



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, June 12, 2015 at 9:00 AM

1. **Call to Order**

Darlene Metter, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. A quorum was present.

Members present at the meeting: Nora Janjan, M.D. M.B.A., M.P.S.A.; William Campbell; Robert Emery, DrPH; and Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.

Members not present: Ian Scott Hamilton, Ph.D.; Mark Silberman, M.D., Vice-Chair; John Johnson, D.V.M.; and David Nichols, M.D.

2. **Introduction of guests**

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Jerry Cogburn, Chuck Flynn, Ann Hammer, Alyson Henry, Richard Ratliff, Liz Speights, Jo Turkette, and Helen Watkins.

Texas Board of Licensure for Professional Medical Physicists: Charles Beasley, Ph.D.

3. **Adoption of the February 27, 2015 meeting**

Dr. Janjan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Emery seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

4. **Continuing Business**

A. Discuss delay of the implementation of the radiation safety awareness training in 25 Tex. Administrative Code Sec. 289.227(m)(9)(E), pursuant to Kathryn Perkins letter dated January 13, 2015

Each Board member received a copy of Kathryn Perkin's letter and at this time the rule is effective, but DSHS is not enforcing the implementation of the required radiation safety awareness training. Mr. Chris Traylor has been appointed as the new executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

- B. Discussion of NRC's July 25, 2014, Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR), Docket ID NRC-2009-0279, related to the consideration of potential amendments to 10 CFR Part 20, the NRC's current radiation protection regulations, including potential recommendation to TRAB for additional submission of comments during the comment period extended to June 22, 2015.**

Ms. Bruedigan reported that CRCPD has a task force researching exposure dose limits and proposed to contact the patients directly to determine if they maintained compliance with the facility's instructions. Ms. Bruedigan will update the committee with the status of this project.

5. New Business

- A. Legislative update and discussion concerning Medical Physicist licensing for the diagnostic radiological physics specialty**

Dr. Beasley presented the status of the temporary licensed diagnostic Medical Physicists currently working on license requirements affected by the changes in state licensing and believes these changes will not affect the Licensed Medical Physicists workforce. The committee will continue to monitor the status of the transition to the Medical Board and TRAB can comment on the rules at a future date. Dr. Metter asked Mr. Ratliff to draft a letter to the Texas Medical Board to offer TRAB's assistance in the transition and the committee will review the letter for adoption at the next meeting.

- B. Consider and make recommendations to TRAB on draft rule packet for the following sections of 25 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 289 to ensure compatibility with the new 10 CFR Part 37, *Physical protection of category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material*:**

- i. §289.201 General Provisions for Radioactive Material**
- ii. §289.202 Standards for Protection Against Radiation from Radioactive Materials**
- iii. §289.251 Exemptions, General Licenses, and General License Acknowledgements**
- iv. §289.252 Licensing of Radioactive Material**
- v. §289.257 Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material**

Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Flynn discussed the status of 10 CFR Part 37. The committee had no additional comments. The proposed rule packet will be presented to the State Health Services Council September 10, 2015 for approval.

- C. Consider comments submitted to the EPA concerning proposed rules regarding in-situ mining of uranium for possible recommendation to TRAB of a letter, including a possible letter of support and/or endorsement, to the EPA**

Mr. Hageman drafted a letter addressing the EPA Proposed Rule 40 CFR Part 192. The Board members will consider endorsement in the full Board meeting.

6. Public Comments

None

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

A. Status of Medical Physicist licensing transition

B. Ms. Bruedigan reported that superficial E-brachytherapy units for skin cancer treatment are being used by dermatologists. Current Texas rules require a radiology oncologist to be involved in the treatment process. CRCPD has formed a task force and DSHS is performing site visits to research this issue and Ms. Bruedigan will provide a summary at the next meeting.

C. Ms. Bruedigan reported that FDA along with the Center for Devices of Radiological Health has decided to not update their rules anytime in the near future. They are proposing to adopt the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards. CRCPD has proposed a working group to research this issue and Ms. Bruedigan will provide an update at the next meeting.

8. Identification of Agenda Items for next Medical Committee Meeting

Update of items 5 and 7.

9. Adjourn

Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.