

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

Date: September 3, 2010

Time: 1:00 p.m. C.S.T.

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

Members Present: Gene Gantt, RRT, RC Board Member, Task Force Chair
Candace Partee, RRT, RC Board Member
Colleen Schabacker, RRT, RC Board Member
Roger Major, RRT, RC Board Member
Carol Thompson, APN, Board of Nursing Member

Staff Present: Marva Swann, Board Director
Mary Webb, Board Administrator
Anthony Czerniak, Office of General Counsel
Libby Miller, HRB Director
Donna Fairchild, RN, BON Consultant

Purpose

The task force was convened to clarify the Board of Respiratory Care's checklist regarding duties performed by LPN's in the home health setting as they relate to respiratory care. The Committee determined that an LPN:

1. Could not apply and manage speaking valve on trach patient on ventilator if trach tube has a cuff
2. Could respond to alarms and troubleshoot problems associated with frequently occurring issues in consultation with a licensed respiratory therapist
3. Could not change any ventilator settings except for on/off and standby

The checklist applies to both pediatrics and adults. Mr. Gantt will make the changes and the complete checklist will be presented for review and approval to the Board of Nursing at its October meeting.

The meeting convened at 1:00 pm and adjourned at 1:45 p.m.