

Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board Meeting

July 17, 2014

Minutes

Date: July 17, 2014

Time 09:00AM CST/CDT

Location: Tennessee Department of Health
Division of Health Licensure and Regulation
Metro Center Complex, Iris Room, Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Cheryl Arnott, S.A.-Cytotechnologist, Chairman
Stephanie Dolsen, Medical Technologist, Supervisor, Vice Chair
Kathleen Kenwright, Medical Technologist, Educator
Patti J. Walton, Hospital/Lab Manager/Adm. Dir.
Jason S. Nolan, MD, Pathologist Non Educator
Carla M. Davis, MD, Pathologist
Royce Joyner, MD, Pathologist Educator
Tereyo M. Cox, Medical Technologist, General
Jerry Lee Miller, MD Non-Pathologist Physician
Mark A. Calarco, DO Independent Lab Manager/Administrator

Members Absent: VACANT: Citizen Representative
VACANT: Hospital Administrator
VACANT: Medical Technologist Generalist

Staff Present: Lynda S. England, Medical Technologist Consultant, Director, TMLB
Jerry A. Gowen, Medical Technologist Consultant
Mary K. Bratton, Advisory Attorney, Office of General Counsel
Ashley Fine, Rules Coordinator, Office of General Counsel
Julia Daniels, Medical Technologist Consultant/ Surveyor, East Tennessee Regional Office
Taylor Carpenter, Medical Technologist Consultant/Surveyor, East Tennessee Regional Office
Onezean Otey, Jr., Medical Technologist Consultant/Surveyor, Middle Tennessee Regional Office
Richard Carroll, Medical Technologist Consultant/Surveyor, Middle Tennessee Regional Office
Mary Hamblen, Medical Technologist Consultant/Surveyor, West Tennessee Regional Office
Karon Hathcoat, Medical Technologist Consultant/ Surveyor, West Tennessee Regional Office

Staff Absent: Mollie Gass, Advisory Attorney, Office of General Counsel

CLIA Manager/Representative: Sandra Bogard, CLIA Manager

Presiding Officer: Cheryl Arnott, Chairman, TMLB

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM CST/CDT by Cheryl Arnott, Chairman, TMLB

Introductions of Board Members:

The Chairman recognized a new Board Member:
Mark A. Calarco, DO Independent Lab Manager/Administrator

The Board and staff made their introductions to the public in attendance.

Quorum:

Seven members of the Board constitute a quorum. A sufficient number of Board members were present establishing a quorum of the Board.

Rulemaking Hearing 9:05AM

The Rulemaking Hearing was called to order by Mary Katherine Bratton. Ms. Bratton serves as Assistant General Counsel with the Department of Health's Office of General Counsel, and served as moderator of this rulemaking hearing.

Ms. Bratton asked agency representatives who were present to reintroduce themselves for the record. Ms. Lynda England, Director MLB and Mr. Jerry Gowen, Consultant MLB, did so.

The rulemaking hearing is taking place pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204, in the Iris Room located at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

The purpose of the rulemaking hearing is to solicit comments on an implementation to the Medical Laboratory Rules to be included at Rule 1200-06-03-.22. These proposed rule amendments will provide necessary regulations required pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-29-138. Medical laboratories performing certain types of testing are not required to employ licensed personnel.

Ms. Bratton provided information to those members of the public, who desire to speak, on how to sign up for recognition by the chairman. It was emphasized that only those who have signed will be permitted to speak.

Pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-204, the following is a summary of the factual information on which the new rules contained in the notice of rulemaking are based:

A rule is defined as an agency statement of general applicability that implements or prescribes law or policy or describes the procedures or practice requirements of the agency. Proposed rules are filed with the office of the Secretary of State, notice is given to the public for comment, and a rulemaking hearing is held. Upon conclusion of the hearing and adoption of the proposed rules, the rules are forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for review of their legality. If approved, they are filed with the Secretary of State, which is responsible for publication, and the government operations committee of the General Assembly. The rules must stay in the Secretary of State's office for 90 days, the

end of which time will be the effective date.

