



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, April 19, 2024
Scheduled to convene at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Darlene Metter, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of committee members present.

Members present: Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; Lisa Masters, DDS; Darlene Metter, M.D.; William Pate, DrPH; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Walquira Sanchez, Gem Naivar, Karl Von Ahn, Jay Pavlica, Kaylie Smith, Joann Harthcock, and Rae Walker

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2024, TRAB Medical Committee meeting.

Dr. Pate motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Masters seconded the motion. All approved.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business:

A. Position statement for regulatory remote operators (located in different states) for imaging equipment, CRCPD to publish in 2024 (Bruedigan)

Ms. Bruedigan reported that the position statement that the CRCPD put together on the remote operation of CT units was published in February 2024, and it is available on the CRCPD website. The CRCPD did not take a stance on if this is a good thing or not, but they gave some guidance on what to do if you encounter this during inspections or if anyone is asking about this topic. Because there are many vast variances among the states on what operator credentials are required and what medical boards will allow, it will be dependent on each state to take a look at this position statement and make a decision on their own.

B. DSHS position on ABR relinquishing their NRC recognition status (Bruedigan)

Ms. Bruedigan gave an update on this topic from a DSHS perspective. She stated that she confirmed with Karl that DSHS is not seeing any problems. There have been no calls or written requests for help with this topic. DSHS is still accepting the same documents that they have been. They anticipate that there may be problems down the road in the documentation that is coming out of the training. Everyone will need to be sure that they get the documentation that they need at the time of training so that they have it when it is needed.

6. New Business

A. Eye90 Microsphere for permanent hepatic implantation under fluoroscopy regulated under 10 CFR section 35.1000

Dr. Metter explained this new device.

B. Dental Lead Shielding Recommendations

Dr. Pate and Dr. Masters discussed this topic.

C. Identify topics to recommend for further discussion and to be addressed at future meetings of the Topic Research Committee; Medical Committee; Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee; or TRAB.

1. Impact to mammography in the state of Texas due to FDA amendments to MQSA and the state of Texas no longer being able to serve as an accrediting body due to ACR not providing reviewers.
2. Emerging pharmaceutical technologies that are coming up, such as the Alexis Galaxy Radiation Therapy unit and the Y90 Liberty Vision Ophthalmic Wand for scleral therapies. It was asked if we could have a consultant come in to discuss these new technologies or have a new seat added to the board for Radiation Oncology. Ms. Bruedigan said that she would investigate finding someone who can speak on these technologies at a future meeting.
3. Authorized Users for dentistry, podiatry, and veterinary. Ms. Bruedigan will ask at the CRCPD level to see what other states have.
4. How to correct dental violations for reporting x-ray units as well as lasers and become compliant. Texas Dental Association focus group.
5. Current and upcoming emerging technologies and radiopharmaceuticals

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

Dr. Metter summarized the meeting.

8. Adjourn

Dr. Masters motioned to adjourn. Dr. Trubek seconded the motion. Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 10:07 am.