



Respiratory Care Advisory Council Minutes for August 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:04 pm on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Worthington Room at Hilton Easton Town Center, 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, OH 43219

Council members present: Amy Rodenhausen, RRT; Edward Warren, MD; Roy Neely, RRT; Sanja Keller, RRT; Cindy Groeniger and Robert Pelfry, RRT

Staff members present: Nathan Smith and Donald Davis.

Approval of Minutes from the May 7, 2019 Council meeting

All council members present voted to approve the May meeting minutes as presented.

Requirements for issuing a license

HB166, related to respiratory care provisions, would allow the Medical Board to complete an internal review of initial and restoration applications for issuance and defer the routine Board approval for standard applications, significantly decreasing the length of time it takes for the issuance of a license. Ohio Revised Code 4761.05 clarifies language on the expiration date of licenses. New licenses issued would expire 2 years after the date of issuance rather than the previous date of June 30th. Ohio Revised Code 4761.06 allows the Board, during an audit of continuing education, to give options to make-up a deficiency in requirements, either by a formal action process or the paying of a fine and completing the requirement. This section also allows the Board to determine an applicant's fitness to practice if they have not practiced for more than 2 years in a clinical setting.

Standards for approval of education programs

Ohio Administrative Code 4761-04-01 and 4761-04-02 allow the Board to approve Respiratory Care education programs accredited by CoARC and to determine if the programs are in compliance with CoARC. The 2018 CoARC documents have been received into the Board office. There were 21 reports submitted and 4 programs were found to be deficient. Lorain County Community College did not meet the CRT exam threshold passing rate, which may be attributed to some of the students completing the program but not taking the exam, which counts as a failure. The program plans to change to a Bachelor of Science degree in the fall. Collins Career Technical Center did not meet the threshold passing rate for the CRT exam which is believed to be due to the low enrollment in the program. Cuyahoga Community College did not meet the threshold for retention of their students in the program. The college plans to increase mentoring and laboratory time to assist in improving retention. Eastern Gateway Community College did not meet the threshold passing rate for the CRT exam which may be attributed to the program being in close proximity to Pennsylvania and West Virginia who do not require the taking of the CRT exam. The Progress Reports to these deficiencies must be sent electronically to CoARC on or before September 20, 2019. The Commission will evaluate the Program's response at its December 2019 meeting. All other programs were determined to be in compliance with CoARC.

The Respiratory Care Advisory Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:51pm on August 13, 2019