

**Board of Respiratory Care  
Minutes**

**Date:** November 14, 2006

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

**Location:** Health Related Boards Conference Room  
227 French Landing Drive, STE 300  
Heritage Place, Metro Center  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Members Present:** Billy Alred, Chair  
James Hunter, II  
Darryl Jordan M.D.  
Timothy Mc Gill  
Candace Partee  
Colleen Schabacker  
Robbie Bell, Ex Officio

**Members Absent:** Shirley Brackett  
Delmar Mack, Ed.D.

**Staff Present:** Marva Swann, Unit Director  
Tomica Walker, Board Administrator  
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney  
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager  
Lea Phelps, Disciplinary Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Mike Harkreader, Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP)

A quorum being present, Mr. Alred, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Armstrong informed the Board of their responsibilities under the Conflict of Interest Policy. Board members were asked to sign exhibit 4 of the policy in acknowledgement of their understanding of its content.

Mr. Armstrong presented to the Board the Office of General Counsel Report as follows:

**Rules:**

Under review by the Attorney General:

- Deletion of moot ABG course language, petitions stay and reconsideration (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1330-1- .19, .22). These amendments went to rulemaking hearing on April

25, 2006: they were adopted by the Board on May 23, 2006. They were sent to the Attorney General for review on July 28, 2006, where they remain today.

**Litigation:**

The Office of General Counsel, Tennessee Department of Health, currently has eleven (11) open cases pertaining to the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Schabacker and seconded by Ms. Partee to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2006 Board meeting as amended. The motion carried.

**Applicant Interviews/File Reviews**

Orneka Anderson — Ms. Anderson appeared before the Board seeking licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. She had been convicted of worthless check fraud in September 1997. Ms. Partee recused herself and upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Schabacker and seconded by Mr. McGill to approve Ms. Anderson for licensure. The motion carried.

Tara Davis – Ms. Davis came before the Board seeking licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Ms. Davis was convicted of a DUI in January 2005. Upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Schabacker and seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve Ms. Davis for licensure pending a favorable TNPAP evaluation. The motion carried.

Eric Guthrie —Mr. Guthrie’s application was brought back before the Board for failure to comply with a Board order from the August 2006 Board meeting. Upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Partee and seconded by Ms. Schabacker to deny Mr. Guthrie for licensure. The motion carried.

Jeanna Gaye – Ms. Gaye came before the Board seeking licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Ms. Gaye was convicted in September 1992 of possession of a weapon, damage of property, and disorderly conduct which she did not disclose on her licensure application. Upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Schabacker and seconded by Ms. Partee to approve Ms. Gaye for licensure. The motion carried.

Justin Thompson – Mr. Thompson came before the Board seeking licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Mr. Thompson was charged in April 2003 of a DUI which was reduced down to reckless driving which he did not disclose on his licensure application. Upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Schabacker to approve Mr. Thompson for licensure pending a favorable evaluation from TNPAP. The motion carried.

Denise Tullos – Ms. Tullos came before the Board seeking licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Ms. Tullos was charged in December 2003 of a DWI which was amended to reckless driving which she did not disclose on her licensure application. Upon review by the Board, a

motion was made by Ms. Schabacker and seconded by Ms. Partee to approve Ms. Tullos for licensure. The motion carried.

Crystal Williams – Ms Williams came before the Board seeking licensure as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Ms. Williams was charged in October 2003 for violation of bad check law which she did not disclose on her licensure application. Upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Partee and seconded by Ms. Schabacker to approve Ms. Williams for licensure. The motion carried.

### **Rules and Legislation**

Jerry Kosten asked the Board to consider authorizing a rulemaking hearing to be held January 4, 2007 regarding a licensure fee increase and a clarification of new applicant fees. Mr. Kosten presented a statement regarding the possible economic impact these rules would have on small businesses.

A motion was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Partee to accept the request for a rulemaking hearing to increase licensure fees and a clarification of new applicant fees as presented. The motion carried

### **Investigations and Disciplinary Report**

Lea Phelps presented the disciplinary and investigative report as of 10/31/06. There was an initial carryover of eight (8) RRT complaints from December 2005 with six (6) new complaints received. Making a total of fourteen (14). Eleven (11) were closed and of that total six (6) complaints were referred to the Office of General Counsel, four (4) were closed with no action, and one (1) is pending court action leaving four (4) open cases at the time of this meeting.

There was an initial carryover of four (4) CRT complaints from December 2005 with eight (8) new complaints received. Making a total of twelve (12). Five (5) were closed of that total by referral to the Office of General Counsel leaving seven (7) open cases at the time of this meeting.

### **Tennessee Professional Assistance Program Report**

Mike Harkreader, Director of Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) presented the report. There were two (2) new referrals to Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) for the period of July 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2006. Both signed a monitoring agreement making a total of seven (7) being monitored at this time; also for this period of time there were two (2) discharged and reported for noncompliance.

