



MBRC *News*

ALPHABET SOUP by: Cindy Seyer, Chairperson



With all of the acronyms that we have in our profession, how are we as practitioners to know what is what? We have the NBRC, AARC, MSRC, and the MBRC.

Many respiratory therapist, both those that are new and those that have been in the field, are left confused by the so called Alphabet Soup.

As the chairperson of the Missouri Board for Respiratory Care and a 20 plus year Respiratory Therapist, I would like to take this opportunity to attempt to clarify some of the roles and responsibilities of all of the boards related to our profession.

Let's first begin with the NBRC, the National Board for Respiratory Care. This organization founded in 1960 to evaluate the professional competency of our therapist. The competency evaluation tool for each therapist after they have completed their formal education is the National Board Exam.

Let's move on now to the AARC, the American Association for Respiratory Care. This organization's primary goal is to promote professionalism. It was founded in 1947. It has over 35,000 members throughout our nation. The AARC is very active in the community by promoting lung wellness and education for all pulmonary diseases. They also work to promote our profession to high school students as a

means of recruitment to prepare for the future.

All members of the AARC are also members of the MSRC, the Missouri Society for Respiratory Care. Our state society works very hard in all of it's 5 districts to provide educational programs to further the knowledge of all practitioners in our state. Active involvement in this society both at the district level and the level of the board of directors is sure to provide a network of therapist to learn from. The MSRC also works to promote advancements in the technology, implementation of protocols and interaction with physicians. In light of the most recent disasters, the MSRC has worked to encourage and promote disaster relief.

The MBRC, Missouri Board for Respiratory Care is usually synonymous with licensing. This board works diligently to assure the quality of care provided by respiratory therapist on the state of Missouri is of the highest quality possible. I can remember a day when there was no licensing for our profession. Therapist could work throughout our state for years and never attend a conference or a continuing education program. There also were no background checks on the therapist who provide care for our patients. Prior to licensing, dangerous criminals could be taking care of our patients.

Thanks to the licensing of respiratory therapist in the state of Missouri, we now can be assured the therapist in

our state are required to have continuing education. Due to those education hours, we know the therapist have learned the most recent information, training and techniques available for our patients. As far as therapist with a conviction, the requirement of licensing has also addressed the safety of our patients, those patients may even be our parent, siblings and children.

I know all of us get frustrated with the regulations of our licensing practice act. Please remember that the continuing education audits are to assure that we as therapist are knowledgeable, skilled and well trained. The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care takes the responsibility of protecting the patients of the state Missouri seriously. As the Chairperson of this board, I take it as seriously as I would if it were my own family members.

Cindy Seyer, RRT
Missouri Board for Respiratory Care
Chairperson

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DIVISION DIRECTOR'S NOTE

by: David Broeker, Division Director



My sincere appreciation to Governor Blunt for having appointed me the Director of the Division of Professional Registration beginning July 2. It is certainly a pleasure to serve in this position.

For the last 14+ years I owned and operated my own business in Jefferson City. Prior to that, I spent 17 ½ years in state government; in the Governor's Office, State Auditor's Office, and the Department of Agriculture.

As you probably know, the Governor issued Executive Order 06-04 on February 1, 2006, that created the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration. By a Type III transfer our division became a part of this new department on August 28. A Type III transfer is the transfer of a department, division, agency, board, commission, unit, or program to the new department with only such supervision by the head of the department for budgeting and reporting. The Division of Professional Registration was previously a division within the Department of Economic Development.

I am most grateful to the Division's and Boards' staff for the support, advice, and counsel they have given me. This is truly a great group of people.

I look forward to working with all my associates in Professional Registration and continuing the excellent service the entire division has given the approximately 400,000 Missourians who are licensed and regulated and who represent 240 different trades and professions.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you. I look forward to working with you in the years to come.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

Governor Blunt appointed Arlene Hogue to the Board as Public Member, on January 23, 2006. Ms. Hogue is a native of St. Charles and holds a B.A. Degree in Social Sciences from Chapman University in Orange, CA. She is currently the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County.



ROBERT CRAWFORD



ARLENE HOGUE

Robert Crawford was appointed by Governor Blunt on November 30, 2005. Mr. Crawford received his Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is currently employed as the Group Director-Patient Care, Rehabilitation Services and as the Director of Cardiopulmonary Services at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

The Board wishes to thank Ms. Mary Wheeler-Jones, Katherine Tyler, and Dr. Aubra Houchin for their dedication and years of service. Best wishes to all of you.

NEW STAFF

In December 2005 the Missouri Board for Respiratory Care had a change in administrative staff.

