

**South Carolina Board of Medical
Examiners Respiratory
Care Committee Minutes**

Committee Meeting of April 22, 2016
10:00 a.m., Room 202-02
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview
Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Committee members present were:

Garrett Galloway, RCP
Jerry Alewine, RCP
Fady Nassif, MD
Scott Simms, RCP
Scott Crego, RCP
Christopher Perry, MD

Committee members absent were:

Dr. Luca Paoletti
Allan Dunphy, RCP

Staff present were:

Candace Gunter, RCP Program, Administrative
Assistant Sheridan Spoon, Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Court Reporter:

Nadine Garrett, Creel Reporting

Public present were:

Brian Leatherwood, President of the South Carolina Respiratory Care Practitioner
Kathy Sperry, Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood SC
Tracy Whitten, MA, Anderson Sleep and Lung Center

The meeting was conducted in person and called to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was noted as present.

1. Meeting Agenda approved. Minutes from the January 15, 2016 Committee meeting were approved, as amended.

2. Discussions held:

(A) Respiratory Therapist Education, Position Statement on Continuing Ed., American Association for Respiratory Care.
This position statement was reviewed, discussed and received as information by the committee.

(B) Coram Continuing Education. Request from Kathleen Burgess, Clinical/Education Coordinator, Bon Secours St. Francis Health System to implement free contact hours provided for Respiratory Care Practitioners online but are approved from other healthcare professionals be considered and approved as CME credit hours. Mr. Garrett Galloway noted that this course is not sponsored by or on the list of approved organizations. Mr. Alewine advised after reviewing the modules, not all apply to Respiratory Care. After discussion, the committee determined that only continuing education sponsored by an organization listed in Regulation 81-202 would be considered for approval. Mr. Crego moved therefore that the request to be denied. Second by Mr. Alewine. Motion carried.

(C) American College of Surgeons Continuing Education David Dunlap, Critical Care Supervisor, Palmetto Health made a request for the committee to consider adding American College of Surgeons to the list of approved Respiratory Care Practitioner Continuing Education Programs. Mr. Galloway noted that some of the curriculum may not be applicable to respiratory care. Motion made by to deny the request by Mr. Crego, second by Mr. Simms. Motion carried.

(D) Exemption Process and Policy, 40-47-530, Regulation 81-203, Advisory Opinions (2). Tracy Whitten, MA, Anderson Sleep and Lung Center.
Ms. Whitten is a Medical Assistant. Ms. Whitten has been with the Anderson Sleep and Lung Center for almost 10 years and has worked with pulmonary and sleep medicine since 1997. Ms. Whitten has received training from the Respiratory Therapists and Sleep Technicians in the center and has the ability to set pressures, do cleanings and mask fittings, and conduct patient awareness. She has taken continuing education courses on CPAP, Mask Fittings and Titration. Compliance monitoring is performed daily. Dr. Gowdhami Mohan is present at the office. BCBS and Tri-Care is the only insurance accepted at the center. Mr. Alewine questioned the setting of machines, where Ms. Whitten states this is done by Sleep Technicians or Dr. Mohan. Dr. Perry also questioned the administration of CPAP and BiPAP and whether the center is a DME Provider. The center provides DME equipment under the guidance of Dr. Mohan and the lab is accredited. Mr. Galloway explained the course required for the exemption. Mr. Galloway explained to Ms. Whitten that providing pressure is within the scope of a Respiratory Care Practitioner. Ms. Whitten states she understands and that there must be an order from a physician to change the pressure and that no one in her office changes pressures without a physician order. The committee reiterated that the Sleep Medicine Policy, Section F: Unlicensed Healthcare Individuals specifically states "Unlicensed health care individuals (i.e.; CNA, MA, etc.) are not eligible to apply for or receive a PAP titration exemption since they do not meet the licensing or credentialing requirements as outlined in the SC Respiratory Care Practice Act and may not perform PAP titration under any circumstances." Mr. Alewine made the motion to deny the exemption request. Mr. Simms seconded. Motion carries.

(E) May an RCP administer *LEXISCAN* stress tests? Kathy Sperry, Self Regional, Greenwood SC
Ms. Sperry asked whether an RCP may administer Lexiscan.

