

Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee
July 14, 2018 – 10:00 AM
Law Offices of Adams and Reese
Baton Rouge LA

Members Present: Cheryl Caskey; Beverly Ogden, MD; George Roberts; Larry Broussard; Morteza Vaziri; Gaye Brunson; Yolanda Bennett

Guests Present: Patrick McCune (Adams and Reese); Patsy Jarreau, AD, CLPC; Dr. Vincent Culotta, Jr. LSBME Executive Director; Josie Roberts, and Cary Koch (AAB attorney)

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at approximately 09:58 AM by Chair Caskey. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes of the Last Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2018 meeting was accepted as amended.

Motion by Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Gaye Brunson
Motion passed; approved by all

III. Introductions

Each committee member and visitor introduced himself/herself to the group and stated in what capacity they served the committee. Dr. Vincent Culotta, Jr. was introduced as the LSBME Executive Director. Mr. Cary Koch was present to represent AAB.

IV. Appointments

The MLT position on the CLPC committee has been filled by Ms. Mary Pellergrin but was notified of appointment too late to arrange to attend meeting.

Dr. Culotta will send an email to all MDs and DOs to ascertain possible interest in serving as the Rural Family Medicine practitioner on the CLPC. Ms. Jarreau will provide Dr. Culotta with the criteria the individual must meet to fill this position.

CLPC also needs a member of the LSBME Board (not domiciled in the 4th or 6th Congressional District to serve as an ex officio member of the committee. Dr. Culotta will seek an individual to fill this position.

V. Office Update

Executive Director stated he had no report. Dr. Culotta is just meeting with each committee under his direction to get to know those individuals and what they are doing.

Director Jarreau reported that Licensure Analyst Nile Hull has left the LSBME and that there is currently only one licensure analyst working in the LSBME at this time. H (Matthew) is very good at his job and attentive to detail but is overworked. Dr. Culotta stated that the LSBME will be hiring another analyst in the near future to fill this vacant position.

VI. Update on Certification Examination Eligibility Requirements

The AAB provided copies of the current AAB requirements for certification to the CLPC. Under current AAB certification regulations, those AAB individuals who hold a provisional certification due to lack of completion of the experiential component cannot be licensed in Louisiana. That being said, the question was asked “How do AAB provisional individuals obtain the experiential component to become licensed in Louisiana?”

A motion was made to request that AAB respond in writing by Friday, August 3, 2018, how students gain the experiential component necessary for full certification so that they could be licensed in Louisiana.

Motion by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Dr. Larry Broussard
Motion approved unanimously

Upon further discussion, an amendment to the motion was made to change “students” AAB provisional certificants.

Amendment by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Dr. Larry Broussard
Amendment approved unanimously

A second amendment to the motion was offered as follows: Furthermore, please provide in writing specifics about experiential requirements for generalist, technician, and specialist. Please provide this information to Ms. Patsy Jarreau and Dr. Vincent Culotta at the LSBME.

Second Amendment by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Dr. Larry Broussard
Second Amendment approved unanimously

The amended motion now reads:

A motion was made to request that AAB respond in writing by Friday, August 3, 2018, how AAB provisional certificants gain the experiential component necessary for full certification so that they could be licensed in Louisiana. Furthermore, please provide in writing specifics about experiential requirements for generalist, technician, and specialist. Please provide this information to Ms. Patsy Jarreau and Dr. Vincent Culotta at the LSBME.

Motion to accept amended motion by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Dr. Larry Broussard
Amended motion approved unanimously

VII. LSBME Website – change to legislative summary “In the News”

CLINICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL

SB 506 Sponsored by Sen. Mills signed into law as **Act 390** increases the number of persons on the clinical laboratory personnel committee from 12 to 14; 4 to be appointed by the LSBME and 10 to be appointed by the governor. Limits appointees to two consecutive 3 year terms. One appointee shall be a member of the American Association of Bioanalysts from a list of 3 names submitted by the Louisiana Hospital Association; one shall be an administrator from a Louisiana community and technical college appointed from a list submitted by the Louisiana community and technical college system; one from a list of educators in a 2 or 4 year laboratory science program submitted by the Board of Regents. Effective 8/1/2018.

Changed to:

SB 506 Sponsored by Sen. Mills signed into law as **Act 390** increases the number of persons on the clinical laboratory personnel committee from 12 to 14; 4 to be appointed by the LSBME and 10 to be appointed by the governor. Limits appointees to two consecutive 3 year terms. Changes the name of the nominating agency for the laboratory assistant position from the International Society of Clinical Laboratory Technology (ISCLT) to the American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB). Of the two new members on the committee, one shall be an administrator from a Louisiana community and technical college appointed from a list submitted by the Louisiana community and technical college system; one from a list of educators in a 2 or 4 year laboratory science program submitted by the Board of Regents. Effective 8/1/2018.

George Roberts suggested that the first letters of each word in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System be capitalized as is Board of Regents. (<http://www.legis.state.la.us/>).

VIII. Rural hospital schemes by outside management companies

Mr. Vaziri, Ms. Brunson, and Dr. Ogden made the committee aware that there are outside management companies that are attempting to get rural critical access hospitals to sign on with them to receive specimens for testing from other facilities that would then be sent to a reference lab for actual testing. In the process, the charges for testing would be increased up to perhaps 4 times the original cost for the test. The committee feels that this is an attempt to defraud Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance companies. This committee would not be involved in a response to this happening since CLPC only deals with employee licensure, but needs to be aware what is happening. Neither does the LSBME have any input into this issue since it would involve hospitals. This seems to be an issue that the Louisiana Department of Hospitals would be involved with.

IX. Continuing Education Audits

Continuing education audits have been move to the fall meeting.

Dr. Culotta also stated that the LSBME is looking at the possibility of hiring a CE broker to handle all continuing education verifications. If and when this process is implemented, the broker will be able to provide a list of all licensees who do not meet the mandated continuing education requirements. This would be a much better process than the current one which only audits a small percentage of licensees each year.

X. Executive Session

The CLPC entered into executive session following a motion and second.

Motion by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Gaye Brunson
Motion passed unanimously

The issue discussed involved a previous licensee who failed to renew licensure and presented forged wallet cards to her employer for four years to be able to continue to work. This individual moved out of state to work where licensure was not required and now desires to have her suspended license reinstated. The CLPC made specific recommendations that will be forwarded to Dr. Culotta, LSBME Executive Director, to help resolve this issue.

Motion made by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Morteza Vaziri
Motion passed unanimously

XI. Other Business

There was a motion to reconsider the approval of minutes of the March 3, 2018 meeting until it is determined that the minutes accurately reflect CLPC actions from during that meeting. If determined to be accurate, approval of the March 3, 2018 minutes will occur at the November 10, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Yolanda Bennett
Motion passed unanimously

Dr. Culotta suggested that each committee member should go to the LSBME website and verify their own personal information. If changes have been made to address/email/telephone, etc., make changes. This is the information that LSBME utilizes when contacting the committee members.

XII. Proposed Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the CLPC was tentatively scheduled for November 10, 2018 at the March 3, 2018 meeting. That meeting date is still acceptable to committee members. Chair Caskey expressed the importance of members attending the scheduled meetings since no business can be acted upon without a quorum being present. Due to legislative changes to the membership of the CLPC, a minimum of seven (7) members must be present for a quorum to conduct business as of August 1, 2018.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Beverly Ogden
Seconded by Yolanda Bennett
Motion approved unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM

Minutes approved by CLPC 11-10-2018
Submitted by George Roberts, Secretary CLPC
11-10-2018

