

Kansas Board of Healing Arts  
Respiratory Therapy Council Meeting  
September 3, 2015 1:30

**Call to Order:** Called to order by Dan Conyer at 1:33

**Members Present:** Howard Anderson; Steve Ades, RT; Dan Conyers, RT; Stan Munsch, RT; Cheri Pugh

**Members Absent:** Michael Beezley, MD; Shawn Magee, MD

**Others Present:** Katy Lenahan, Licensing Administrator; Joshana Offenbach, Associate Disciplinary Counsel, Kelli Stevens, General Counsel

**I. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2015:** Approved (Munsch-Ades)

**II. New Business:**

- A. Vacation Coverage – Mr. Conyers discussed that hospitals are concerned with the time frame it takes for RTs to become licensed especially if the application analyst is away from the office for an extended time, such as a vacation. Ms. Lenahan explained the increase in all applications and renewals with virtually no staffing increases. Mr. Munsch asked if the student permit could be extended beyond the 30 days past graduation. Ms. Stevens explained that the expiration date for the student permit is in statute and would need to be changed by the Legislature. Ms. Lenahan suggested giving presentation to the RT programs which may help students complete their applications more timely. Mr. Conyers volunteered to bring up the presentations to the association to help get in to the programs.
- B. Respiratory Therapist Assistant – Mr. Munsch stated he was asked about an advertisement for hiring respiratory therapist assistant by Ellsworth County Medical Center. Ms. Stevens stated that she was unsure if this was just a title for a RT position or if this is a type of position. Ms. Stevens agreed to contact Ellsworth County Medical Center about the advertisement and report back at the next Council meeting.

**III. Old Business:** None

**IV. Disciplinary Report:** Ms. Stevens was recused. Closed Session 1:57 (Ades-Munsch), Open Session 2:05 (Ades- Munsch).

**V. Application Review:** None

**VI. Next Meeting Date:** 1:30 on December 3, 2015

**VII. Adjourn:** 2:06 (Ades – Anderson)