



Respiratory Care Advisory Council Minutes for May 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:05 pm on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Council members present: Ronan Factora, MD; Edward Warren, MD; Amy Rodenhauen, RRT; Sanja Keller, RRT; Roy Neely, RRT; Robert Pelfry, RRT.

Staff members present: AJ Groeber, Nathan Smith, Donald Davis, Susan Loe, and Tessie Pollock.

Guests: Susan Ciarlariello, David Corey, Travis Grasley, and Shereen Bailey.

Welcome and Medical Board Information

Mr. Groeber welcomed council members, thanked them for their service, and provided an overview of the council's responsibilities for the Medical Board. Council members introduced themselves and shared issues of importance to them regarding the practice of respiratory care.

Ms. Pollock provided information to the council members regarding the opportunities for various types of communication and outreach to licensees available through the Medical Board. Mr. Smith provided an overview of the Medical Board and its meetings.

Discussion of Proposed Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4761 rules

Mr. Smith presented the proposed respiratory care administrative code rules that were referred by the Medical Board Policy Committee on April 11, 2018 for initial circulation and comment. These proposed rules make changes to existing rules to align them with changes to the Respiratory Care statutes in the Ohio Revised Code. Many of the respiratory care rules are proposed to be rescinded because they duplicate existing Medical Board rules. There are also proposed no-change rules, and rules where the term Medical Board is substituted for the term Respiratory Care Board.

Mr. Smith highlighted a couple other proposed rule changes. First, Ohio Administrative Code rule 4761-4-02 was changed to allow the Respiratory Advisory Council to advise the Board and make recommendations to the Board regarding educational programs.

Also, Ohio Administrative Code rule 4761-7-01 related to the display of licenses was changed to allow display of a license by showing an electronic version or a wall certificate rather than requiring that the license information be displayed on the licensee's person. Council members believed this would not cause any identification issues for the licensee in a hospital setting.

Council members discussed the proposed rule changes. At the request of council members, Susan Ciarlariello, from the Ohio Society for Respiratory Care, gave a summary of OSRC's written comments to the proposed rule changes. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Pelfry moved to recommend that the Medical Board adopt the proposed rules as presented and Ms. Keller seconded the motion. All council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Discussion of Existing Ohio Administrative Code Rules

Mr. Smith asked the council for feedback on several existing respiratory care Ohio Administrative Code rules. First, due to a change in R.C. 4761.04 there is no longer license reciprocity

for out of state respiratory care licensees. Therefore, Ohio Administrative Code rule 4761-5-01 regarding waiver of licensing requirements may require future revisions. Council members gave feedback on options to amend the rule.

Regarding the requirement in Ohio Administrative Code rules 4761-9-04 and 4761-9-05 for board approval of courses in respiratory care law and professional ethics, council members agreed that if courses were provided by selected professional organizations such as the American Association for Respiratory Care or the Ohio Society for Respiratory Care, board approval for individual courses would no longer be necessary.

Continuing Education Inquiry

Council members reviewed and discussed an inquiry regarding what “relevant college credit” in Ohio Administrative Code 4761-9-05(A)(1) means to qualify as board approved continuing education for respiratory care licensees. Council members recommended that “relevant college credit” is limited to respiratory care related classes based on the following vote:

Ms. Keller: aye	Ms. Rodenhause: aye	Dr. Warren: aye
Mr. Neely: aye	Mr. Pelfry: nay	Dr. Factora: aye

Scope of Practice Inquiry

The council members discussed an inquiry about whether it is within the scope of practice for a respiratory therapist to triage patients in the emergency room of a hospital. Several council members felt it was within the scope of practice if the respiratory therapist follows the protocols and procedures of the facility; the therapist is adequately trained; and the therapist is evaluated for competency. The council agreed that they would like additional historical information to consider before deciding what to recommend as a response to this inquiry. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Additional Topics

Ms. Loe reviewed the expense reimbursement process with the council members and the members were provided with computer assistance to get registered as a state supplier.

Mr. Smith informed the council members that they were not required to submit an Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure statement. They were also informed that the activities of this council were subject to public records and open meeting laws.

The Respiratory Care Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05pm on May 8, 2018.