



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center
Conference Room 164
909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751
Friday, August 9, 2013
8:45 AM

1. Call to Order

Ian Hamilton, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Robert Emery, D.Ph.; Amy Clark; and John Hageman, C.H.P. Members absent: Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA

TRAB members present: David Nichols, M.D. and Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.

2. Introduction of guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E., Lisa Bruedigan, Ray Fleming, Robert Free, Barbara Taylor, Jo Turkette, Lisa Nieman, and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Gary Smith

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) staff present: Michael Sims

3. Old Business

A. Should DSHS consider updating 25 TAC §289.301 titled “*Registration and Radiation Safety Requirements for Lasers and Intense-Pulsed Light Devices*,” to reflect the most current version of the American National Standard for Safe Use of Lasers, ANSI Z136.1, which the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved in 2007

Mr. Hageman said it would be best to wait until after the new ANSI standards come out. Dr. Hamilton discussed drafting a letter for when the laser standards change that the DSHS would allow staff to work on the rules and then inspect facilities to assure the rules are complied with. Dr. Emery made a motion that the committee should draft this letter. Mr. Hageman seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Hageman volunteered to write this letter and send a draft out to the committee members.

4. New Business

A. Committee to discuss research into the image quality/diagnostic efficacy ramifications of using a CT scanner “scout” image in place of a radiographic image

Ms. Bruedigan discussed the quality of scout images in place of radiographic images. Ms. Nieman read a statement from the Food and Drug Administration’s Chief Medical Officer for Radiological Health that referred to this topic as a practice of medicine issue. Dr. Hamilton made a motion to recommend this topic to the Medical Committee for future discussion. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Committee to discuss research supporting a request made to DSHS concerning CT screening programs for early stage lung cancer

Dr. Hamilton discussed the CT screening programs. Mr. Hageman made a motion to recommend this topic to the Medical Committee for future discussion. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Formulate recommendations on any agenda items to be considered by the full Board

None

7. Adjourn

Dr. Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.