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**ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
Virginia Board of Medicine
October 3, 2012
1:00 p.m.**

The Advisory Board on Radiologic Technology met on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Meixner, RT, Chair
Karsten Konerding, MD
Rebecca Keith, RT

MEMBERS ABSENT: Renee Hess, RT

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Adriea Clarke, Fortis College
Katharine Walton, Fortis College

CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Meixner, R.T., Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. William L. Harp announced the Emergency Egress Procedures prior to proceeding with the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 2, 2011 and March 14, 2011

Rebecca Keith moved to approve minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rebecca Keith moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regulatory / Legislative Report – Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts summarized the information presented regarding Physicians' Assistants now having the authority to practice fluoroscopy. Their performance of fluoroscopy will be limited to their work with a supervising radiologist.

2. Craig Shephard – Fortis-Radiologic Technology-Limited Licensure Requirements

Katharine Walton, President of Fortis College, and Adriea Clarke, Radiologic Technology Instructor, addressed the Advisory Board regarding the requirement that Radiologic Technologist – Limited students complete their 10 required radiologic examinations with real patients. Ms. Walton and Ms. Clarke stated that it was their understanding from Board of Medicine staff that the Board recognized simulated examinations if real patient examinations were not able to be done. They further stated that those who have graduated from the Fortis program have completed approximately 90% of their traineeship in simulated sessions. Ms. Walton informed the Board that Fortis was discontinuing their program for Radiologic Technologist-limited due to the difficulty in obtaining clinical settings for their students to obtain traineeship positions to accomplish real patient examinations. Ms. Walton asked the Advisory Board to accept the simulated examinations for those Fortis students who have already finished the program and also for those that are currently enrolled in the program.

Karsten Konerding moved that the Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Medicine that students who have graduated from, or who are currently enrolled in the MOBXT Program at Fortis College in Richmond or Norfolk, Virginia, be allowed to perform simulated radiologic examinations and real patient examinations in satisfaction of the 10 required examinations for licensure. Further, this interpretation was for this instance only and the regulations should be interpreted as requiring real patient examinations in the future.

Rebecca Keith seconded. Motion carried.

3. Statutory and Regulatory Review for Radiation Science Professionals–Elizabeth Meixner

Ms. Meixner suggested that in Section 54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia the definition of “Practice of Radiologic Technology” be redefined to read “means the application of ~~x-rays~~ ionizing radiation for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. Furthermore, the definition of “Radiologic technologist” shall be redefined to read “means an individual...who (i) performs ...or who is licensed to perform a comprehensive scope of diagnostic or therapeutic radiologic procedures employing ~~equipment which emits~~ ionizing radiation and (ii) is delegated or exercises responsibility for the operation of radiation-generating equipment,...”

Rebecca Keith moved to request the support of the Board of Medicine for the necessary changes to the statute. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Review of Applications–Alan Heaberlin

Alan Heaberlin reviewed Radiologic Technology, Radiologic Technology-Limited, and Radiologist Assistant applications, for accuracy, clarity and content. Various changes were discussed for each application and agreed on for revision. The revisions to the applications will occur as the paper applications are moved to the electronic format.

Changes to forms on the DHP website for Limited Scope Radiologic Technology include adding anatomical areas and the expiration date of the clinical training period on the TC-1.

5. Meeting Calendar for 2013 – Dr. William L. Harp

Dr. Harp reviewed the meeting calendar for 2013 with the Advisory Board. No action was required.

6. Election of Officers

Rebecca Keith nominated Beth Meixner as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Karsten Konerding nominated Rebecca Keith as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

7. Conflict of Interest Training- Alan Heaberlin

Alan Heaberlin presented packets to the Advisory Board members for online access to the training.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin announced that there are currently in Virginia 662 Limited Radiologic Technologists, 3,742 Licensed Radiologic Technologists, 10- Radiologist Assistants practicing in Virginia.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 6, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Beth Meixner motioned to adjourn. Rebecca Keith seconded. Motioned carried.

Elizabeth L. Meixner, RT, Chair

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

Beulah Baptist Archer, Recording Secretary