



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Mississippi Respiratory Care Advisory Council Meeting	
Meeting Location:	CC/PL Conference Room – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 via ZOOM	
Meeting Date:	January 15, 2021	
Time:	1:00 PM	
Called to Order:	1:02 PM by Mr. Charles Larry Johnson, a quorum was established.	
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:	09 August 2021 1:00 P.M. CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 via ZOOM	
Meeting Adjourned	2:52 P.M.	
Attendees:	<u>Council Members Present</u> Kathleen Hogan Dr. George Abraham III Misti Perez Charles Larry Johnson	<u>Council Members Absent</u> Dr. Channing Twyner Dr. Robert Meriwether Middleton
	<u>MSDH Staff Present</u> Festus Simkins Ebony Gunn Felicia Wang	
	<u>Attending Via Phone Conference</u>	
	<u>Members of the Public Present</u> Ken Thigpen Ashley Carson	



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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of August 11, 2017, January 26, 2018, August 10, 2018, and January 11, 2019, minutes	Council reviewed the August 11, 2017, January 26, 2018, August 10, 2018, and January 11, 2019, minutes. Ms. Hogan motioned for approval of all minutes, Dr. Abraham seconded, all minutes approved.
2.	Election of Chair and Vice-chair	Ms. Hogan nominated Mr. Johnson for chairperson, Ms. Perez seconded. Ms. Perez nominated Dr. Abraham for vice-chairperson, Ms. Hogan seconded. All members approved.
3.	Membership status	<p>Ms. Wang informed the council that nominations are needed for the vacant positions: two (2) Respiratory Therapist members, a Physician member, and a public member, as well as Ms. Perez and Mr. Johnson, are eligible for reappointment. Nominations are required from the MS Society of Respiratory Care (MSRC) and the American College of Chest Physicians.</p> <p>Mr. Thigpen was contacted by AARC to be the liaison to get MSRC back on track and he requested that he be copied on any email correspondence between the Department and MSRC president for nominations.</p>
4.	2019 RCP Reminder	Ms. Gunn reminded the Council that the renewal of licenses will be open from July 1, 2021, and extended until October 31, 2021. The renewal reminder will be emailed to all those that the Department has email addressed for and mailed for the ones that are not. For future correspondences after this year, once all email addresses are captured, they will be sent via email.
5.	COVID Renewal Waivers	Ms. Wang informed the council that the Department will waive all continuing education requirements for the 2021 renewal. There will be no late fee for the 60-day renewal extension (from 8/31 to 10/31), but anyone who renews after the extended expiration date will be assessed the late/reinstatement fee of \$200.00. The Department requested this information regarding waiver of CE requirements and the renewal extension be posted on the MSRC website, and that it will be posted on MSDH's website.
6.	Scope of Practice	<p>(1) Vascular access: Ms. Hogan informed the council that hospitals and individual facilities allow RCPs to perform this procedure at their discretion. Mr. Simkins informed the council that the Department is asking the advice of the council, but that if the RCP has training and proof of certification, that it normally is allowed. The council came to a consensus that if the RCP has training, competency, and proof of certification, and that the facility and/or employer has the same guidelines, the procedure is allowed by the RCP (Ms. Hogan motioned, Ms. Perez seconded). Ms. Hogan also asked if this can be added to Rule 9.1.3 (6), Mr. Simkins informed that it would have to be a law change.</p> <p>(2) Students: During the pandemic, can current students provide services for COVID patients? Patients with COVID are high acuity and critical care. Ms. Hogan states that having students perform without supervision will diminish the quality of care for patients. Ms. Johnson states he still has reservations about</p>



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		new graduates with critical care patients and ventilators. Dr. Abraham states there is a line between service vs education. The council came to a consensus that students are not allowed to provide services for COVID patients.
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1.	LARS Update	Ms., Wang informed the council that LARS has been up and running since January 2020. The renewals will be completed here, and once renewals and applications are processed and approved, the licensee will have access to the portal, with their personal information, to print a certificate or ID card, make changes, and eventually make payments. The IT department is working on online applications and fees for verifications, upgrades, etc.
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