

Board of Respiratory Care Minutes

Date: May 16, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM Central Time

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

Members Present: Lisa Caldwell, RRT
Jeffery Craig Rooks, RRT
Robert E. Farmer
Curtis D. Powell, RRT, Board Chair
L. Gail Braddock, Consumer Member
Kimberly Christmon, RRT, Secretary

Member(s) Absent: Gary Keith Lovelady, MD
Winston Granville, RRT

Staff Present: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Mary V. Webb, Board Manager
Lacey N. Wilkerson, Board Administrator
Andrea Huddleston, Deputy General Counsel

Guests Present: Teresa Phillips-TnPaP representative
Jennifer Gales
Tari Dickerson

Call to Order:

After the roll call and with a quorum being present, Mr. Powell called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Approval of Minutes

After a review by the board, a motion was made by Ms. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 board meeting. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Andrea Huddleston, Deputy General Counsel, presented the Office of General Counsel (OGC) report as follows:

Rules

Ms. Huddleston inquired about any amendments the board has to the draft of home equipment delivery that was presented at the February 21, 2019 meeting. Board requested no changes or amendments to current draft. Final draft will be presented at August 15, 2019 board meeting for board approval.

Litigation

Ms. Huddleston reports no current cases with OGC.

Legislation

Ms. Huddleston stated legislation is currently in session and currently nothing pending that affects respiratory care.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Huddleston reminded the Board about the Conflict of Interest Policy. She reminded members of their obligation to recuse themselves from any matter in which they might have a personal or financial interest, or from participating in any matter before the board in which there might be an appearance of a conflict.

Agreed Citation

Citation presented for practicing without a license. Mr. Rooks made a motion to approve citation, Ms. Caldwell seconded. Motion passed.

Investigative/Disciplinary Report

Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, in the Office of Investigations, presented the investigative and monitored disciplined practitioners report as follows: For the monitored disciplined practitioners, there is one (1) practitioner under reprimand, six (6) practitioners under probation, and three (3) are suspended. Also, there were nine (9) revocations, and one (1) child support suspension to report.

For the investigations report, the Office has received two (2) new complaints in 2019. These complaints consist of one (1) for unprofessional conduct, and one (1) for violation of an order. The total number of closed complaints so for the year 2019 is zero (0); currently there are three (3) complaints open being investigated or reviewed.

For the year 2019, the Office received three (3) CRT complaints; all three (3) are for unprofessional conduct. So far in 2019 investigations has closed zero (0) complaints and currently have five (5) open complaints under review. For Respiratory Care Assistants, there are no new complaints and no complaints pending investigation at this time.

Financial Report

No new information to present

Applicant Interviews/File Review

Jennifer Gailes- Appearing before the board due to indications on her criminal background check. After file review and interview with the applicant, Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve applicant with the conditions: one (1) year of probation, employer evaluation reports submitted at the ninety (90) day, six (6) month and one (1) year mark, two (2) hours of ethics to be completed within 90 days, and no new criminal action during the probation period. Ms. Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Heath Stark- Appearing before the board due to indications on his criminal background check. Lisa Caldwell recused herself due to conflict of interest. After file review and applicant interview Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve, Mr. Rooks seconded. Motion passed.

Tennessee Professional Assistance Program Report (TnPAP)

Teresa Phillips, TnPAP Representative, presented the board's activity report from July 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 as follows:

Monitoring- Non-regulatory	
Monitoring Closed - Agreement Noncompliance	
Referrals - from TNDH.	1
Pending Treatment	
Closed Cases	3
Pending Evaluation Report	

Of the closed cases one (1) completed monitoring and two (2) declined the recommendations and were referred back to Department of Health.

Ratifications

Mr. Farmer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Christmon, to approve the list of newly licensed, license reinstatements for Certified, Registered Respiratory Therapists, and list of closed files as follows:

New Licenses

Registered Respiratory Therapists

Bobo Ladereka
Bonaparte Oviere Jevon Dewayne
Burkle Abby Elizabeth
Cassidy Arlene M
Crossett-Bond Cassandra
Daniel Leslie Ann
Davis Christina Marie
Dinkel Ondra Leann
Farris Justin
Hall Renisha Monae
Hansen Justin James
Hansen Tabitha
Keith Janice Kaye
Knable Joseph
Lawson Natosha Nicole
Lundquist Angela Marie
Mcdaniel Molly
Mckinney Jennifer Denise
Merrill Theresa Elizabeth
Moss Trease Ann Mrs.
Nash Chasity Xaviera
Potter Lacey Nicole Ann
Rawlings Patricia
Roche Manuel
Rose Nicole
Saulsberry Americal
Van Winkle Tyler Steven
Ward Kylee
Westerman Sarah Elizabeth
Wismann Joseph Andrew

