



**MEDICAL COMMITTEE  
of the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)  
MEETING MINUTES**

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center  
Conference Room 240, 909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751  
Friday, February 17, 2017 at 9:00 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Metter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present at the meeting: Bill Campbell; Robert Emery, DrPH; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; John Johnson, D.V.M.; Neal Leavell, D.D.S.; Karen Newton; Mark Silberman, M.D., Vice-Chair; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Jerry Cogburn, Joann Harthcock, Alyson Henry, Stacey McLarty, Liz Speights, Kasandra Swank, Helen Watkins, and Karl VonAhn

**2. Introduction of guests**

None

**3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2016 TRAB Medical Committee meeting**

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **4. Routine and Continuing Business:**

##### **A. Cutaneous electronic brachytherapy for superficial XRT (Medicare not reimbursed): Brief follow up**

Ms. Bruedigan stated no changes at this time and discussion continues.

##### **B. Radiation Control Protection inspection status of unannounced inspections: Brief update**

Ms. Watkins discussed the approximately 4,000 unannounced inspections performed to date. Three complaints were made to the legislature from dentists about the process of not being notified prior to inspection and DSHS responded to the legislature.

##### **C. Current status of FDA to adopt the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards: (L. Bruedigan-DSHS)**

Ms. Bruedigan attended a meeting in November, 2016 with Medical Imaging and Technology Alliance (MITA) and the Food and Drug Association (FDA). MITA is recommending free online access to the IEC standards.

##### **D. Advisory Statement on Public Better Understanding of Radiation**

###### ***i.* Adding Typical Patient Radiation Exposures to the TRAB's Advisory Statement for a Better Understanding of Radiation; Edit public resources (most common x-ray/CT and equate with common language (i.e., background radiation):**

Dr. Emery will work on a new table for medical and dental imaging and include the risks/benefits of performing diagnostic imaging.

###### ***ii.* How does this fit into the broader TRAB Advisory Statement for a Better Understanding of Radiation**

The Committee will review the TRAB Advisory Statement for a Better Understanding of Radiation after the table is received from Dr. Emery.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of the Occupational Safety and Health Admin. regulations, in [Title 29 §1910.1096, Ionizing Radiation](#), compliance resources for Texas X-ray Machine Registrants**

Ms. McLarty explained that if the state is compliant with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations, then the state is compliant with OSHA regulations. At this time, OSHA is not addressing facilities that are compliant with the state regulations.

### **B. Increasing accessibility to IEC standards (currently cannot copy or print)**

Discussed in item 4.C.

### **C. Two 2017 articles on the Linear No-Threshold Model controversy**

Dr. Emery and Dr. Metter discussed the two articles on the Linear No-Threshold Model controversy.

### **D. TCEQ rulemaking for flexibility to invoice WCS for cost recovery**

The committee agrees with the removal of the word "quarterly" in the TCEQ rule to invoice Waste Control Specialists (WCS).

## **6. Public Comments**

None

## **7. Summarize Committee meeting and recommendations for Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB.**

The committee agrees with the removal of the word "quarterly" from the TCEQ rule.

## **8. Identification of Agenda Items for next Medical Committee Meeting**

None

## **9. Adjourn**

Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.