

SC Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Committee Minutes

Committee Meeting of October 9, 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.

Mr. Jerry Alewine, Committee Chairman, called the conference call meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., on Friday, October 9, 2020 with a quorum present. Other members of the Committee present were as follows: Joel Livesay, RCP, Allan Dunphy, RCP, Jerry Alewine, RCP, Scott Simms, RCP, Sean Callahan, MD, Christopher Perry, MD, and Angela Gildner, RCP. Luca Paoletti, MD absent.

Members of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) staff participating during the call included: Candace Parnell, RCP Program, Administrative Assistant, Sheridan Spoon, Board Administrator, and Adam Russel, Advice Counsel.

Also present during was Kitty Lindler, with Capital City Reporting, LLC.

Meeting agenda approved.

Minutes from July 10, 2020 were approved.

Remote PAP Set-up

Following up with Sleep Technology Group LLC, Mike Purcell's request on support of RRTs to remotely deliver, set-up and monitor patients where physicians have ordered/prescribed CPAP Therapy. Mr. Purcell has asked that a protocol be established. After extended discussion, the committee agreed to recommend no additional beyond those approved by the BME in August 2020 pertaining to remote set-up. In respect to Mr. Alexander's request, the committee did not approve the list with the exception of CPAP and BiPAP machines without knowing the quality of care provided. Motion was made by Scott Simms, RCP and seconded by Joel Livesay, RCP. Motion carried.

Reference Letters

After a brief discussion, the committee agreed to recommend to the board elimination of this requirement. [Three references] for Permanent and Limited license applications. Motion made by Allan Dunphy, RCP and seconded by Joel Livesay, RCP. Motion carried.

MST Protocol

The committee has clarified the different levels of the Medical Sleep Technician (Exemption) being that an individual would be required to apply for the Exemption, be approved in order to be a Trainee, Technician under Supervision, and hold the Permanent Exemption. Once the individual has obtained his/her RPSGT (Registered Polysomnographic Technologist) the

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Permanent Exemption will be issued without supervision.

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 (59). Motion made by Allan Dunphy, RCP. Second by Joel Livesay. Motion carried.

The Committee requested additional information from Rita Waller to be reviewed by the RCP Committee Chairman before making a decision and that Lauren Berg come before the committee in support of her application.

The committee approved all 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting Dates with the exception of April 9, 2021. All agreed to move April 9, 2021 to April 16, 2021.

Jerry Alewine expressed his appreciation of the overall care provided during COVID-19.

Sheridon Spoon spoke briefly on the 2021 Renewal Phase beginning March 1, 2021 with the deadline of May 31, 2021. He also mentioned CE Broker, which is not mandatory at this time.

Jerry Alewine made a motion to adjourn at 11:22 am. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Room 202-02.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Parnell
RCP Program Administrative Assistant