ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES MAY 9, 2002

The Advisory Committee on Radiological Technology met on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions. Dr. Wright called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT Brian R. Wright, DPM

Elizabeth Meixner, M.Ed., RTR

Karen Miller, BS, RTR

Jane O. Carpenter, A.A.S., RRT

Patricia Compton, RT

MEMBERS ABSENT Karsten Konerding, M.D.

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

Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing

Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst

GUESTS PRESENT Dr. Arnold Bersey

Joyce Hawkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2002 MEETING

Beth Meixner moved to approve the minutes as written.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Patricia Compton moved to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Hawkins represented VSRT in that The Board of Directors and the membership of Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologist, Inc. fully support the Boards position that hospital exemption be removed from the Virginia Law (Code of Virginia § 54.1-2956.8:1) regarding the practice of radiologic technology.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

There were no reports.

#1. Regulatory Update

Ms. Yeatts presented the recommendations on proposed regulations for regulatory review. Ms. Yeatts presented the "Board of Medicine Regulatory Actions", a handout on the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations were discussed. Patricia Compton moved to approve the proposed regulations as written. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Ms. Yeatts stated that House Bill 1318 places a new exemption under § 54.1-2901 (27). This exemption would be added to the radiologic technologist regulations by emergency regulation. Karen Miller moved to adopt the emergency regulation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#2. Implementation of new structure for the advisory bodies

This item was discussed and members were advised of any changes to their board.

#3. Radiologic Technologist and Radiologist Technologist-Limited licensing update

Ms. Powers presented the board with a count of 2,175 radiologic technologist, and 890 radiologic technologist-limited.

#4. Suggested legislative change to require licensing of all rad techs

The committee discussed consideration of legislation to require licensure for all radiologic technologists in the Commonwealth. Beth Miexner moved to strike the last paragraph of § 54.1-2956.8:1. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried unanimously. The board feels sufficient statutory enforcement is available under § 54.1-2914.

5 Podiatry Radiologist course and exam submitted by Dr. Zobell

Dr. Bersey, representing Dr. Zobell, presented information on coursework and examination for podiatry radiologic technologist-limited. The board raised concerns about the course, examination costs, grading and administering of exam. Dr. Wright suggested that if the test is purchased with the rights from Dr. Zobell and the test is evaluated by an independent testing service for validity the Advisory Committee would recommend to the full Board. Karen Miller moved to recommend approval of the examination with the conditions that no less than 32 hours of didactic education and that the examination is independently administered and scored and deemed a valid exam based on material presented. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried unanimously.

#6 Virginia Department of Health NOIRA on radiation protection guidelines

Dr. Harp suggested having a representative from the Department of Health bring their regulations and sit with Ms. Yeatts, and Dr. Harp and at least one Advisory Board member to go through the proposed regulations. Beth Meixner volunteered to represent the Advisory Board.

#7 Review of application form

Information was reviewed. Karen Miller moved to recommend to the Legislative Committee to give new applicants who are duly ARRT registered, a one time (30) thirty-day provisional license to practice while awaiting full licensure in the Commonwealth. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#8 New ARRT bone densitometry equipment operator's examination

Information discussed. No action necessary.

#9 Election of officers

An acclamation that Karen Miller continue as Vice-Chair until elections are re-done in the fall. The acclamation was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 11, 2002 at 1p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian R. Wright, DPM	William L. Harp, M.D.
Vice-Chairman	Executive Director

Nicole Gordon Recording Secretary