WV BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 9, 2020

Presiding: Tracy Matthews, President

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

Dr. Rayan Ihle

Recording: Nancy Massey

Proposed Agenda

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

Motion carried – unanimous.

Board Minutes

Dr. Ihle motioned to approve March 10, 2020 board minutes. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried – unanimous.

Minimum RRT Requirements for Licensure

The board has received requests and positive response letters from schools for RRT credentials to become the minimum level for the State of West Virginia Licensed Respiratory Therapist applicants. This requirement allows West Virginia to be in line with other states as Respiratory Educational Programs are teaching to a bachelor’s degree which allows for the therapist to take the advanced practitioner examination (RRT). The board will file Legislative Rule to go to 2021 Legislative Session. CRTs will be grandfathered. Eric Hawkins motioned to approve. Regina Gillispie seconded. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Discipline

Letters were sent to all hospitals/facilities that permitted RTs to work without license.

Compliant 20-83; (JW) Positive Drug Screen

(1) Pending licensee answer to complaint

(2) Pending subpoenaed documents from WVU Hospitals

CEU Inquiry

Discussion ensued regarding the continuing education requirement due to be reported

in November and December of 2020. Rodney Vest motioned to waive 2020 reporting of CEUS due to Covid-19 and any CEUS already obtained by licensees since October 1, 2018 be carried over to the 2020 -2022 accrual period and reported in November and December of 2022. Len Picha seconded. Motion Carried – Unanimous

Government Organization Interim Committee Study – Nancy Massey

Informational statistics is being from the board. Continue as requested.

Covid-19

Discussion ensued on the vital role Respiratory Therapist have in this fight against the virus. Since RT’s are on the front lines, it is imperative they have information and guidelines to practice safely. Regina Gillispie motioned that our board post the latest information from the CDC, NBRC, and AARC for our licensees’ review and guideline. Rodney Vest seconded. Motion carried - Unanimous

Administrative Review -

YTD Budget and Revenue was copied and presented to the board.

FY2021 Budget was copied and presented to the board.

P-Card Report was presented and copied to the board. Eric Hawkins approved the P-card purchases. Dr. Ihle seconded. Motion carried – Unanimous.

New Business

Adjourn

Rodney Vest motioned to adjourn. Regina Gillispie seconded. Motion Carried – Unanimous.

Recording,

Nancy Massey

Administrative Assistant