

MINUTES

UTAH RESPIRATORY CARE LICENSING BOARD MEETING

March 25, 2008

Room 402 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:02 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:19 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Anita Austin, Board Chairperson
Jack Fried
Beverly J. Lambdin
Georgine Bills
Jennifer G. Brinton, MD

Board Members Absent:

DOPL Staff Present:

David Stanley, Division Director
Debbie Harry, Compliance
Larry Gooch, Investigative Supervisor

Guests:

Steve Abplanalp, Intermountain Healthcare

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MINUTES:

Ms. Lambdin seconded by Mr. Fried made a motion to approve the September 4, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes, as written, the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:00 a.m. Compliance

Ms. Harry addressed the Board concerning the new Compliance Unit. She explained that the Unit will be primarily responsible to monitor and administer the:

- 1) Diversion Program (URAP).
- 2) Probation Program
 - a) Probation Intake
 - b) Probationer Monitoring
 - c) Meet with each Board, as needed, regarding probationers
 - d) Meet with probationers who are consistently in compliance with their MOU (Memorandum of

Understanding) or Stipulation and Order, in the Boards place, upon Board approval.

9:45 a.m. M. Corey Somerville

Prior to Mr. Somerville appearing for his scheduled appointment, Ms. Harry explained that Mr. Somerville, is currently not in compliance with his Stipulation and Order, due to lack of consistent:

1. Employer Reports;
2. Therapist Reports;
3. drug screens; and
4. Proof of attendance to PIR (Professionals in Recovery) or 12-Step meetings.

Mr. Somerville appeared for his scheduled appointment with the Board. He advised the Board that since his last appointment, on September 4, 2007, he has begun working at Alta Pro Medical, as a Respiratory Care Practitioner, and Equipment Salesman. He then submitted proof of attendance to a 12-Step Program.

It was then determined that Mr. Somerville had not understood that he was required to participate in a therapy or aftercare program, Ms. Harry suggested contacting Valley Mental Health. Mr. Somerville will begin to participate in a therapy or aftercare program, and will meet again with the Board on June 24th, at 9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Abplanalp, Steve - question regarding Scope of Practice, ie: Arterial Lines, IV and Prescriptions, etc., Subsection 58-47-2(3) A

Mr. Abplanalp questioned the Board if a Practitioner's (Respiratory Care Practitioner's) scope of practice allowed them to insert Arterial Lines, and IV's (Intravenous Therapy).

Ms. Austin explained that her concern was violating a different professions "Scope of Practice", she further stated that she felt that if a Practitioner was trained and competent in insertions, the Practitioner should be allowed to insert both Arterial Lines and IV's. Ms. Austin also stated that Practitioners usually work under a Physician or Nurses order, without the Physician or Nurses present.

Mr. Fried explained that insertion of Arterial Lines and IV's is a routine part of this professions practice. He then explained that in some cases the Practitioner is the person who will push any IV drugs; however, he added that there are very few Practitioners who would

“push” a drug they did not have an extensive knowledge of. He further explained that in Utah and many other states Practitioner’s are also Perfusionists, which could be cause a greater risk to the public than a Practitioner inserting Arterial Lines and IV’s.

Ms. Bills then added that Practitioner’s have been inserting Arterial Lines and IV’s since the early 1970’s. Dr. Brinton added that as a Physician, if the Practitioner is appropriately trained and is competent in insertions it should not be an issue.

After a detailed discussion it was determined that 58-57-1 (3) seems to be broad enough that it allows a Practitioner to insert Arterial Lines and IV’s, if the Practitioner is working under a Physician’s order.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Summery of Investigation Activity; 2006-2007

Mr. Gooch attended the meeting to explain the “Summery of Investigation Activity” report for 2006 and 2007. Mr. Gooch explained that Respiratory Care is a fairly compliant profession. Adding that in the past two years the Division has investigated twenty seven complaints, and has no open complaints currently.

June Board Meeting Date

Mr. Ormond explained that the Division is unable to meet with this Board on the second Tuesday of the month.

After a brief discussion it was determined that the fourth Tuesday, was a good day for each Board Member. The Board will meet again on June 24, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Leder, John – Education Review

Mr. Leder submitted an application for licensure on March 20, 2008, with CRT (Certification Examination for Entry Level Respiratory Therapists) accreditation with the NBRC (National Board of Respiratory Care). However, he did not submit proof of completing a COARC (Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care) approved educational program.

After a detailed discussion it was determined that if Mr. Leder submitted proof of completion of an approved educational program, his license could be approved.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: June 24, 2008

ADJOURN: 10:19 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

June 24, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Anita Austin
Chairperson, Utah Respiratory Care Licensing Board

June 24, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Clyde Ormond
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing