

Board of Respiratory Care Minutes

Date: February 27, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. C.S.T.

Location: Iris Conference Room
Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Gene Gantt, RRT, Chair
Ray Davis, RRT, Secretary
John Schario, Hospital Administrator
Anna Ambrose, RRT
Delmar Mack, RRT, Ed. D
Troy Hamm, RRT

Member Absent: Jeffrey P. McCartney, MD

Staff Present: Marva Swann, Board Director
Mary Webb, Board Administrator
Mary Katherine Bratton, Assistant General Counsel
Denise Moran, Director of Division of Investigations

Guests Present: Mike Harkreader, Director, Tennessee Professional Assistance Program
John Williams, Attorney, Tennessee Society for Respiratory Care

With a quorum being present, Mr. Gantt called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion seconded by Ms. Ambrose to approve the minutes for the Board meeting of December 11, 2013 as amended. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Rules

The Continuing Education rule which the Board voted to have sent to a rulemaking hearing have been amended to include all current entities on the list and to add polysomnographic agencies.

Litigation

OGC currently has four (4) pending cases pertaining to the Respiratory Care Board.

Legislation

There is no pending legislation which will affect the Respiratory Care Board.

Consent Order

- A. Betty G. Marrs, CRT license #207**—a Consent Order was presented on Betty Marrs for violation of T.C.A. §63-27-112(a)(5), §63-31-109(16), ad Tenn. Comp. Reg. Reg. Rule 1130-01-.24 when she operated a business with multiple locations called Sleep Study Clinics of West Tennessee, LLC, without being licensed in polysomnography or having an endorsement on her respiratory care license to perform polysomnographic services. Ms. Marrs also employed and trained individuals who had neither a respiratory care license nor a polysomnography license, yet who, as part of their job responsibilities at Sleep Study Clinics of West Tennessee, LLC, performed polysomnographic services. As a result, Ms. Marrs' license to practice as a Certified Respiratory Therapist will be Revoked and she will be assessed twenty six Type "B" civil penalties in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) each, representative of the twenty six (26) months of unlicensed practice for a total civil penalty of Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,200.00). Furthermore, she must pay, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§63-1-144 and 63-27-112 the actual and reasonable costs of this action not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Mack to accept the Consent Order as presented and seconded by Ray Davis. The motion carried.

Investigative/Disciplinary Report

There are currently five (5) RRT complaints and three (3) CRT complaint open in Investigations as of December 2013. There are thirty four (34) individuals being monitored at this time after Board disciplinary action: fourteen (14) RRTs, eighteen (18) CRTs, one (1) CRA, and one (1) unlicensed to practice.

Tennessee Professional Assistance Program Report

Statistics from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

	Monitoring	7
	Treatment	2
	Agreement Signed	1
MA completed		1

Applicant Interview/File Review

- A. **Carrie Kittle**—Ms. Kittle was present. After interview and discussion, Dr. Mack made a motion seconded by Mr. Davis to approve Ms. Kittle for a license. The motion carried.
- B. **Quinton Oldridge**—Mr. Oldridge was present. After interview and discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ambrose and seconded by Mr. Schario to approve Mr. Oldridge for a license. The motion carried.
- C. **Dana Ison**—After file review and discussion Mr. Hamm made a motion seconded by Ms. Ambrose to approve Ms. Ison for a license. The motion carried.
- D. **Antonio Palido**—After file review and discussion a motion was made by Dr. Mack and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve Mr. Palido for a license. The motion carried.

Board Discussions

- A. **Amendment of respiratory practice act in order to issue registered respiratory license only**

Dr. Mack presented the board with material from the OHIO Respiratory Care Board as an FYI, that they have filed a proposed rule change to require RRT credential for initial licensure by 2015. Dr. Mack wanted the Tennessee Board to be aware of this rule change and to possibly consider changing its' rules in the near future.

- B. **The appropriate use of surplus money including but not limited to a reduction in fees**

After discussion the Board formed a task force to have a meeting in the near future to figure out how to reduce the funds. The task force members are: Anna Ambrose - Chair, Ray Davis, Colleen Schabacker – AARC, Zachary Gantt – TSRC, and Dr. Mack.

