



TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS'

COMMITTEE FOR CLINICAL PERFUSION

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Committee for Clinical Perfusion was held in the Poplar Conference Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

Members Present: Paul Robinson, Perfusionist, Chair
R. Lewis Wilson, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Chad Smith, Perfusionist
Barbara H. Ebey, Perfusionist
Howard Briscoe, Perfusionist, Vice Chair

Members Absent: Gwen Bonner, Hospital Administrator
Alice Walker, Public Member

Staff Present: Grant Mullins, General Counsel
Keshia Evans, Administrator
Maegan Martin, Executive Director
Rene Saunders, Medical Director
Jamie Formont, General Counsel

Mr. Paul Robinson, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. The Chairman determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the December 16, 2014 minutes. Ms. Ebey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ratification of New Licenses

Mr. Smith made a motion to ratify the list of new licenses and reinstatements. Ms. Ebey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The following licensees were ratified:

Bennatan, Alex
Pohlman, Shaelynne

OGC Report

Mr. Grant Mullins, Associate General Counsel, informed the Committee that the Office of General Counsel does not currently have any disciplinary cases pertaining to the Clinical Perfusion Committee. He also stated that there is no legislation regarding the Clinical Perfusion Committee that is currently pending. The rule in regards to lowering fees has been filed at the Secretary of States offices for the mandatory 50 day period. The rule making hearing to approve the rule will be held at the October Committee meeting.

Financial Report

Ms. Vanessa Crutcher from the Bureau Office provided an Actual Revenue and Expenditures Report. Fees will be reduced by \$6,600 dollars. She reviewed each category with the panel and explained the revenue and expenditure headings.

Manager's Report

Ms. Martin reported that there had been 6 new applications, a total of 27 renewals; online renewals were 51% as of December 2014. The number of active licensees as of May 31, 2015 was 129.

Continuing Education Report

Ms. Martin reported fifty clinical perfusion licensees were audited in 2014; of the 50 audited, 44 were in compliance, which is a percentage of 88%. Out of the fifty audited 6 were non-compliant, 3 of the non-compliant licensees were deficient in continuing education hours. Of the six non-compliant, 3 never responded to notice of audit, which was sent via certified mail.

Conduct New Business

Ms. Martin provided an update on the internal audit conducted by the state, the auditors are finalizing the report, there were no audit findings related to this committee, however there was one observation per discussion with Mr. Robinson in regards to a statutory change. After reviewing the committee statute 63-28-108, page 9 and committee discussion, the committee section D, if they fail any portion of the licensure examination on a second attempt they will surrender their provisional license.

The committee would like to change the statute to allow, a licensee to take each component of the exam twice. No formal action will be taken until more information is gathered and reviewed.

Ms. Martin provided an update on consideration of the revised lapsed license policy. The Board of Medical Examiners must ratify any committee action taken. The lapsed license policy was presented to the Board of Medical Examiners at their March 2015 meeting, the policy was rejected. The Board of Medical Examiners felt the one hundred dollar per month penalty was too lenient, the Board of Medical Examiners suggested the committee consider increasing the amount to one thousand dollars per month. Mr. Briscoe made a motion to resubmit the policy not increasing the one hundred dollar penalty. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigation & Disciplinary Report

Ms. Nichelle Dorroh, Office of Investigations, reported that there are no complaints and the office is only monitoring one individual at this time.

Legislative Wrap

Mr. Ben Simpson provided the legislative update in regards to Public Chapter 154, Public Chapter 94, Public Chapter 502, Public Chapter 268.

Adjournment

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.