

**Board of Respiratory Care
Task Force Meeting
Minutes**

Date: June 5, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. C.S.T.

Location: Health Related Boards
Poplar Conference Room
227 French Landing Drive
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Gene Gantt, RRT, Chair, RC Board Member
Candace Partee, RRT, RC Board Member
Carol Thompson, APN, Board of Nursing Member

Member (s) Absent: Roger Major, RRT, RC Board Member
Colleen Schabacker, RRT, RC Board Member

Staff Present: Marva Swann, Unit Director
Mary Webb, Board Administrator
Ernie Sykes, Advisory Attorney

Mr. Gantt called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Topics of Discussion

LPN Role with Ventilated Patient in the Home Setting

At the April 30, 2009 meeting the committee had assembled meeting a list of procedures that an LPN could and could not perform on a ventilated patient in the home setting. Dr. Thompson was to research two items of which the committee was unsure and bring her conclusions back to this meeting. They were:

1. Can an LPN give an aerosol treatment to a patient if it requires disconnecting the circuit?
Dr. Thompson's conclusion: Yes.

2. Can an LPN give meter dose inhaler (MDI) to a patient who is on a ventilator? Dr. Thompson's conclusion: Yes.

The committee reviewed the complete list of procedures. Mr. Gantt is to prepare the final list agreed upon by the committee and send that list to Mr. Sykes. Mr. Sykes will then draft proposed rules with the assistance of the Board of Nursing's advisory attorney, Ashley Carter.

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He will also draft a position statement regarding the proposed rules for the Board of Respiratory Care after the proposed rules are reviewed by the Board of Nursing at its September or October 2009 meeting. The target date for the rulemaking hearing will be the November 2009 board meeting.

Ventilator Dependent Patients

The committee concluded that, in the event a patient in a sleep study requires ventilator care, it would be appropriate for a respiratory therapist to be present during the procedure. In order to formulate procedures for ventilated patients in a sleep study, it was suggested that a member of the Polysomnography Committee who is also a respiratory therapist be invited to join the taskforce. Mr. Sykes is to send the dates of the Polysomnography Committee board meetings to Mr. Gantt and to Ms. Partee.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Mr. Gantt had an informal meeting with Joe Phillips, EMS Director, and Erin Begley, EMS advisory attorney. EMS would like the Board of Respiratory Care to participate in the education of their personnel on transporting ventilated patients. There is currently a program established in 2000 for the training and certification of EMS personnel providing inter-hospital ventilator transports. It is a sixteen (16) hour course with a four (4) hour lab. Mr. Phillips has been asked to identify the personnel who have had this training and the locations where the training is occurring. This course will eventually be replaced with the "Critical Care Paramedic Program" that will be taught in educational institutions.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

These minutes were ratified at the August 27, 2009 meeting.