

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

Date: October 13, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. C.S.T.

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

Members Present: Candace Partee, RRT, RC Board Member
Gene Gantt, RRT, RC Board Member
Roger Major, RRT, RC Board Member
Colleen Schabacker, RRT, RC Board Member
Keith Lovelady, M.D., Medical Examiners Board Member

Staff Present: Marva Swann, Board Director
Mary Webb, Board Administrator
Shiva Bozarth, Office of General Counsel
Libby Miller, HRB Director
Rosemarie Otto, Director, Board of Medical Examiners

Guests: John Williams, Tennessee Society of Respiratory Care

Purpose

Third Pathway to Endorsement as a Polysomnographic Technologist

Pursuant to 63-31-107 (a)(5) of the Polysomnography Act, respiratory therapists who provide polysomnography services shall be credentialed as registered polysomnographic technologist by the board of polysomnographic technologists, or as a sleep disorders specialist by the national board of respiratory care, or undergone a standardized, uniform mechanism to document competency in polysomnography as approved by the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care with documentation of passage of this mechanism made available at the request of the Board of Respiratory Care. The Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care shall consult with the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners in the development of this mechanism.

Ms. Schabacker provided a Sleep Center or Lab Competency Checklist that the committee discussed and revised. These guidelines are to be used to measure competency as a polysomnography services provider in lieu of an examination. Respiratory therapists must work a minimum of one hundred (100) hours in a sleep lab which must be verified by both the director

of the sleep lab and the medical director. The staff is to formulate guidelines for polysomnography endorsement to be discussed at the next Respiratory Care Board meeting.

These minutes were ratified at the February 4, 2010 board meeting.