The notice of rulemaking hearing included the entire text of the proposed rules and was filed with the Secretary of State on April 7, 2014, and subsequently published on the Tennessee Administrative Register Website. Mollie Gass, the Board's assigned advising attorney, provided notice to Gif Thornton, a representative of an interested esoteric laboratory.

Ms. Bratton stated, as the agency hears public comment on the proposed rules, she as moderator reserves the right to limit such comments if they become repetitive. She also requested the participants to limit their comments accordingly.

The substance of the proposed rules were read into the record and are as follows: 1200-06-03-.22 Special Regulations Regarding Laboratories Licensed Under T.C.A. § 68-29-138.

- (1) Medical laboratories performing advanced esoteric applied toxicological, forensic, or biochemical analysis utilizing emerging technology shall be licensed.
 - (a) Licensing procedures set out in Rule 1200-06-03-.02 shall be met.
 - (b) Laboratories licensed under T.C.A. § 68-29-138(a) are subject to all provisions of the Medical Laboratory Act except for the provisions of the Medical Laboratory Act and rules promulgated under the Act that require persons who accept specimens for laboratory examination and perform analytical testing or report the results of a laboratory examination to be licensed as a technologist, technician, laboratory trainee, or special analyst.
 1. To be eligible for the licensed personnel exemption, a medical laboratory must obtain a license pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-29-138. This license shall be unique and in addition to other licenses for laboratories located in contiguous buildings on the same campus that do not fall within the exemption.
 - (c) The application for licensure under this exemption shall require a specific testing menu.
- (2) Laboratories licensed under this rule shall be subject to on-site surveys by the Department. The survey shall include inspection of the following: laboratories, tools therein, and educational requirements of personnel defined in T.C.A. § 68-29-138(c).

- (3) Only medical laboratories engaged in advanced esoteric applied toxicological, forensic, or biochemical laboratory analysis utilizing emerging technologies shall be given an exemption defined in subparagraph (1)(b).
 - (a) Definition: advanced esoteric applied toxicological, forensic, or biochemical laboratory analysis is narrowly focused analysis that takes place within independent laboratories.
 - (b) Emerging technologies include, but are not limited to, chromatographic and non-chromatographic techniques coupled with mass spectrometer based detector systems and molecular diagnostic techniques.
- (4) Personnel in laboratories licensed under T.C.A. § 68-29-138 shall not be required to complete the procedures for personnel licensure as provided in Rule 1200-06-01-.05. However, personnel who analyze or report laboratory results shall possess a baccalaureate or advanced degree in the appropriate sciences with at least sixteen (16) semester hours of chemistry and/or biological science courses.
 - (a) Licensed personnel shall be allowed to perform tasks for which they are appropriately licensed and trained in laboratories exempt from hiring licensed personnel.
 - (b) Determining the appropriate sciences for baccalaureate or advanced degree for unlicensed personnel shall be left to the medical director of the laboratory.

Ms. Bratton called for any comments. There were no comments from the public either in person or written and submitted. Since there were no signatures on the sign-up sheet for comments, Ms. Bratton called again for anyone who wanted to comment. There were no requests for recognition by the chair.

The rulemaking hearing comment period concluded.

Ms. Bratton requested the Board read the Economic Impact Statement and the Regulatory Flexibility Statement and asked for any commentary or changes on these statements. There were no comments or changes offered for either document.

Ms. Bratton also called for any statement(s) on the rules, themselves, prior to taking a roll call vote. Ms. Kenwright stated everyone should remember that all information received has been from directors at the doctoral level who review the testing being performed but the testing itself is being performed by personnel who do not necessarily have any clinical training experience.

Testing personnel are only required to have sixteen (16) semester hours of science training which is equivalent to a Freshman level college experience.

Record of Roll Call Vote:

Board Member	Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		Economic Impact Statement		Proposed Rules	
	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
Arnott	√		√		√	
Calarco	√		√		√	
Cox	√		√		√	
Davis	√		√		√	
Dolsen	√		√		√	
Kenwright	√		√			√
Miller	√		√		√	
Nolan	√		√		√	
Joyner	√		√		√	
Walton	√		√		√	
MT General	vacant					
Hosp Adm.	vacant					
Citizen	vacant					

The yea votes were in the majority and the rules passed. The rules will be forwarded to the attorney general’s office to ensure there are no conflicts with any other rule. The rule will then be forwarded to the general assembly. The rule making hearing is hereby concluded. The Board meeting proceedings were returned to the Chairman, Ms. Arnott, to continue with the Medical Laboratory Board Meeting.

