahoma. She stated that she has completed an additional 18 hours of continuing education, but licensing has been unable to verify those hours.

Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of DAWN MARTIN for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending receipt of 18 hours of continuing education. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
WHITNEY MENDEZ-BOYER appeared virtually in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. She has never practiced as an RC practitioner and her application is incomplete. She graduated in 2011 and her CRT is valid through 2022. She does not hold a license in any other state. Ms. Boyer stated that her father was a quadriplegic and he passed away a few years ago. He was on a ventilator and she was a secondary caretaker for him. She is now divorced with two children and wishes to practice Respiratory Care in Oklahoma. She has not obtained any CEUs but has kept up with respiratory care through the Kettering courses. She has an employment offer from Stillwater Medical Center and they would like her to shadow in the evenings to evaluate her skill level. Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the application of WHITNEY MENDEZ-BOYER pending completion of the file to include 60 days of direct onsite supervision with a report from her supervisor to be provided at the conclusion thereof. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CORI TARRANT appeared virtually in support of her application for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her license lapsed in May of 2021 which Ms. Tarrant said was an oversight. Her file is complete and she has obtained some CEUs. She has accepted a position with a clinic within Mercy Hospital which conducts “aggressive vent weaning.” Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of CORI TARRANT pending completion of 12 CEUs and also 30 days of direct onsite supervision with a report from her supervisor to be provided at the conclusion therefore. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

HILLARY BANKS-MOUSHON appeared virtually in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. She last practiced in 2016 and her Oklahoma license lapsed in 2017. Her NBRC expired in 2018 and she does not hold a license in any other state. Her application is incomplete. Ms. Moushon stated that her health would not allow her to continue practicing respiratory therapy at that time, but she is now improved and able to return to practice. She has two job offers (Hillcrest and St. Francis) and both facilities will provide supervision. Ms. Beard pointed out that since the applicant is not credentialed as a CRT, she cannot practice in any form until she is credentialed.

Following discussion, Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of HILLARY BANKS-MOUSHON pending completion of the file to include successfully retaking the NBRC test and passing, at a minimum, the CRT level and completing a minimum of 30 days direct onsite supervision with a report from the supervisor to be provided at the completion thereof. Dr. Royder seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RACHELL KENNEDY appeared virtually in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her application is incomplete. Her license lapsed in 2018. She never practiced as an RC but has experience working in sleep labs. Her CRT is currently active through 2026. Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the application of RACHELL KENNEDY pending completion of the file to include obtaining 24 CEUs and completing 90 days of direct onsite supervision with a report from her supervisor to be provided at the
conclusion thereof. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SHANNON LOVETT appeared virtually in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her license lapsed in 2009 and she last practiced as an RC in 2006. Her NBRC does not expire and she has worked in sleep medicine from October 2006 until June 2020. Dr. Fixley stated that sleep medicine and respiratory care are two totally separate disciplines. Ms. Lovett stated she was a certified sleep educator and was registered in sleep medicine.

Following discussion, Ms. Beard moved to recommend the approval of the application of SHANNON LOVETT pending completion of the file to include completing 60 days of direct onsite supervision with a report from her supervisor to be provided at the conclusion thereof and to successfully pass the NBRC exam, at a minimum, at the CRT level. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

JENNIFER WELCH appeared virtually in support of her application for re-entry of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure. Her application is incomplete. She last practiced in November of 2020. She is currently licensed in Georgia however, because her NBRC expired on December 31, 2020, Mr. Schneider does not believe she meets the requirements for licensure by endorsement and she falls under the re-entry guidelines. Ms. Welch stated it was a complete oversight that she let her NBRC expire. She further advised the Committee that she passed the CRT on October 8th and received a high-cut score of 101. Ms. Beard moved to recommend approval of the application of JENNIFER WELCH pending completion of the file to include receipt of her passing score (at the CRT level) from NBRC. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

HEATHER YOUNG appeared in support of her application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure and in response to allegedly practicing as a PRC without proper documentation. Her provisional license expired on September 30, 2021 and she applied for her RC license on September 28, 2021. Her application is complete.

Ms. Young stated she was a student through July of 2021. She worked every other Saturday as a student. After graduation she moved to Children’s Rehabilitation Center on August 9th. All the required paperwork was filled out, the Form 5, etc., and she was told the paperwork would be filed for her. She had taken the TMC on August 31st and the last week of September she was told her provisional license would be expiring. When she reached out to the licensing department, she was told there was no paperwork showing she had started at the Children’s Center in August. Apparently, Children’s HR Department put the information in their system but there was nothing to show that the information was sent to the Medical Board. The Committee took no action on the allegations regarding her possibly practicing without proper documentation. Dr. Royder move to recommend approval of the application of HEATHER YOUNG. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DAWN AYALA, RC, appeared in response to allegedly supervising licensees without proper documentation (Heather Young and Amanda Sickman). Ms. Ayala said this situation has
happened before but it was prior to her coming on board and processes and changes have been implemented. Previously, HR was responsible for sending the Form 5 to the licensing department. However, that process has changed hands multiple times and now the applicant/employee is responsible for sending in the Form 5 to the Medical Board. She also stated that neither Ms. Young nor Ms. Sickman were practicing as RCs and were never hands-on with the patients. Both young ladies were in the on-boarding program at Children's Center and were always with RT educators. No action was taken by the Committee in this regard.

AMANDA SICKMAN appeared in support of her application for Provisional Respiratory Care Practitioner and in response to allegedly practicing as a PRC without proper documentation. Her application is complete and she will graduate in December. Ms. Sickman advised that she began working as a PRC on September 27, 2021, but because there was not a Form 5 she was not eligible to practice. The Committee took no action on the allegations that she possibly practiced without proper documentation. Dr. Royder moved to recommend approval of the

of AMANDA SICKMAN. Dr. Fixley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

BROWN, SHELIYAH DASHUN
LEE, MIKENZIE TAYLOR
CATHEY, CARSON MARK

SAWYER, KORI
FARMER, MICHAEL TODD
COOK, TARA LEE

Dr. Fixley 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.

ANGUILAR, MARICELA
KOPP, JACOB BAILEY
MORALES, CHRISTOPHER DANIEL
KOLLMEYER, MADISON GAIL

HUGHES, BRYANN SAMANTHA
JACKSON, JOSEPH R
MACY, JENA KATE
LE, NATALIE

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

CRAVEN, DAVEON LAREASE
EILTS, KYRA CHANELLE
ECCLES, TAMBERLY LYNN
BOJIC, LILIAN

GARRITY, JESSICA
FRANKLIN, LILLIE MAE
PENROD, JANECE
BEOUGHER, BRETTE DEWITT
Dr. Fixley moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for reinstatement of Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. Beard 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. Mr. Moss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee welcomed the students from the Respiratory Therapist Program, Rose State College, Midwest City, Oklahoma. The students asked questions of the Committee and thanked the Committee members for their time.
There being no further business, Dr. Fixley moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 1:06 p.m.