



POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee was held in the Division of Health Related Boards, 665 Mainstream Drive, Poplar Room, Nashville, TN 37243.

Members Present:

Mark Spiceland, PSGP
Scott Vogt, PSGP
Charity Worrick
Penny Sprigs-Smith, PSGP

Absent Members:

Jim O. Donaldson, PSGP
Charity Worrick, PSGP
Theresa Hill, Consumer Member

Staff Present:

Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant
Andrea Huddleston, Office of General Counsel
Angela Lawrence, Executive Director
Tammy Hulsey, Administrator
Stacy Tarr, Administrative Director

The committee convened at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present and Mr. Scott Vogt called the meeting to order with a roll call.

Election of Officers

Scott Vogt nominated Charity Worrick for Chair. Mark Spiceland seconded the nomination. Ms. Worrick accepted the nomination. The motion passed.

Mark Spiceland nominated Scott Vogt for Secretary. Charity Worrick seconded the motion. Mr. Vogt accepted the nomination. The motion passed.

Introduction of New Board Member

Charity Worrick introduced and welcomed Penny Sprigs-Smith, a polysomnographer and the newest Board member.

Approval of Minutes

After review of the minutes from the August 21, 2018, Ms. Charity Worrick made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Vogt. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Discussion of Legislation

Ms. Andrea Huddleston stated that we are currently in legislative session and to date; she has not been made aware of any legislation that is pertinent to this Committee. She will update the Committee at the next meeting.

Applicant Interviews

There were no applicant interviews.

Ratification of New Licenses & Reinstatements

Mr. Vogt made a motion to ratify the new licenses/reinstatements. Ms. Worrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Huddleston reported that there is one open case pertaining to the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee.

Ms. Huddleston presented one Consent Order. She reminded the Committee that in order to avoid any conflict of interest, if you have any personal or financial interest to be sure and raise that prior to any discussion in order to recuse yourself from that discussion.

Consent Order

Karleigh Burnes – Ms. Burnes was issued a license on July 16, 2015. Her license expired on August 31, 2017. She failed to renew her license and practice on an expired license through at least August, 2018, practicing on an expired license for a total of 12 months. Respondent applied for reinstatement of her Tennessee Polysomnographic license on or about August 20, 2018 which was subsequently granted. Her license will be reprimanded; she will pay civil penalties of \$1320, and costs of prosecuting this case. Scott Vogt made a motion to ratify Ms. Burnes consent order. Ms. Worrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Agreed Citations

Megan Carder – Ms. Carder engaged in unlicensed practice for a period of four months. She is assessed a civil penalty of four hundred dollars, representing a penalty of one hundred dollars per month of unlicensed practice. Mr. Vogt made a motion to ratify the Agreed Citation. Ms. Worrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Heather Silvers – Ms. Silvers engaged in unlicensed practice for a period of three months. She is assessed a civil penalty of three hundred dollars, representing a penalty of one hundred dollars per month of unlicensed practice. Mr. Worrick made a motion to ratify the Agreed Citation. Mr. Spiceland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Manager's Report

The activities that have transpired in the administrative office between August 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019 concerning the Polysomnography professionals are as follows:

New Applications Received:

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| • Full Technician | 3 |
| • Technician/Temp | 20 |
| • Trainee/Student | 25 |
| • Reinstatements | 0 |

Total New Licenses Issued:

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| • Full Technician | 12 |
| • Technician/Temp | 16 |
| • Trainee/Student | 26 |

There is no information available regarding renewals due to an issue with the new software. This issue is currently being worked on and these numbers will be available at the next meeting. The total number of active licenses as of April 30, 2018 is 532.

Mid-Year Financial Report

Ms. Noranda French presented the 2019 mid-year fiscal report.

Office of Investigations Report

There are currently three monitored practitioners under Board order. In 2018, two complaints were received. One complaint was for unprofessional conduct and one was for a lapsed license. No complaints have been filed thus far in 2019.

There being no further committee business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.