

**ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY
MINUTES**

February 8, 2006

The Advisory Board on Radiological Technology met Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Peggy Heffernan, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Heffernan, RT, Chair
Elizabeth Meixner, RT
Robert Goldschmidt, M.D

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Loritsch, RT
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STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Kate Nosbisch, Deputy Executive Director
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Director
Eusebia L. Joyner, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Joyce Hawkins, VSRT
Gene Feinberg, DPM, VA Podiatric Medical Association

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND APRIL 6, 2005

Ms. Meixner moved to approve the minutes dated November 30, 2005. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Goldschmidt moved to approve the minutes dated April 6, 2005. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Current Legislation - 2006 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained new legislation affecting the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Advisory Board on Radiological Technology.

2. Virginia Podiatric Medical Association request regarding the Podiatric Radiologic Technologist-Limited Course

Dr. Gene Feinberg, Executive Director for VPMA, distributed information regarding the VPMA's current course for Radiologic Technologist-Limited in Podiatry in a new CD-ROM format. The new format was discussed. Dr. Harp suggested to the advisory board, that if warranted, it could consider redefining the parameters of the program, including the time commitment involved.

The advisory board believed that the following revised format would be acceptable as a successor to the current two-day face-to-face course:

- 1) Self-study of an enhanced workbook and the CD-ROM presentation—20 hours
- 2) Laboratory with a podiatrist, may be the employer—4 hours
- 3) Practice experience supervised by a podiatrist or podiatric rad tech-limited—40 hours
- 4) Supervision of 40 foot and 25 ankle exams—time inestimable and coincident with #4
- 5) Passage of the examination for the course

Ms. Meixner moved to recommend that the proposal be presented at the next advisory board meeting in June 2006. This will allow time for the VPMA, Dr. Feinberg and Dr. Zobel to enhance the workbook with questions and feedback. The motion was seconded and carried. Consideration at the June advisory board meeting will allow for a recommendation to be forwarded to the June Board of Medicine meeting for consideration.

3. Radiologist Assistant role within the profession

This topic received much discussion. The question regards what the scope of practice for a rad tech includes, and what is being defined as the knowledge, skills and abilities of radiologist assistants by the half-dozen programs across the nation. Ms. Meixner offered to research the scope of practice for radiologic technologists with other states and submit at the next advisory board meeting.

4. On-line Newsletter

A sample newsletter was reviewed. Ms. Meixner suggested adding continuing education requirements, audit, unlawful practice, information and advisory board member designations.

5. Continuing Education Audit

Ms. Powers stated that a 10% audit for the 2003-2005 renewal period will take place sometime in March 2006.

6. Travel Voucher Website

Ms. Morton distributed new travel regulations to the board members. She explained the process for using online travel re-imbusement forms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 7, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Meixner moved to adjourn the meeting of the advisory board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Peggy Heffernan, RT (R), Chair

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

Eusebia L. Joyner, Recording Secretary