Approve Minutes:

P & E Committee Meeting

A motion to approve the April 16, 2014, Personnel & Education Committee minutes was made by: Dr. Nolen

Second: Dr. Joyner

Motion approved

Full Board Meeting

A motion to approve the April 17, 2014, Board meeting minutes was made by: Ms. Dolsen

Second: Ms. Kenwright

Motion approved

Board Reports:

Ratification of Initial Determinations of the P&E Committee Meeting:

Ms. Kenwright reported the actions of the Board’s Personnel & Education Committee meeting, July 17, 2014.

Motion to ratify: Ms. Walton

Second: Dr. Joyner

The actions of the Board’s P&E Committee were ratified as presented.

Contested Cases

No Contested Cases were presented.

Consent, Agreed, Compliance Orders & Letters of Reprimand

Consent Orders

No Consent Orders were presented

Agreed Orders

No Agreed Orders were presented

Compliance Orders

No Orders of Compliance were presented

Letters of Reprimand

No Letters of Reprimand were presented

Presentations to the Board:

Tennessee Professional Peer Assistance Program (TNPAP):

Mr. Mike Harkreader, Executive Director of TnPAP presented the TnPap Report.

For the period July 1, 2013, through June 27, 2014, there was one (2) individuals being monitored. There were four (4) referrals, one (1) from an employer, two (2) referrals from the TDOH and one (1) self referral. The reasons for these referrals were due to an arrest/conviction or from a workplace positive UDS+. One individual declined services (TDOH Notified), One was evaluated and declined recommendations (TDOH Notified), One and was evaluated and monitoring was not recommended, and the other was in monitoring noncompliance (TDOH Notified). Those declining services or recommendations were reported to the Tennessee Department of Health, as indicated.

Move to accept the TnPAP report as presented: Dr. Joyner

Second: Dr. Nolen

Report accepted.

Note: Review of TNPAP materials via internet counts as clock hours toward continuing education credits. A certificate of completion documenting review of these materials can be completed at the end of the internet session. Internet site: www.TNPAP.org

**Financial Report
Lisa Tittle,
Vanessa Crutcher
Discussion/Fee Reduction**

Ms. Crutcher was not present to give the report and Ms. England asked that this business be delay and presented when she arrives.

Ratifications: The following items were presented to board members for ratification per staff, state surveyor or facility request:

Exemptions for point of care testing procedures (POCT) in a licensed Facility

1: **Tri-Star Centennial Medical Center
2300 Patterson Street
Nashville, TN 37023**

Sponsor requested their request for an exemption be sent to the table until the October 16, 2014, meeting to allow additional time for preparation.

The request was agreeable with the Board

2: **Horizon Medical Center
Dickson, TN 37055**

Exemption to allow Licensed Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Licensed Paramedics to perform and report lactate analysis facility wide utilizing the i-STAT instrument and methodologies.

Motion to approve exemption: Dr. Miller

Second: Ms. Dolsen

Exemption approved

(Dr. Nolen recused himself from the discussion and vote)

3. **Cookeville Regional Medical Center
Cookeville, TN 38501**

Exemption to allow Licensed Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses providing patient care in the medical center obstetrical unit to perform and report testing using the AmniSure ROM test to aide in the diagnosis of premature rupture of the fetal membrane.

Motion to approve exemption: Ms. Walton

Second: Dr. Calarco

Exemption approved

(Dr. Nolen returned to the activities of the meeting)

4. **Physician's Regional Medical Center
Knoxville, TN 37917**

Exemption to allow Licensed Registered Nurses in the Women's Pavilion to perform and report testing for the premature rupture of the fetal membrane utilizing the ROM+ procedure.

