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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or  
Opposed:

I very much oppose!!!! If it were not for a respiratory therapist who has a license/degree in respiratory therapy other employees such as, doctors and nurses would not be able to do their job. Doctors rely on respiratory therapist to help them in providing the adequate care a person needs to fully function in the life cycle of breathing! Nurses do not have the skill nor the knowledge of respiratory just like a respiratory therapist doesn't have the knowledge nor skill to do nursing. If someone has to have a license to practice in a job field there is a REASON! Taking the license away will only make it to where people will not receive the adequate care they deserve!

Nurses are over whelmed with the duties they are required to preform at this time, and adding a big role like respiratory therapy will just make room for more ERRORS, MISTAKES, and more LAWSUITS! This subject needs to be taken off the list!!!! Respiratory therapists save lives due to the knowledge and skills they have learned with a college degree. If this passes I sure hope none of the Sunset Commission or family need assistance with breathing because, it may just be put to the side when a nurse is busy in a room with another patient with difficulty breathing as well. This will also lead to having to hire more nurses, which in the long run will cost more money because, they get paid more than a respiratory therapist. Please take all these factors in to consideration! Respiratory is always one of the first called when it comes to a code blue or trauma due to the fact that we have the knowledge of what needs to be done to make sure we save a life, a nurse doesn't feel comfortable doing respiratory just like a respiratory therapist will not feel comfortable doing a nurses job. Doctors are not required to take a lot of respiratory therapy classes in college, this is why they go to or need respiratory called for a lot of matters involving breathing or sustaining life! Doctors don't know a lot about respiratory machines such as ventilators, bipaps, and cpap machines this is why a licensed respiratory therapist takes care of these types of machines.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Sheets RCP/RRT

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please take respiratory care practitioners off this list.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree