



Ohio Board of Nursing

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Advisory Group on Dialysis May 18, 2020, 1:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: Barbara Douglas, APRN-CRNA, Chair; Diane Wish, RN; Julia Colavincenzo, RN; Lisa Arndt, OCDT; Carol Jarvis, OCDT; Jammie Wilson, OCDT; Lora Lewis, RN; Gayle Nemecek, RN

Members Absent: Timothy Thompson, OCDT

Board Staff Attending: Lisa Emrich; Anita DiPasquale; Chantelle Sunderman; Lisa Hashemian, Kristie Oles; Tom Dilling

Guests: Dee Smith, Thomas P. Pappas & Associates

Call to Order

Barbara Douglas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held through remote conferencing in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, in accordance with HB 197.

2020 Five Year Rule Review: OAC, Chapter 4723-23

Anita DiPasquale presented the proposed revisions to Chapter 4723-23, OAC. Global changes throughout the Chapter include removing references to "OCDT" and "Ohio Certified Dialysis Technician. These terms are not in Ohio law and not used within the current Ohio eLicense system; the current terminology is "Dialysis Technician" or "DT" or "Dialysis Technician Intern" or "DTI." Additional global changes to Chapter 4723-23 include referencing electronic licensing which has replaced the paper application process and updating language to reflect current names of forms and cross reference Rule 4723-1-03, OAC (Forms rule).

The Advisory Group members provided recommendations by consensus to the proposed changes as follows:

- **Rule 4723-23-05 (A), OAC.** Recommended restoring the removed language and specify the electronic process to state the following: "Failure of the certificate holder to receive electronic access to an online "Dialysis Technician Renewal Application," from the board does not excuse the holder from the requirements of section 4723.77 of the Revised Code and this rule."
- **Rule 4723-23-07(H)(2), OAC.** Recommended clarifying the proposed language "not later than forty-five days prior to the date the board is to consider the deficiency report, to "at least forty-five days prior to the date of the board is to consider the deficiency report."
- **Rule 4723-23-09 and 4723-23-13, OAC.** The revised language omits "an Ohio certified" but does not replace the "an" with "a."

Coronavirus Omnibus Legislation (HB197) signed by Governor DeWine on March 27, 2020

Lisa Emrich reviewed the Nurse Practice Act, Section 4723.32(G)(7), Ohio Revised Code (ORC), which allows nurses who hold an active, valid license in another state to practice in Ohio without

an Ohio nursing license for the duration of any declared disaster of this type, including the current COVID-19 declared emergency. This does not apply to dialysis technicians.

HB 197 extended the active date of certificates and licenses to December 1, 2020, which mostly impacted DTIs. A DTI expiration is dependent upon the completion of the training program. Any DTI that expired after March 9, 2020, was reactivated to allow the continuation of dialysis care.

As of March 16, 2020, testing organizations for dialysis technicians stopped operation but have now resumed on a limited basis.

Fresenius Medical FMC/Pre-Licensed Staff (PLS)

L. Emrich summarized the discussions with Fresenius Medical FMC for informational purposes. Fresenius is adding a new role to their organization entitled Pre-Licensed Staff (PLS) which allows graduate nurses to start working post-graduation, and pre-licensure for 90 days as a Patient Care Technician. The individual would enroll into the program as a dialysis technician student and complete the programs as a dialysis proficient registered nurse applicant.

Remaining 2020 Meeting Date: September 15: The final meeting for 2020 is scheduled for September 15, 2020.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.