Motion to approve exemption: Dr. Davis

Second: Dr. Nolen

Exemption approved

**5. Region One Health Med Ctr
Memphis, TN 38103**

PART ONE (1)

Request exemption to allow licensed nurse practitioners to perform and report the vaginal wet prep procedures in the outpatient center.

Motion to approve exemption: Dr. Calarco

Second: Dr. Nolen

Exemption approved

PART TWO (2)

Request for an extension to a previous exemption to allow Licensed Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses , Paramedics (Emergency Medical Technicians), Radiology Technicians and Respiratory Therapists (ABG Endorsed) to perform and report Sodium, potassium, chloride, TCO₂, ionized calcium, glucose, urea nitrogen, creatinine, hematocrit, pH, blood gases and troponin I, facility wide, utilizing the Abbott i-Stat instrument.

Motion to approve extension to the previous exemption: Ms.

Walton

Second: Dr. Joyner

Exemption approved

**6. Cumberland Med Ctr.
Crossville, TN 38555**

PART ONE (1)

Request for an exemption to allow Licensed Register Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to perform and report oxygen saturation, oxygen content and total hemoglobin testing in the cardiac catheterization laboratory utilizing the Avoximeter 1000E

Motion to approve exemption: Dr. Joyner

Second: Ms. Walton

Exemption approved

PART TWO (2)

Request for an exemption to allow Licensed Register Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to perform and report Activated Clotting Time (ACT) testing, facility wide, utilizing the Hemochron Jr. Low Range Activated Clotting Time (ACT-LR)

Motion to approve exemption: Ms. Walton

Second: Dr. Joyner

Exemption approved

**7. Blount Memorial Hospital
Maryville, TN 37804**

PART ONE (1)

Request for an exemption to allow Licensed Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Licensed EMTs to perform and report Troponin in the emergency department utilizing the Abbott i-Stat.

Motion to approve exemption: Ms. Dolsen

Second: Ms. Kenwright

Exemption approved

PART TWO(2)

Request for an exemption to allow Licensed Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Licensed EMTs to perform and report Lactic Acid in the emergency department utilizing the Abbott i-Stat.

Motion to approve exemption: Ms. Walton

Second: Dr. Nolen

Exemption approved

**8. JACKSON MADISON
COUNTY GEN. HOSPITAL
JACKSON, TN 38301**

PART ONE (1)

Request for an extension to a previous exemption to allow Licensed Perfusionist, Licensed Radiologic Technologists, Licensed Registered Nurses and ABG endorsed licensed Respiratory Therapist to perform and report Activated Clotting Time (ACT) analysis, facility wide, utilizing the Medtronic ACT Plus on whole blood samples.

Motion to approve exemption: Dr. Miller

Second: Ms. Walton

Exemption approved

PART TWO(2)

Request for exemption to allow Licensed Perfusionist, ABG endorsed licensed Respiratory Therapist and Licensed Registered Nurses to perform and report Heparin Assays and Heparin Dose response, facility wide utilizing the Medtronic Plus instrumentation.

The Board requested additional information be provided:

1. A study showing the Medtronic Plus measurement of Heparin with a direct measurement of Heparin ie. Heparin Anti-10A;
2. Upon approval, limiting the number and types of personnel allowed to participate until experience is gained and confidence is placed in the instrument;
3. Show the correlation between this method and ACT values.

Motion to send to the table until the next meeting: Ms. Walton

Second: Dr. Joyner

Exemption approved with Dr. Calarco abstaining

PART THREE(3)

Request for exemption, due to a change in instrumentation from the ABL77 and i-Stat to the Siemens Rapidpoint, allowing Licensed Perfusionist, ABG endorsed licensed Respiratory Therapist and Licensed Registered Nurses to perform and report blood gasses, sodium, potassium, ionized calcium, glucose and hemagolbin, hematocrit, facility wide, utilizing the Siemens Rapidpoint.