### **Administrator's Report**

Tomica Walker presented the Administrator's report. Active current licensee totals are 2092 Registered Respiratory Therapists, 2072 Certified Respiratory Therapists, and 32 Respiratory Care Assistants. Since the August 2006 Board meeting there were a total of ninety-six (96) newly licensed, ten (10) reinstatements, and ten (10) retired respiratory therapists. There is a

benchmark of application processing time set for all Health Related Boards of 14 days for renewals and 100 days for initial applications.

We are within our benchmark of 14 days processing time with regard to renewals with the average time of 3 to 4 days for both RRT's and CRT's and 4 to 5 days for RCA's.

We are not meeting the benchmark of 100 days processing time for initial licensure with 110 days being the average time for RRT's, and 108 being the average time for CRT's.

This is due largely to the average applicant applying for a temp permit which is good for one (1) year from the date of issuance. This has extended the date of the issuance of permanent licensure.

For your information, ABG endorsement can now be accessed on the Internet verification system.

Board members were again reminded to obtain prior travel approval through the Administrative staff before making travel arrangements outside of the State of Tennessee in order to ensure reimbursement.

### **Policy Statement**

Marva Swann presented a policy statement regarding patient safety, culture of learning, justice, and accountability. Upon review by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Ms. Partee to endorse the policy statement as presented. The motion carried.

### **Ratifications**

A motion was made by Ms. Schabacker and seconded by Ms. Partee to approve the following applicants for Registered Respiratory Therapists, Reinstated Registered Respiratory Therapists, Certified Respiratory Therapists, and Reinstated Certified Respiratory Therapists. The motion carried.

### **Licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist**

Lauren Brook Alexander  
Katrina Jackson Baker  
Wanda Timbs Barrett  
Blair Elizabeth Beasenburg  
Geneka Juashe' Carpenter  
Ameisha Perry Childs  
Emily Davis Clark  
Shabazz Angeline Coleman  
Teresa Parton Croy  
Shannon Courtney Fouse  
Stephanie Sewell Frye  
Clara Marie Gillard

Ingrid L. Glasper  
Monica Hollinger Harris  
Yancy Doyle Henson  
Shauna Johnson  
Steven Van Lebaroff  
Darya Moshkelani Long  
Stephanie Yvonne Love  
Bryan Doyle Mills  
Karen Waldo Nasco  
Cindy Elizabeth Phillips  
Kelli Marie Polizzi  
Bonnie Caroline Reagan  
Gussie Williams Richardson  
Latoya Hicks Richardson  
Benton Earl Roberts  
Terry Michael Rutledge  
Linda Caroline Sexton  
Andrea Baker Stephens  
Donna Pierce Stephenson  
Joaquina Gudger Tabler  
Anna Elizabeth Utsey  
Tarkeyia Shundell Vinson  
Darci Colleen Watson  
Kelly Renee Welborn  
Dawn Renee' West  
Veronica M. Williams

**Reinstated Licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist**

Theresa A. Clouse  
Terry J. Hill  
Tamara Welke Knight-Ohlin  
Larry Joe Lawson  
Tracy Acree Luck  
Laura Braswell Miller  
William F. Rodgers, Jr.

**Licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist**

Daise Abraham  
Danielle Summer Baker  
Crystal Nicole Bolton  
Beth Ivester Bowman

Becky Ann Brady  
David Everette Brasfield  
Charrisse M. Carr  
Jennifer Taylor Cody  
Melissa Warwick Collins  
Robert James DeLong  
Thomas Boyd Franklin  
Tara Michelle Freeland  
Paul Clinton Fritz  
Jeffrey Todd Gardner  
Jamie Kay Grosinsky  
Brenda Harrell Holt  
Jamie Malone Hopper  
Carol Johnson Hughes  
Alicia Marie Jackson  
Mark Anthony Jackson  
Marshall Jay Janson  
Jennifer Brown Keck  
Andy Franklin Lee  
Christy Michelle Lindsey  
Thomas William Lybrook  
Karen Ann Macklin  
Bruce Duane MacLaren  
Joseph John Makatche  
Mary G. McMillan  
Kelly Danielle Moore  
Julie Catherine Murphy  
Amanda Raye Newmon  
Kimberly Unique Patterson  
Amy Patterson Perry  
Earl Dexter Rampe III  
Marilyn Young Reynolds  
Jessica Lynn Roberts  
Emily McDonald Sage  
Stacey Hill Shields  
Maxine Richardson Sims  
Mary Lynn Smith  
Garry Charles Stanley  
Tammy Witner Thurman  
Cynthia Gilbert Truslow  
Monica Walker Turner  
Estera Lupescu Vasilciuc  
Doyal D. Waddles  
Mattie Ledford Walsh  
Selena Clifton Woodward  
Calvin Bill Young

**Licensed Reinstated Registered Respiratory Therapist**

Rhonda M. Duncan  
Coy Allen Hamm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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Candace Partee, Secretary