

SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Committee Meeting of January 10, 2020
10:00 a.m., Room 202-02
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice emailed to The State newspaper, Associated Press, WIS-TV and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the Board's website and on the bulletin boards located at both of the main entrances of the Kingstree Building where the Board office is located.

Committee members present were:

Joel Livesay, RCP
Angela Gildner, RCP
Allan Dunphy, RCP
Jerry Alewine, RCP
Scott Simms, RCP
Sean Callahan, MD
Christopher Perry, MD

Committee members absent were:

Luca Paoletti, MD (excused)

Members of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) staff:

Candace Parnell, RCP Program, Administrative Assistant
Sheridon Spoon, Administrator
Shanika Moore, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Bianca Smith, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

Recovering Professional Program:

Robin Madden, Special Counsel/Administrative Coordinator
Tia Cooper, Program Director

Office of Advice Counsel

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Court Reporter:

Kathryn Bostrum, Capital City Reporting, LLC.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am with a quorum of committee members present.

Meeting agenda approved.
Minutes from October 11, 2019 were approved.

Appearance:

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Michael Carey appeared before the committee to address concerns of his application. After Executive Session, the committee made a motion to recommend approval of licensure. Scott Simms second. Motion carries.

Disciplinary Hearing and Application Hearings

A motion was made and passed for the Committee to go into closed session for a disciplinary hearing. After the hearing and testimonies, the Committee went into executive session. No votes were made or actions taken while the Committee was in executive session. A motion was made and passed to return to Public Session and the Committee voted on the following sanctions after the Order Hearing:

CASE #2017-547

MOTION- THE COMMITTEE'S FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD IS THE LICENSEE IS UNFIT TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE.

Exemption for Ventilation by Non-RCP Application

After a brief discussion, the committee request to have the application updated to reflect Certified Nurse Anesthetists and Certified Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technicians are exempt from making application as long as they are certified/licensed in the state of South Carolina. (**81-203. Competency Requirements for the Provision of Respiratory Care by Non-RCPs.**); ***(2) Certified Nurse Anesthetists and Certified Paramedical and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) are exempt from this regulation so long as they are certified or licensed by the State and do not hold themselves out as respiratory care practitioners or practice respiratory care.*** Allan Dunphy second. Motion carries.

Home Sleep Testing Interpretation

Dr. Perry inquired on the issue of interpretation of Sleep Studies by other licensed professionals outside of South Carolina. Dr. Perry explained that South Carolina primary care physicians are ordering studies and diagnostic companies outside of South Carolina are providing equipment (via mail), having the patient hook it up and sleep with it, then return the equipment for interpretation without meeting or establishing a relationship with the patient. There is a level of care, follow-up, questions, and possible issues the patient may need addressed on a professional level. After discussion, Adam Russell explained the minutes will be included in the board materials February 3rd – 5th and at that time the board review and make a decision at that time.

Respiratory Care Practitioners with Temporary Licenses applying for Permanent Licensure:

After review, a motion was made to approve the list of applicants with temporary licenses for permanent licensure (52). Second by Christopher Perry, MD. Motion carried.

Sheridon Spoon, Administrator briefly spoke on the Consumer Member vacancy. This committee per the statute consists of nine (9) members. (**SECTION 40-47-540.** Respiratory Care Committee created; membership. "There is created the Respiratory Care Committee as an advisory committee to the board which consists of nine members to be appointed by the board. Five of the members must be respiratory care practitioners with at least five years'

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experience each, one member must be a consumer, and three members must be physicians who are licensed to practice in South Carolina who have special interest and knowledge in the diagnosis, treatment, and assessment of respiratory problems. All of the respiratory care practitioners must be certified except for the first members of the committee, who must be certified as soon after their appointment as possible. All organizations, groups, or interested individuals may submit recommendations to the board of at least two individuals for each position to be filled on the committee.”) The committee suggests possibly a local candidate.

Jerry Alewine made a motion to adjourn at 11:42 am. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Room 202-02.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Parnell
RCP Program Administrative Assistant