With proper training and supervision, Respiratory Care Practitioners can administer controlled substances, run ECHMO (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation) machines, and perform arterial line insertions among other procedures. Mr. Galloway stated it is appropriate for a Respiratory Care Practitioner to provide care within this setting so long as there is ACLS certification. Mr. Galloway's concern is if there is something in the practice act that would prevent an RCP from performing this procedure. Mr. Galloway proposed a motion as follows "*A Respiratory Care Practitioner may perform Cardiac Stress Tests as long as the hospital/facility is willing to train, certify, supervise, and provide medical direction for and establish proper policy and procedure and for the Respiratory Care Practitioner's performance of the procedure to include ACLS certification*". Mr. Galloway questions as to why the Controlled substance and Echmo policies were carved out (Sheridon Spoon will review).

Motion by Dr. Perry. Seconded by Mr. Simms. Motion carries.

Sheridon Spoon, Administrator noted that the board will meet May 2-3 to review and approve the motion at that time and extended the invitation to the committee to attend.

(F) (1) Prior to delivering a BiPAP/CPAP to a patient's home, is the HME allowed to pre-set the pressures, under the guidance of a licensed Respiratory Therapist and in accordance with the physician's prescription? (2) Is remote programming allowed? (3) Is it permissible for a licensed Respiratory Therapist to instruct a non-licensed individual telephonically on how to set these pressures, contingent upon a follow-up visit by the licensed Respiratory Therapist?

The committee noted that the primary purpose of the board and the committee is to protect the public. After discussion, the committee determined

(1) It is the recommendation of the Respiratory Care Committee that it is not appropriate for CPAP or BiPAP to be preset before being delivered to the patient's home even under the guidance of a licensed Respiratory Care Therapist and even in accordance with a physician's order. Motion was made to accept by Mr. Alewine. All in favor. Motion carried.

(2) It is the recommendation of the Respiratory Care Committee that remote programming by a Non-Respiratory Care Practitioner is not appropriate. Motion to accept by Mr. Simms. All in favor. Motion carried.

(3) It is the recommendation of the Respiratory Care Committee that it is not permissible for a licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner to instruct an unlicensed individual telephonically on how to set pressures even contingent upon a follow up by a licensed Respiratory Therapist. Motion to accept by Dr. Perry. Seconded by Mr. Simms. All in favor. Motion carried.

(4) It was also the recommendation of the committee that remote programming should be allowed if done by a Respiratory Care Practitioner and/or Physician with a valid order from that Physician. Motion to accept by Dr. Perry. Seconded by Mr. Simms. Motion carried.

