



Mississippi Respiratory Care Advisory Council
Minutes
January 28, 2018

Members

Stanley Grantham
Connie Hauk
Kathleen Hogan
Misti Perez
Dr. George Abraham, III

Absent Members

Dr. Arthur Calimaran
Dr. Robert Middleton, III
Charles Larry Johnson, Jr.
Clay Anthony

MSDH Staff

F. Simkins
Y. Morrow
E. Gunn
C. Walter, SAAG

1. Mr. Simkins called the meeting to order. As neither the chair nor the co-chair was present, a quorum was not established.
2. Council reviewed the August 11, 2017, minutes; however, as there was no quorum, the minutes will be resubmitted at the next meeting for approval.
3. The election of the chair and co-chair was not conducted due to the lack of a quorum.
4. Ms. Morrow updated the Council on the revision of the new travel policy. She informed the Council that individuals traveling on business for the State of Mississippi could receive the reimbursement amount of the rental car company instead of 18 cents per mile when traveling 100 miles or more.
5. Ms. Gunn provided a licensure update to the Council. During the last renewal cycle, 2203 Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners renewed online and 13 renewed late. To date, the total number that renewed is 2245. The Department has issued 39 new licenses since the renewal period ended, i.e., 16 temporary licenses and 23 regular licenses.
6. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that Ms. Hogan's reappointment nomination and the replacement nominations for Mr. Grantham and Dr. Calimaran were received and approved by the Board of Health's at its January 10, 2018, meeting.

7. Ms. Hauk questioned if an RCP presented with a disability claim would that be considered patient abandonment and would they be subject to disciplinary action, given that they are unable to perform their job. Ms. Walter, MSDH Counsel, stated that would be a personal matter and should be handled within that organization's human resource department.
8. No other new business was discussed.
9. The next meeting was scheduled for August 10, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.
10. Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

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