I, Vanessa Beauchamp, assumed the responsibility as executive director for the Board. Although the Missouri Board for Respiratory Care is new to me, the overall responsibilities of being an executive director are not. I have been with the Division of Professional Registration since 1997 and have held various positions within the division.

Patty Morrow is new to the Board as well. Patty is a licensure technician, who has also been with the division for several years and has worked with other licensing boards in the same capacity.

I want to remind you that the board does meet on a quarterly basis and the general public is more than welcome to attend the Open Session. For a listing of meeting dates and other information you may wish to visit the Board's website at pr.mo.gov/respiratorycare.

This office is here to assist you with any licensure questions and/or concerns, therefore, please feel free to contact us.

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VANESSA BEAUCHAMP



PATTY MORROW

I look forward to working with the Board, its licensees and the public.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Beauchamp

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

All complaints received by the Board are assigned a complaint number. A complaint may be based upon personal knowledge or information received from other sources. The complaints must be made in writing. Verbal or telephone communications are not acceptable, but you may request a complaint form by telephone or via the web at www.pr.mo.gov. Please complete the form in its entirety, attach any documents and mail it to the Board office. In general, a complaint is considered to be a closed record and is not accessible to the public. Any complaint that is received by the Board is acknowledged in writing. The complainant will be notified as to whether the complaint has been closed without action or referred to legal counsel for filing with the Administrative Hearing Commission or some other legal action. The complainant will be notified of the final outcome. Any disciplinary actions found to be in the public interest are included in this newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Vanessa Beauchamp, Executive Director.

The following individuals were disciplined since the last newsletter:

Sam Lawson (2000143730)- The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care placed Mr. Lawson's license on probation for four years for the unlawful possession and consumption of marijuana.

Robin Scott (2000153960) – The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care placed Ms. Scott's license on probation for four years for the unlawful possession of marijuana and methamphetamine.

Shaun Ross (2003004407) – The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care placed Mr. Ross' license on probation for five years for the unlawful possession and consumption of marijuana.

Jerimi Worley (2005039200) – The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care placed Mr. Worley's license on probation for two years for a criminal conviction and practicing respiratory care without a license.

Verna Ward (2006012518) – The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care placed Ms. Ward's license on probation for three years for holding herself out as a respiratory care therapist when she did not hold a license.

John Diaz (1999136573)- The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care revoked Mr. Diaz's license for false charting and failure to monitor patients.

Lori Fahnstock (2003003348) – The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care publicly censured Ms. Fahnstock's license for providing respiratory care services while not under the supervision of a licensed respiratory care practitioner and supervised other respiratory care therapists.

Stephanie Robinett (101990) – The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care placed Ms. Robinett's license on suspension for one year to be followed by four years of probation for not completing the required twenty-four hours of continuing education.

Betty Stein (1999136607) – Ms. Stein voluntarily surrendered her license for failure to complete the required twenty-four hours of continuing education.



CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care's purpose is to regulate the practice of respiratory care involving public health, safety and welfare of this state; to protect the citizens of this state from harm due to dishonest, incompetent or unlawful practice of respiratory care.

The Board would like to remind you that when Board members are contacted directly by a licensee or individual regarding an application for licensure, a complaint, investigation, or disciplinary process, any information given to that Board member could sway his or her unbiased opinion. A Board member receiving communication that could sway his or her opinion may be required to recuse themselves and not take part in a vote on the matter. This could put the Board member in an awkward position while trying to do his or her job and could put the licensee at a disadvantage.

It is strongly encouraged and recommended that all questions and concerns be referred to the Board office. Board staff handles all the day-to-day functions of the Board. Therefore, questions can be answered based on full Board decisions and lessen miscommunication between the Board at its licensees.

Please keep in mind that individual Board members are not authorized to make a decision for the entire Board.

2007 MEETING DATES



February 20, 2007

Division of Professional Registration

September 18, 2007

Division of Professional Registration

June 12, 2007

Division of Professional Registration

December 18, 2007

Division of Professional Registration

The Board may schedule additional meetings as deemed necessary.

SUPERVISION OF PERMIT HOLDERS

Recently it has come to the attention of office staff that individuals are not notifying the office when supervision arrangements change.

Pursuant to 20 CSR 2255-2.020 and 20 CSR 2255-2.030, a temporary permit holder and/or educational permit holder are to notify the board within fifteen days of any change.

As a supervisor you are also required to notify the office of such change. If you do not notify the office please realize that as far as the board is concerned you are still responsible for the respiratory care services provided by the permit holder.

For more information regarding supervision of permit holders, please refer to 20 CSR 2255-3.010 Supervision of Permit Holders.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REMINDER

The Board conducted an audit of continuing education in September and wishes to thank those licensees who complied.