3. Review and approval of applicants with “YES” answers

4. Approval of temporary to permanent licenses

Name	Credential Number	Expiration Date	City	State
Jean Genel Aristhil	RCP.5734	5/31/2016	COLUMBIA	SC
Ethel Danielle Bakazan	RCP.5728	5/31/2016	Dillon	SC
Rebecca Christine Billet	RCP.5802	5/31/2016	Asheville	NC
Ebony Nicole Booker	RCP.5813	5/31/2016	Thomson	GA
STEVEN BOUFFARD	RCP.5809	5/31/2016	LAKE MARY	FL
Tasha Michelle Brantley	RCP.5707	5/31/2016	Florence	SC
Kelly M Burrow	RCP.5808	5/31/2016	Mt Gilead	NC
Catherine Broderson Chamis	RCP.5805	5/31/2016	Charlotte	NC
Anna Marlene Cockrum	RCP.5733	5/31/2016	West COLUMBIA	SC
Tonnie Lenor Coleman	RCP.5791	5/31/2016	Cuthbert	GA
JULIE D CULBERTSON	RCP.5705	5/31/2016	NEWBERRY	SC
CARMITA ADRIA EDISON	RCP.5799	5/31/2016	CHARLOTTE	NC
Stephanie Derrick Frost	RCP.5735	5/31/2016	West Columbia	SC
Lesley Griffin Gleave	RCP.5795	5/31/2016	LEXINGTON	SC
Therese M Griffin	RCP.5811	5/31/2016	Matthews	NC
SKYLAR MARIE HARRIS	RCP.5803	5/31/2016	MYRTLE BEACH	SC
Tanea Shamika Clark Heyward	RCP.5714	5/31/2016	Marion	SC
BOBBIE GAIL JONES	RCP.5812	5/31/2016	PEMBROKE	NC
Janelle Brown Leach	RCP.5748	5/31/2016	Columbia	SC
Jessica Marie Levi	RCP.5665	5/31/2016	EASLEY	SC
Niccole Marie Limbach	RCP.5814	5/31/2016	Kansas City	MO
Autumn Frances Lindler	RCP.5762	5/31/2016	Newberry	SC
Shanda Terry Martin	RCP.5690	5/31/2016	Edgefield	SC
NIKOLAY PAVLOVICH MASALYKA	RCP.5801	5/31/2016	BOILING SPRINGS	SC
Brittany Michelle Mendoza	RCP.5807	5/31/2016	Ellenboro	NC
Racquel D. Morrow	RCP.4259	5/31/2016	TAYLORS	SC
Jennifer Reneice Moss	RCP.5797	5/31/2016	Spartanburg	SC
Brandon Jerod Murchison	RCP.5815	5/31/2016	Columbus	GA
Kelly V Olin	RCP.5680	5/31/2016	W Union	SC
SUZANNE MICHELE PIERCE	RCP.5804	5/31/2016	CONCORD	NC
CASSANDRA DELAINE ROBINSON	RCP.5810	5/31/2016	INDIAN TRAIL	NC
Patricia Lee Shaver	RCP.5721	5/31/2016	Laurens	SC

DANA SHERROD	RCP.5796	5/31/2016	RICHMOND HILL	GA
Monet Cherene Shook	RCP.5806	5/31/2016	Spartanburg	SC
Antysha Chemise Simpson	RCP.5708	5/31/2016	Clinton	SC
CHRISTINA EVELYN STEWART	RCP.5793	5/31/2016	LADSON	SC
Kristen Nicole Thornton	RCP.5727	5/31/2016	Laurens	SC
BRITTNEY SHAMIKA TRIBBLE	RCP.5704	5/31/2016	NEWBERRY	SC
Tonja Renee Turner	RCP.5703	5/31/2016	Cheraw	SC
Jennifer Grayson Wagner	RCP.5800	5/31/2016	Charlotte	NC
MARVIN WALKER	RCP.5794	5/31/2016	EVANS	GA
Sandra L Wall	RCP.5792	5/31/2016	Punta Gorda	FL
Hether Sue Watkins	RCP.5715	5/31/2016	Sumter	SC

A motion was made by Mr. Simms to approve all temporary licenses for update to permanent with the exception of applicants Ethel Bakazan and Tonja Turner. Dr. Nassif seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning including the federal background check to the committee is there is a 'hit. Letters of reference will also be included. Mr. Spoon advised that the actual FBI CBC document cannot be provided unless both the committee and the board underwent SLED certification. Ms. Gunter advised the background checks had not been previously included in the application packets for the Committee to review. Dr. Perry stated the background checks were always included in the prior meetings. Mr. Galloway suggested requesting additional documentation and narrative to support positive background checks in lieu of statements.

*Recommendation amended for **Ethel Bakazan** to provide further information pertaining to the arrest. Motion made to accept by Mr. Simms. Mr. Alewine seconded the motion. The Temporary license will be continued until receipt.

*Recommendation for **Tonja Turner** to provide further information pertaining to an incident that led to her arrest in 2003. Motion made to accept by Mr. Crego. All in favor. Motion carries.

5. Committee Chair Report: Discussion was intended on Pulmonary Function Testing but will be moved to the July 22, 2016 Committee Meeting to include Dr. Dunphy, LouAnn Wagoner (conference call), and possibly Selma Watson. The Committee received feedback from Dr. Paoletti on this topic to be discussed in July 2016.

Motion to adjourn by Garret Galloway at 11:57am
Mr. Simms seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2016 at 10:00A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Gunter
Administrative Assistant