Motion to approve change in previous exemption: Ms. Walton

Second: Ms. Kenwright

Exemption approved

**9. Johnson City Med Ctr.
Johnson City, TN 37604**

Request to modify a previous exemption due to a change in instrument methodology from the Abbott i-Stat to the Alere Epop to allow Licensed Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Radiologic Technologists to perform and report creating in the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Johnson City Medical Center. (The original exemptions on record from January, 2000, and January, 2005 under the Mountain States Imaging (formerly known as ODC-Outpatient Diagnostic Center)

Motion to approve exemption: Dr. Miller

Second: Ms. Dolsen

Exemption approved

(Revisit) Presentations to the Board

**Financial Report
Vanessa Crutcher
Discussion/Fee Reduction**

(This business delayed earlier in the meeting until Ms. Crutcher arrived)

Ms. Crutcher advised the Board on expenditures and projections on individual line items. Approximate values In summary:

1	Projected direct expenditures	\$270,000
2	Allocated expenditures	\$271,000
3	Total expenditures	\$541,000
4	Projected revenue	\$680,000
5	Projected Net Carryover	\$138,000
6	One Time VERSA Allocation	\$ 50,400

At this time there is not a recommendation to change the fee structure. There is a large carry-over; however, how the year closes out will be a guide as to future fee structure.

Motion to approve financial report: Dr. Joyner

Second: Dr. Calarco

Financial Report Accepted

*(The Chairman called for a fifteen (15) minute break at 10:25AM)
(The Chairman called the meeting back into session at 10:40AM)*

**Direct more than three (3)
Laboratories**

Nothing to Present

Discuss, review and take action, if needed, regarding, but not limited to the following:

(Ms. England requested that items B&C under Tab 17 be addressed first and then address Tab 17-A)

Consider and vote to approve funding for one attorney to attend the 2014 FSMB Attorney Certification Seminar

Ms. Bratton requested the Board support Mollie Gass in providing funds to attend the certification seminar regarding regulatory Boards. The meeting takes place October 2-5 in Annapolis, Maryland. **(Dates and location entered in error. Correcting to Savannah, Georgia, October 22 through 24, 2014)**

Motion to approve funding for Seminar: Dr. Miller
Second: Dr. Calarco

Funding approved

Consider revision to Rules Governing Medical Laboratory Personnel 1200-06-01-.22(2)(b) pertaining to calibration and verification of laboratory instruments by licensed MLTs

The Personnel and Education Committee discussed this business at their meeting held July 17, 2014. Ms. Bratton spoke regarding the discussion of the information and its inclusion on the Full Board Agenda. The Personnel and Education Committee passed the following motion:

Move to request the rules re-write committee include, in the medical laboratory technician scope of practice, performance of calibrations on clinical and point of care instruments, when and if those calibration procedures do not require sample manipulation beyond thawing of the calibration materials and/or simple reconstitution of the same materials; and where there are no procedures and or possibilities for user intervention(s), to include mathematical manipulations of the slope and/or intercept of the calibration curve

This discussion and motion was presented to the full Board in the earlier report given by Ms. Kenwright. The earlier report by Ms. Kenwright was ratified by the full Board.

The Personnel and Education Committee requested this information be presented to the full Board for individual consideration and approval.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Personnel and Education Committee to include specific verbiage in the upcoming personnel rules rewrite : Ms. Kenwright
Second: Dr. Davis

Motion approved

(Ms. Walton, sponsor, abstained from voting)

(The Chair moved the agenda back to address Tab 17-A)

Review of guidelines for director licensing per TCA§68-29-139, Esoteric Laboratories

Following a lengthy dialog on the subject, it was decided that the Board needed additional information and dialog with the principals present.

It was decided to leave the business on the table until the October, 2014 meeting. No further action was taken.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE BOARD'S WAIVED TEST LIST

No additions or Deletions to the Board's waived test list.

RECEIVE REPORTS AND /OR REQUESTS:

Board Director's Report

Ms. England gave a verbal report.

Motion to accept Director's Report: Ms. Kenwright
Second: Dr. Joyner

Report accepted.
(Copy of report is on file in the Administrative Office)

Reinstatement of License

Nothing to present and No action by the Board is required.

Office of General Counsel's Report:

Ms. Bratton reported that One (1) open case in OGC.

The rule making hearing regarding Esoteric Laboratories was held at this meeting and the proposed rules will be forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

It was reiterated that the P&E Committee authorized a rules re-write task force and that would take place August 27-29, 2014.