Certified Respiratory Therapists

Adams Diana Lynn
Findley Julie Kay
Gilchrist Dawn Marie
Hale Kimberly Renea
Hall Renisha Monae
Johnson Natavia
Kirk Joseph Dehaven Jr
Parrott Keary M
Prewitt Latrice
Tawadrous Madleen

Walton Marshall
Williams Litisa
Woldearegay Selamawit

Reinstatements

Cowan Crystal Dawn
Hobson Nina Sledge
Moore Kimberly Anida
Bonioma Koya M
Keith Janice Kaye
Stidham Brian Marshall

Polysomnography Endorsement

Gibson Debra Michelle

Work Permit Issued

Defevers Whitney Danielle RRT
Simpson Cheyenne CRT

Closed Files

Adams Tara
Atkinson Lauren Atkinson
Baker Amanda Kaitlin
White Bruce Andrew
White Toryan

Motion Past

Administrative Report

Lacey N. Wilkerson, Board Administrator, presented the administrative report as follows:

Statistical Report

Total active licensees as of February 13, 2019:

RRT	CRT	RCA
Active Licensees -- 3,672	Active Licensees -- 1,252	Active Licensees -- 6

Licensing activities from November 9, 2018 Through February 12, 2019:

RRT	CRT
New applications received -- 63	New applications received -- 20
New licenses issued -- 30	New licenses issued -- 13
Reinstated -3	Reinstated -- 3

Registered Poly Endorsement(s) – 1	Certified Poly Endorsement(s) - 0
Number of renewals – paper – 68	Number of renewals – paper – 30
Number of renewals on line – 268	Number of renewals on line – 74
Number of licensees who retired - 8	Number of licensees who retired – 3
Expired – 27	Expired – 16
Closed Files – 4	Closed Files – 1
Upgrades from CRT to RRT- 3	NA
RRT Limited Permit to Full License-1	CRT Limited Permit to Full License- 2

For RRTs, the number of renewals online during this period constituted a usage rate of 80%; this is a decrease 4% since February. For CRTs the number of online renewals constituted a usage rate of 71%; this is an increase of 1% since February.

Changes between February 13, 2019 – May 3, 2019:

New applications: RRT +15% CRT +53%
 Reinstatement: RRT --20% CRT --25%

Expired License: RRT –21% CRT +13%
 Retired License: RRT –20% CRT 0%

Correspondence

Tari Broady Dickerson- Ms. Dickerson came before the board to request an extension on her 2016-2017 continuing education. After licensee interview and board discussion, Ms. Christmon made a motion to allow 2 months to complete the missing 14 continuing education units including 2 patient safety and 2 ethics. Ms. Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Constance Puckett- Ms. Puckett came before the board to request a waiver for her 2016-2017 continuing education units. After licensee interview and board discussion. Ms. Puckett was asked to contact previous employers to have any continuing education certificates submitted to the board. Christmon made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting to allow Ms. Puckett to contact her previous employers to attempt to obtain CEU’s completed during that time. Mr. Rooks seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

New Legislation

There was not new legislation to discuss.

Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies

There is no new rulemaking to discuss

Conferences

A discussion was held to determine attendees for upcoming conferences as follows:

AARC Summer Forum: July 20-22, 2019 in Fort Lauderdale, FL:
Board Members Kim Christmon, Curtis Powell, and Robert Farmer

Clear: 2019 Annual Education Conference: September 18-21, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN:
HRB Director John Tidwell and Board Member Gail Braddock

FARB: 2019 Regulatory Law Seminar: October 3-6, 2019 in St. Louis, MO:
Board attorney Tracy Alcock is approved if she wishes to attend

AARC Congress: November 11-12, 2019 in New Orleans, LA:
Board Members Robert Farmer, Curtis Powell, Kim Christmon, Craig Rooks

NBRC Licensure Insight, Networking and Collaboration Meeting: August 23-25, 2019 in Overland Park, KS:
Administrative staff Lacey Wilkerson and Mary Webb

Ms. Caldwell made a motion to approve attendees. Ms. Braddock seconded. Motion passed.

Discuss Old and New Business

No business to discuss

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Powell made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.



Curtis Powell, Chair



Date