- C. **Non-Invasive Ventilation**

After discussions from Mr. Gantt, Ann Reed and Vincent Davis, Director, from Health Care Facilities, Mr. Gantt requested the Board to form a task force committee and to develop a position statement for this discussion. Mr. Gantt would like a representative from the following entities to be a part of the task force: Medical Board, Nursing Board, Health Care Facilities, The NBRC, The AARC, The THA, and The TSRC. A motion was made by Mr. Schario and seconded by Mr. Hamm. The motion carried.

- D. The TSRC conference was held in Memphis, TN on April 10-11-2014 and the board voted to send Mary Katherine Bratton and Gene Gantt. A motion was made by Mr. Schario and seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion carried.

E. The Board voted to continue the peer assistance. A motion was made by Mr. Schario and seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion carried.

Ratifications

Mr. Schario made a motion seconded by Mr. Davis to approve all of the following licensure lists of registered respiratory therapist and certified respiratory therapist applicants for initial, reinstatement, and polysomnography endorsement. The motion carried.

REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

NEW LICENSES

JACOLBY RAMON ANDERSON
IVY ELIZABETH BARBER
NICHOLAS LANE BARNHILL
NORMAN GENE BAYLESS
RYAN NEAL BEAUMONT
LAUREN LEACH BLACK
TABITHA RENEE' BOERING
JODI AMANDA BROOKS
DANIELLE NICOLE BYRD
HALEY BETH CARROLL
TIFFANY HELMES CHADWICK
CANDACE NOELLE COX
MICHELLE BELL DAVIS
LUCY NOELL FINCH
ASIA D. FREEMAN
LINDSEY ANN GRIFFIN
CARLOTTA ESTEPP HALL
RACHEL ALEXANDRIA HAMED
CAROL ANN HARRIS
NICOLE LEANN HAWLEY
REGINA MELIEA HICKS
SHINERICA FARMER HUNLEY
STEPHANIE LEANNE JENNINGS

KELLI LASHAE JONES
STEPHANIE MILLHOLLIN KELLEY
HALEY JOHNSON LANE
KELLI ANN MASHBURN
JOY DENISE MASSINGILL
CHRISTEN LATRICE MCFADGON
LANA PAIGE MOUNCE
KEISHA LAVERNE NANCE
MARY HICKS PATTON
REBECCA PEDEN PINKERT
MELONEY CARR RHODES
PHILLIP SCOTT ROARK
TIFFANY WOLSKI RUSTARD
MICHAEL ERIC SIFUENTEZ
MARY MAE SIMS
AMERICA OLINGER TAYLOR
TIFFANY STEVENS TUCKER
DANIELLE MARIE VOLZ
MARA E. WALKER
DIANA CHRISTINE WARGEL
AMANDA SMID WHITE
ASHLEY ELIZABETH WILDER

REINSTATEMENTS

MICHAEL R. DOWNS
ALVIN R. MASSEY
BRYAN COLBY MULLINS
CANDACE L. PARTEE
PAMELA VINYARD WHEELER

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC ENDORSEMENTS FOR REGISTERED REPIRATORY THERAPIST

(NONE)

CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

NEW LICENSES

BRITTLEY SHAREE BARNES
BARBARA L. BOYER
KATHRYN HARRIETT CASEY
JESSICA POLLARD HAND
BRENT RAY HERREN
TERRA MORRIS HOUSEWRIGHT
AARON ALLEN KELLEY
BROOKE DANIELLE KEMPER
HONI MIDDLETON ROSS
CLISTHA RENEA TUCKER

REINSTATEMENT

NATALIE VINCENT GISH
LOLA MONE'T JONES
RUTH ELIZABETH NEAL

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC ENDORSEMENTS FOR CERTIFIED THERAPISTS

(NONE)

Administrator's Report

As of January 31, 2014 the numbers of active licensees were:

- RRT—3105
- CRT—1599
- RCA—13

Board activity totals from August 28, 2013 through December 9, 2013

RRT	CRT
New licenses—45	New licenses—10
Reinstated—5	Reinstated—3
Retired—6	Retired—4
Failed to Renew—19	Failed to Renew—19

441 practitioners renewed during this period with 334 renewing online.

Financial Report

The Board's financial standing for the fiscal year 2013 was presented. Board revenue was \$335,837.66 with expenditures of \$192,697.93 leaving a current net of \$143,139.73. This added to the cumulative carryover from FY2012 leaves the Board with a cumulative carryover of \$695,395.32 for FY2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

These minutes were ratified at the May 29, 2014 board meeting.