Jeremy Davis, legislative liaison for the Department of Health, reported on two pieces of legislation that might have impact upon this the Board and its licensees.

Senate Bill #1629	Allows for the acceptance of On-Line application for initial licensure
Senate Bill #2434	Prevents rebates or incentives to be offered by out of State Laboratories as a means to procure business. This is already prohibited for In-State Laboratories thus places equal restrictions on each.

Motion to accept General Counsel's Report: Dr. Davis
Second: Dr. Joyner

Report accepted.

Investigative Report
Medical Laboratory Board
Office of Investigations

Ms. England gave a verbal report.

Motion to accept the investigations report: Ms. Kenwright
Second: Ms. Dolsen

Report accepted.
(Copy of report is on file in the Administrative Office)

Regional Surveyors Reports

Complaint Investigations and proficiency testing (East, West and Middle TN)

ETRO Report Julia Daniels

East TN Regional Office: Julia Daniels for the second quarter of 2014.

Unsatisfactory/ Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing: Two (2) all with acceptable plans of correction.

Complaint Investigations: Zero (0)

MTRO Report Onezean Otey

Middle TN Regional Office: Onezean Otey for the second quarter of 2014.

Unsatisfactory/Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing: Zero (0)

Complaint Investigations: Zero (0)

WTRO Report Mary Hamblen

West TN Regional Office: Karon Hathcoat for the second quarter of 2014.

First unsuccessful occurrence of PT: Two (2) all with acceptable plans of correction.

There were no second occurrences: Zero (0)

Complaint Investigations: Zero (0)

Move to accept regional surveyor's reports as presented:

Ms. Walton

Second: Dr. Calarco

Reports accepted

Board Ratification of Laboratory Initial License:

**Lift Health
101 Jackson Walk Plaza
Jackson, TN 38301**

Medical Director:

Richard Oberg, M.D.
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties:

Hematology, Clinical Chemistry,
Urinalysis, Infectious
Mononucleosis Screen,
Influenza Screen, Strep A
Antigen Screen, UCG and Wet
Prep.

Surveyor:

Mary Hamblen
Consultant 2/Surveyor WTRO

Move to approve license: Dr. Joyner

Second: Dr. Davis

License Approved

**Regional Med Extended
Care Hospital, LLC
890 Madison Ave. 4th Floor
Memphis, TN 38103**

Medical Director: M. Barry Randall, M.D.
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: pH and Blood Gasses
Surveyor: Mary Hamblen
Consultant II/Surveyor WTRO

Move to approve license: Ms. Walton

Second: Ms. Dolsen

License Approved

**TriStar Portland ER
Laboratory
105 Redbud Drive
Portland, TN 37198**

Medical Director: Alexander Castiello, M.D.
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: Virology (Limited), Hematology,
General Immunology (Limited),
Clinical Chemistry, Urinalysis,
Toxicology, Blood Gasses & pH

Surveyor: Onzean Otey
Consultant 2/Surveyor MTRO

Move to approve license: Dr. Miller

Second: Dr. Joyner

Licenses Approved

**Memphis Gastroenterology
Group, PC
8000 Wolf River Blvd.#2008
Germantown, TN 38138**

Medical Director: Pamela B. Sylvestre, M.D.
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology

Specialties: Histopathology

Surveyor: Mary Hamblen
Consultant 2/Surveyor WTRO

Move to approve license: Dr. Nolen

Second: Dr. Miller

Licenses Approved

**Physicians Choice
Laboratory Services
Mid TN Health & Wellness
7100 Adams Drive
Fairview, TN 37062**

Medical Director: Phillip A. Newman, DO
Osteopathic Physician

Specialties: Collection Station

Surveyor: Onzean Otey
Consultant 2/Surveyor MTRO

Move to approve license: Ms. Kenwright

Second: Ms. Walton

Licenses Approved

**Artherotech Diagnostic
Laboratory-Hendersonville
109 Hazel Path, #7
Hendersonville, TN 37075**

Medical Director: Malinda D. Linn, DO
Osteopathic Physician

Specialties: Collection Station

Surveyor: Onzean Otey
Consultant 2/Surveyor MTRO

Move to approve license: Dr. Joyner

Second: Ms. Dolsen

Licenses Approved

**Accupath Diagnostic
Laboratories, Inc
540 Ardmore Place
Franklin, TN 37064**

Medical Director: Stephanie R. Schreiner, MD
Anatomic/Clinical Pathology
Hematology

