

**Health Licensing Office
Respiratory Therapist Licensing Board
Minutes of May 12, 2005
Telephone Conference Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Larson, Vice Chairperson
Marie Keyes
Cheryl Vial
Dr. Kamal Shaker
Marilyn Barclay

STAFF PERSENT

Patricia Allbritton, Administrative Services Division Manager
Samantha Patnode, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Larson, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting of the Respiratory Therapist Licensing Board to order at 12:10 p.m. May 12, 2005 via telephone conference call, at the Health Licensing Office in the Rhoades Conference Room, 700 Summer St NE, Suite 320, Salem, Oregon. Roll was taken and all members present.

Ms. Allbritton summarize the purpose of the conference call to review and approve the proposed position statement regarding respiratory care practitioners administering sleep medications to patients during sleep polysomnogram testing. She asked members for their comments on either the report or position statement sent for review. Members discussed the application of administering medications in the broader context of performance of services. Following discussion on the types of medications respiratory care practitioner are directed to administer, the Board concurred with the following changes to the position statement:

- Title position statement "Administration of Pharmacological, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Agents" to coincide with statutory definition under ORS 688.800(4)(a).
- Recognition of certification or training should mirror criteria and requirements, including documentation, as specified by rule for continuing education approval outlined in OAR 331-720-0010.
- Replace reference to certification with "competency".
- Add scope of practice verbiage under ORS 688.800 (4)(a) to the first paragraph and append the sentence at the end with following verbiage *..."by licensed respiratory therapists in the care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with cardiopulmonary system"*.
- Delete language proposed in paragraph three, which is lengthy and not directly related to the intent of the position statement.
- Revise the fourth paragraph to state...*"Respiratory therapists who administer such agents should complete approved training from recognized sponsors and receive a certificate of competency to document their qualifications for administering the agents. Acceptable training should include a review of drug actions, side effects, contraindications and potential interactions. Respiratory therapists must be able to provide documentation of the sponsor, content, hours and competency received from such related training. Refer to OAR 331-720-0010."*
- End the statement with the statutory definitions of ORS 688.805(6) identifying the practice settings and performance of respiratory care in accordance with the prescription or verbal order of a physician – performed under a qualified medical director

MOTION

Ms. Keyes made a motion to accept the position statement for Pharmacological Diagnostic and Therapeutic Agents by Respiratory Therapists as amended and Dr. Shaker seconded it.

ROLE CALL VOTE

Ms. Patnode stated that the Board needed to take a role call vote to amend the position statement for Pharmacological Diagnostic and Therapeutic Agents by Respiratory Therapists. The motion passes with Mr. Larson, Dr. Shaker, Ms. Barclay, Ms. Keyes, Ms. Vial voting aye. The motion passes unanimously.