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**ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
Virginia Board of Medicine
May 22, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**

The Advisory Board on Radiologic Technology met on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Roberts, RT
William E. Quarles, Jr., Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joyce O. Hawkins, RT, Chair
Rebecca Keith, RT
Uma Prasad, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Jennifer Deschenes, Deputy for Discipline
Colanthia Opher Morton, Deputy for Administration
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Barbara Allison-Bryan, MD

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Deschenes called the meeting to order at 1:10 p. m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp gave the emergency egress procedures.

ROLL CALL

Beulah Archer called the roll. No quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 23, 2019 was not approved for lack of a quorum.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda could was not adopted for lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts provided a review of the bills from the 2019 Session that were relevant to the Board of Medicine, as well as actions that needed to be taken to further implement the law.

2. Study Request on SB1760-Operation of diagnostic X-ray equipment by unlicensed persons

The Advisory Board members and staff discussed SB1760, the study required of VDH and DHP, and the bill's implications.

3. Letter from the Virginia Chapter of the American College of Radiology Regarding SB1760

The Advisory Board members and staff noted the stance of the Virginia Chapter, which was a little different from that of ACR.

4. Follow-up on Scope of Practice Bills.

Dr. Harp spoke to communications that Joyce Hawkins and he had with a director of a nuclear medicine technology educational program. Dr. Harp believed this matter had been addressed by the definition of radiologic technology as worded, and further, by the rad tech license including "Qualified to Practice Nuclear Medicine."

5. Follow-up on Traineeship

The members of the Advisory Board and staff discussed the definition of traineeship as written in 18VAC85-101-10 that states "Traineeship" means a period of activity during which an applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist works under the direct supervision of a practitioner approved by the board while waiting for the results of the licensure examination or an applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited working under direct supervision and observation to fulfill the practice requirements in [18VAC85-101-60](#). It was thought that the traineeship was not meant to apply to fully-trained radiologic technologists, but rather to rad tech-limiteds. Consideration was given to a fast-track option to delete full rad techs from the definition of traineeship.

6. Teachers of Radiologic Technology-Limited Courses

It was discussed that under 18VAC85-101-55(A)(4), the Board of Medicine could approve courses at its discretion giving consideration to the content, faculty, examination, and location.

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7. Regulations Governing the Practice of Radiologic Technology, specifically the radiologic technology-limited section on education

Those present discussed the requirements currently in the regulations, particularly the specified hours for image production/equipment operation, radiation protection, and clinical hours of performing radiographic procedures. The question was posed to those present whether the Board of Medicine should strictly adhere to the hours in the regulations, or if a student is a fast learner, could the hours be lessened or even abolished. It was decided it would be best to have this discussion in October with a full quorum of Advisory Board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Licensed Rad. Techs since January 1, 2019 until May 22, 2019 are 140.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 2, 2019, at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Harp adjourned the meeting.

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director