WV BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 10, 2020

Presiding: Tracy Matthews, President

Present: Eric Hawkins, Barbara Folden, Regina Gillespie, Rodney Vest, Leonard Picha,

Dr. Rayan Ihle

Guests: Christopher Henderson, St. Mary’s Hospital

Recording: Jordyn Chapman

Proposed Agenda

 Eric Hawkins motioned to approve the agenda. Barbara Folden seconded.

 Motion carried – unanimous.

Board Minutes

Rodney Vest motioned to approve January 24, 2019 board minutes. Regina Gillespie seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.

Minimum RRT Requirements for Licensure

The board has received positive response letters from schools regarding minimum RRT requirements, however, the board requires more responses. Board action on this matter is pending.

Trials/Tribulations of Home Medical Equipment Providers

 Regina Gillespie discussed the upcoming Medicare Competitive Bidding that is supposed to go into effect January 1st, 2021. Companies who win bids in the bid areas will be notified in the Fall of 2020.  At the time of the meeting Trilogy's were part of the bid but due to COVID-19 they have now been removed.  It is still uncertain if Competitive Bidding will be delayed but if it goes through home medical equipment companies could see more reimbursement cuts.  Most companies currently provide PAP, Oxygen, Trilogies, Vests and Nebs along with other medical equipment. Due to insurance it is easier on the patient if they can get all their equipment from the same provider verses trying to keep up with different companies if equipment breaks or questions about their bills.

Executive Session

Barbara Folden motioned to go into executive session to discuss disciplinary actions. Eric seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.

Regular Session

 Eric Hawkins motioned to exit executive session. Barbara Folden seconded.

Motion carried – unanimous.

Discipline

19-1225; Steven Knight - Rodney Vest motioned to not renew license until case is finished as the licensee failed a drug test and reportedly falsified patient records. Barbara seconded. Motion Carried.

20-117; Amie Cochran - Eric motioned to find probable cause to pursue disciplinary action as the board has received video of alleged drug use on shift. Rodney seconded. Motion Carried.

20-122; McGraw – May have practiced without a license. Pending.

20-130; Stutler – May have practiced without a license. Pending.

20-122A; Kayla Emerick – May have practiced without a license. Pending.

20-131; Evelyn Cadle - Raleigh Hospital confirmed that she practiced without a license.

Rodney Vest motioned to send letters to hospitals that permitted RTs to work without license. Regina Gillespie seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.

Meeting Review

WVSRC Winter Conference; February 2020 – Tracy Matthews and Rodney Vest presented review. There was a round table discussion regarding current legislation and the potential outcomes that could come because of them. Rodney Vest led their board election process and the student scholarship opportunity they provide for COARC accredited programs in WV.

Administrative Review

* 2020 License Renewal stats were reviewed; 96 Licenses expired in 2019.
* YTD Current Budget/Revenue was presented and copied to the board.
* Discussion regarding new website update for online license management for licensees. Site should be up and running sometime this year.
* Bathroom update regarding completed renovations to comply with ADA regulations.
* Requested a vote to purchase three new laptop computers and to scrap outdated ones. Barbara Folden motioned to make the purchases. Rodney seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.
* Requested a vote to purchase/lease a new copier. Eric motioned to make the purchase. Dr. Rayan Ihle seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.
* P-Card purchases were presented to the board for approval. Leonard Picha motioned to approve. Dr. Rayan Ihle seconded. Motion carried -unanimous.

New Business

Discussion of Coronavirus and homecare. Regina Gillespie motioned to send letter to Homeland Security. Rodney Vest seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.

Adjourn

 Dr. Rayan Ihle motioned to adjourn. Eric Hawkins seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.

Recording,

Jordyn Chapman

Administrative Secretary