Specialties: General Immunology (Limited
Flow Cytometry)

Surveyor: Richard Carroll
Consultant 1/Surveyor MTRO

**Review and Approve Medical
Laboratory Directors**

**Phillip A. Poston, Ph.D
Chester, VA 23836
Director Chemistry**

Application: Director – Chemistry.

Degree: Awarded the Bachelor of Science, 1983, Medical
Technology, Clemson University, Clemson, SC, Awarded the
Master of Science, 1988, Louisiana State University Health Science
Center, New Orleans, LA, Awarded the Ph.D, 2000, Toxicology,

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

Training Program: Work Experience establishing eligibility to set for the AAB HCLD examination in general Knowledge and Chemistry

Certification: American Board of Bioanalysis in Chemistry

File Status: All other qualifying documents are present in the file

Move to approve license: Dr. Miller

Second: Dr. Nolen

License approved (*Dr. Calarco abstained from voting*)

Joseph P. McConnell, Ph.D
Richmond, VA 23219
Director Chemistry
(Collection Site Only)

Application: Director – Chemistry (Collection Site Only)

Degree: Bachelor's degree not submitted, Awarded the Master of Science, Clinical Chemistry, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, 1987; Ph.D awarded in Clinical Chemistry, Cleveland State University, Cleveland OH, 1990.

Training Program: Mayo Clinic, Clinical Chemistry, Rochester, MN, 1993-1995.

Certification: American Board of Clinical Chemistry, 1/1/1998, No Expiration

File Status: All other qualifying documents are present in the file

Move to approve license: Dr. Joyner

Second: Dr. Calarco

License approved

Annette L. Meredith, Ph.D
Maryville, TN 37804
Director Clinical Cytogenetics

Application: Director – Cytogenetics.

Degree: Awarded the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Havana, Havana, Cuba, 1998 and 2001, respectively. The qualifying degree for the Director's license is the Ph.D, which was awarded from the University of Illinois at Urbana, Biophysics and Computational Biology, studies from 2002 until awarded in 2007.

Training Program: Harvard University Medical School, Boston, MA; Training in Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics, 2007-2010.

Certification: Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG), 2011, expiring December 31, 2021.

File Status: All other qualifying documents are present in the file

Move to approve license: Dr. Davis

Second: Ms. Walton

License approved

Christina D. Bishop, Ph.D
Knoxville, TN
Director Histocompatibility
and Immunogenetics

Application: Director – Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics.

Degree: All degrees awarded by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN culminating in the Awarding of the Ph.D degree in comparative and experimental medicine with a concentration in Basic Science

Training Program: Conducted at DCI Laboratories an approved ABHI HLA laboratory

Certification: Diplomate of the American Board of

Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ABHI) 9/30/2013 with an expiration date of December 31, 2016.

File Status: All other qualifying documents are present in the file

Move to approve license: Dr. Calarco

Second: Ms. Kenwright

License approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Gowen spoke to the Personnel and Education Committee about the existing training permit application and the included question soliciting voluntary disclosure of any criminal background. Any information disclosed is not acted upon by the central office; thus, the question of relevance is asked.

Legal counsel's opinion is there is no authority to act upon any positive indication; thus there is no reason to ask the question. In addition, the question and the response is between the school and the clinical affiliation.

The Personnel and Education Committee moved to remove the criminal background question from the training permit application and submits their action for a vote by the Board.

Move to delete the question regarding criminal background from the training permit application: Ms. Kenwright

Second: Ms. Dolsen

Motion approved.

Statement of Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be October 16, 2014, and will begin at 9AM CST/CDT in the Iris Conference Room, Ground Floor, Metrocenter Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243

Record of Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM CST/CDT on a motion properly presented by Ms. Walton and seconded by Ms. Kenwright The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.