

**ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY
MINUTES**

October 4, 2006

The Advisory Board on Radiological Technology met on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Heffernan, RT, Chair
Elizabeth Meixner, RT
Mary Loritsch, RT
LaChele Gray

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Goldschmidt, M.D

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Eusebia L. Joyner, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Ann Turner, M.D., MCV/VCU
Ronald Miller, VCU
Jeff Legg, VCU
Pam Shelton, SRMC

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Heffernan called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was declared.

Let it be noted for the record that Dr. Harp announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JUNE 7, 2006

Ms. Meixner moved to approve the minutes dated June 7, 2006. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Meixner moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chart of Regulatory Actions.

Dr. Harp explained the Chart of Regulatory Actions dated September 2006.

2. Discussion on Radiology Assistants

Ms. Meixner presented her research on state laws regarding definitions of practice for Radiologic Technologist Assistants.

The board reviewed a number of documents during its discussion of this issue. It looked at an issue brief from the American Academy of Physician Assistants entitled, Physician Assistants and Radiology Practitioner Assistants: The Distinctions. It also looked at the Registered Radiologist Assistant Role Delineation of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, model legislation regarding radiology assistants from the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, statutes from other states regarding radiology assistants, a job description for a radiology assistant from VCU Health System and current Virginia laws and regulations. Mr. Miller and Dr. Turner explained the duties and functions from the list of Clinical Activities listed in the Registered Radiologist Assistant Role Delineation dated January 2005.

After considerable inquiry and discussion, including a point-by-point address of the 42 clinical activities in the ARRT role delineation, the consensus of the radiological technologists on the board was that the anticipated duties appeared to fit under the current scope of practice for rad techs. Dr. Harp pointed out that most the current definition of a rad tech referred to equipment. The one part of the definition that appeared to accommodate the clinical activities of the radiological assistant is “licensed to perform a comprehensive scope of diagnostic radiologic procedures...” Ms. Meixner moved to recommend to the full Board that the anticipated clinical activities of a radiology assistant be considered as fitting the definitions currently in the law. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. VPMA proposal for on-line Radiologic-Technologist Limited course

Ms. Meixner shared the experience of her attendance at the course presented by the Virginia Podiatry Medical Association in Virginia Beach in June 2006.

Gene Feinberg, DPM, Executive Director of the VPMA, was not able to attend the advisory board meeting, but he provided a demo of the interactive software that VPMA proposed to use for the online version of the course. The software allows students to communicate with

the teacher in real-time. It also allows recording of the material presented for review at a later time. Ms. Heffernan indicated she was familiar with the software and had high regard for it as a teaching medium.

Ms. Meixner moved to recommend to the full Board that it approve the VPMA proposal for online presentation of the material and administration of the examinations through the Virginia Community College system. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Election of Officers

Ms. Heffernan moved to recommend Ms. Meixner as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ms. Heffernan moved to recommend Ms. Loritsch as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Proposed meeting dates for 2007

For information and review only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gray moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Peggy Heffernan, RT (R), Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Eusebia L. Joyner, Recording Secretary