



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, September 19, 2014
8:00 AM

1. Call to Order:

Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A. called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting; John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; and Amy Clark was available by conference call.

Other TRAB members present: Judy Raab; John Johnson, D.V.M.; and Darshan Schade

Members not present: Ian Hamilton, Ph.D., Chair and Robert J. Emery, DrPH., Vice-Chair.

2. Introductions of Guests:

Department of State Health Services: Richard Ratliff, Robert Free, Ray Fleming, Liz Speights, Chuck Flynn, Laura Pfefferle and Peggy Westlund.

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Leslie Savage and Grant Chambless

3. Adoption of the minutes of the May 23, 2014 meeting

Mr. Hageman made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Old Business

A. Update on rulemaking priorities.

Mr. Flynn discussed the changes to the rules.

B. Licensing of Certified Diagnostic Physicists by the American Board of Radiology

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

C. Simulcasting of the TRAB meetings

Mr. Ratliff discussed the possibility of simultaneous broadcasting of the Board meetings, even though the TRAB meetings are open meetings. Mr. Ratliff explained that currently neither of the available meeting facilities and equipment nor funding for the Board's activities allow for broadcasting the Board's meetings. Therefore, this item was closed.

5. New Business:

Present and discuss topics that need further research for action by the TRAB

A. Mr. Hageman suggested reviewing the “TRAB Policy on Public Comment at Meetings” at the next meeting.

B. Medical community emergency response to radiation events

Dr. Janjan and Mr. Hageman discussed presenting to the full Board a presentation about second responders to radiation events, caused by terrorists or by accidents. Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Free will gather additional information to discuss at the next meeting.

6. Public Comments

None

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

None

8. Adjourn

Dr. Janjan adjourned the meeting at 9:02 am.