



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Respiratory Care Practitioners Advisory Council
Minutes
August 19, 2016

Members

Stanley Grantham
Connie Hauk
Kathleen Hogan
Charles Larry Johnson, Jr.
Dr. Arthur Calimaran
Misti Perez

Absent Members


Dr. George Abraham, III
Dr. Robert Middleton, III

MSDH Staff

F. Simkins
Y. Morrow
E. Gunn
T. Funches

1. Mr. Simkins called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. New members were welcomed to the Council.
2. By unanimous consent, November 13, 2015, and February 26, 2016, minutes were approved by the Council.
3. The following officers were elected by acclamation:
 - Chairperson: Charles Larry Johnson, Jr.
 - Vice chairperson: Dr. Robert Middleton III
4. Mr. Grantham brought forth a concern from another licensed respiratory care practitioner. He stated the individual had a potential complaint/concern about a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) company. The individual was unable to attend the meeting due to a family medical emergency. Mr. Grantham requested that Council should table this issue until the next scheduled meeting. The Council agreed.
5. Ms. Hogan presented information received by the Mississippi Society for Respiratory Care concerning a Respiratory Licensure Compact. The Council expressed an interest in learning more about the compact licensure concept and if it would be beneficial to our State. Dr. Calimaran stated that the Medical Board is moving toward compact licensure. He stated having a compact agreement helps the state in learning about issues with licensees in other states that may not be otherwise known. Mr. Simkins said that if the Council is interested in the compact licensure concept, the Department could look into it and have it reviewed by Legal. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Hogan to submit this issue to Legal for review and to determine the acceptability for Mississippi to enter into a compact with other states. The motion carried. A second motion was made by Dr. Calimaran and seconded by Mr. Johnson to establish an ad hoc committee to meet and research the effectiveness of compact licensure and to bring the results back to the Council at its next scheduled or called meeting. The motion carried. Council members who will make up the committee are Mr. Johnson, Ms. Hauk, Ms. Hogan, Mr. Grantham, and Ms. Perez. Ms. Morrow of Professional Licensure will also be included in the meetings.

6. Ms. Hogan presented a scope of practice question. The individual inquired if a CRT and RRT can start a peripheral IV line. The Council responded that is within the scope of practice for a CRT and/or RRT to start a peripheral IV line. In addition, the starting of a peripheral IV line may be covered under the facility's protocols.
7. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that a nomination for the public member to the Council was received. The nomination will go before the Board of Health at its October board meeting. Once the Board approves the nomination, the individual will be contacted.
8. Ms. Morrow provided the Council with a licensure update.
9. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that another profession's association is collecting complaints and then reporting them to our Department. He stated this might be something the Mississippi RCP Association may be interested in doing. Ms. Funches asked who would see the information. Mr. Simkins replied only the Association. Council members stated they would discuss it at their next meeting.
10. Mr. Simkins discussed the new database. He informed the Council that we are second or third in line for the State IT to begin developing the new database. The Department has sent a sampling of data to get IT started on what is needed. At this time, we do not have a completion date.
11. Mr. Simkins informed the council of a new policy where the licensing regulations and licensing laws must be reviewed every five (5) years for possible amendments. The Professional Licensure Division will begin reviews if selected regulations and laws in January 2017.
12. The next meeting was scheduled for January 13, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.
13. Mr. Simkins adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.


MSDH Representative
Date 13 Jan 17


Council Chair