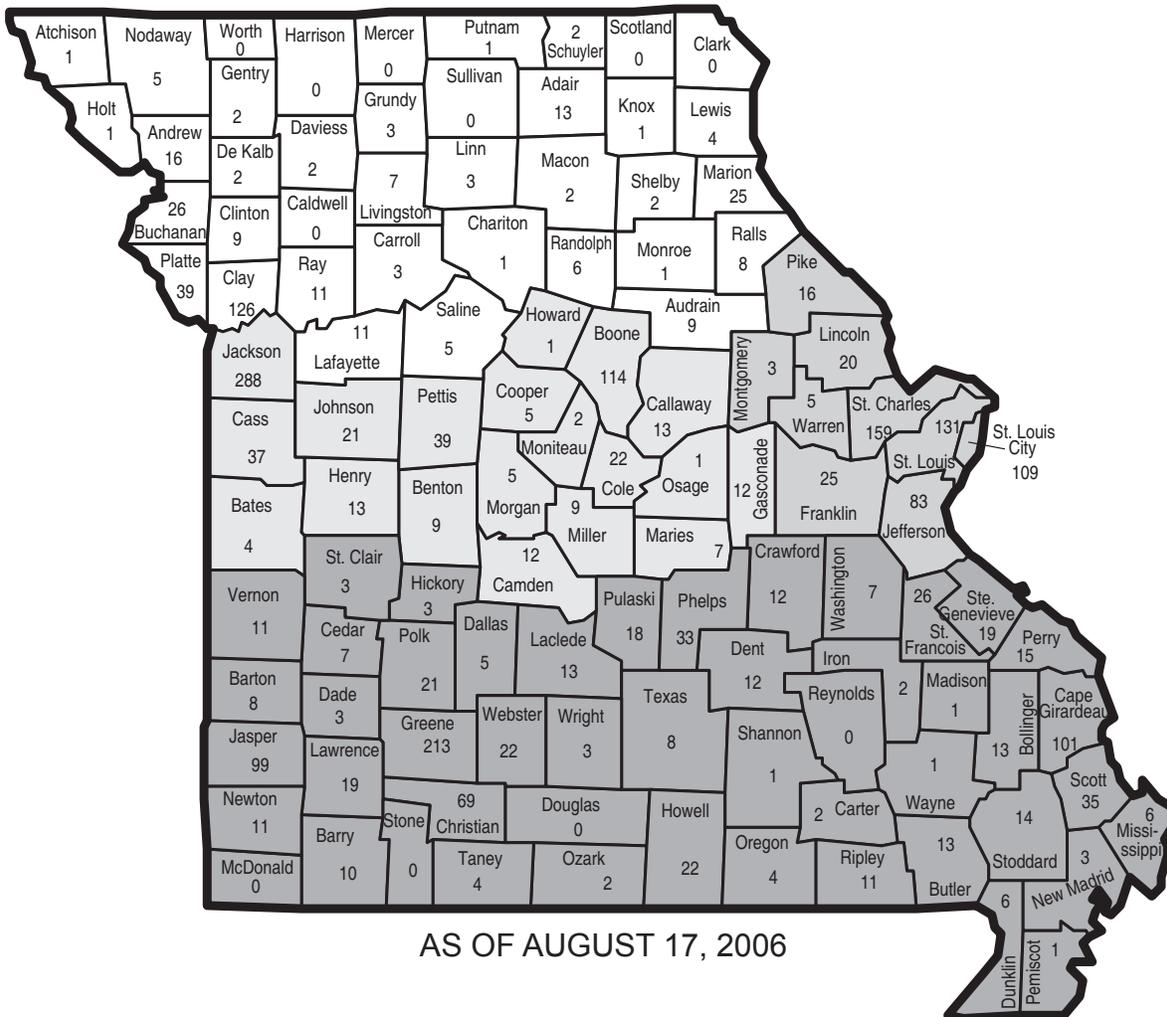
During the audit it was noted that in several instances credit was not given due to the fact that the activity was not approved by the Missouri Board for Respiratory Care (MBRC), or the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) or its state affiliates.

This is a reminder that you as a licensee need to ensure that activities you attend are approved in order to receive credit.

A listing of all MBRC approved courses can be found on the board website at http://pr.mo.gov/boards/respiratory/CE_Approvals.pdf.

Should you have any questions regarding continuing education approval you may contact the board office.

LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE THERAPISTS



AS OF AUGUST 17, 2006



The rules and regulations require all licensees to notify the Division of all such changes by sending a letter to the office in Jefferson City, Missouri. Please include a street address to facilitate any express mail deliveries.

NAME: _____

PROFESSION: _____ LICENSE NUMBER: _____

(P.O. BOX MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS)

OLD ADDRESS: _____

NEW ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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