

ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

Minutes

June 5, 2024

The Advisory Board on Radiologic Technology met on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Uma Prasad, MD, Chair
Angela Dunn, RT,
Sandra Catchings, DDS
David Roberts, RT
Cheryl Cunningham, RT

STAFF PRESENT:

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Executive Director, Licensure
Matthew Novak, JD, DHP Policy and Economic Analyst
Arne Owens, DHP Director
Kelly Smith, DHP Director of Communications
Barbara Hodgson, PhD., Healthcare Workforce Data Center
Yetty Shobo, PhD., Healthcare Workforce Data Center
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT:

Call to Order

Dr. Prasad called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp gave the emergency egress procedures.

Roll Call

Beulah Archer called the roll. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Prasad moved to adopt the agenda. Dr. Catchings seconded, and the agenda was adopted.

Public Comment

None

2023 Healthcare Workforce Data Presentation

Drs. Barbara Hodgdon and Yetty Shobo provided a provided a comprehensive presentation on results from the 2023 radiologic technology healthcare workforce data survey. The data was collected during biennial licensing renewal. Among the key findings are increases in licensees entering Virginia workforce and those working in full-time employment. Members of the advisory offered suggestions to capture statistics for unlicensed technologists working in hospitals. Dr. Shobo advised that the Board would take the lead on requesting this type of data collection.

New Business

1. Regulatory Update

Mr. Novak reported that the fast-tracked action for implementation of regulatory changes following the 2022 periodic review of Chapter became effective on March 28, 2024.

2. Dr. Prasad mentioned three areas on the agenda for discussion. The first was the ability of radiologic assistants and radiological technologists to practice under remote supervision which currently is not authorized by the law and regulations. The second was how might the education of radiologist assistants and radiological technologists be accelerated. She mentioned the possibility of local educational experiences for radiologist assistants and radiologic technologists that enhance practitioner knowledge and confidence. She saw this in support of her third issue, patient safety. Such educational opportunities would enable excellent quality care and safety for patients. Dr. Prasad said that a group of clinicians in radiology will be meeting soon to discuss these issues. Dr. Harp suggested that it might be helpful to invite a Radiologist who is invested in the remote supervision of radiologist assistants to come to the next the Advisory Board meeting. Dr. Prasad moved to place this matter on the agenda of the next meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

3. Streamlining of Licensure Application Process for Radiologic Technologist-Limited

Mr. Sobowale and Mrs. Archer presented a method to streamline the initial process for Limited Scope Radiologic Technologists by requiring all clinical procedures be completed prior to applying for licensure. The applicant would provide attestation of completion of the required clinical procedures using a newly designed form. Mrs. Archer advised that edits to the language "...at least 10 "clinical" hours" will be amended to read, "...at least 10 clinical "procedures." Dr. Prasad moved that the "Clinical Attestation Form" be forwarded to the Full Board for approval. Dr. Catchings seconded; motion carried.

4. Orientation to the Board of Medicine and Advisory Board

Dr. Harp provided a detailed presentation of the history, function and importance of the Medicine and Advisory Boards as both maintain the commitment to protect the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Licensing Statistics

Beulah Baptist Archer provided the radiologic technology licensing report. The Board has a total of 5,921 licensees across all licensure categories in Radiologic Technology.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the advisory board is October 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to conduct, Dr. Prasad adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director