



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 5, 2016 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Darlene Metter, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was not present.

Members present at the meeting: Ian Scott Hamilton, Ph.D.; Bill Campbell and John Johnson, D.V.M.

Members not present: Mark Silberman, M.D., Vice Chair; Robert Emery, Dr. P.H.; Nora Janjan, M.D.; and Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.

2. Introduction of guests

Texas Board of Licensure for Professional Medical Physicists: Charles Beasley, Ph.D.; and Rob Black, Assistant General Counsel with Medical Board

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Jerry Cogburn, Joann Harthcock, Alyson Henry, Shannon Quinn, Richard Ratliff, Jo Turkette, and Helen Watkins.

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2015 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. Continuing Business:

A. Letter to Dr. Hellerstedt, DSHS Commissioner, explaining TRAB's concern on the suspension of training requirements for Fluoroscopic guided imaging (FGI) to be approved by the Medical Committee to present for full TRAB approval.

Dr. Hamilton has not completed the letter and is waiting for information from physicists.

Dr. Metter suggested a February 15, 2016 deadline for the letter to be forwarded to Mr. Ratliff. The letter will be distributed and the committee will schedule a conference call.

B. Issue of Medical Physicist's certification under the Texas Medical Board (TMB).

Dr. Beasley advised the TMB has drafted rules, and developed an advisory committee. The rules will be published in the Texas Register for notice and comment in several weeks. New and renewed licenses will require a background check and fingerprints. New applicants will not be required to take a state exam and the TMB will discuss a state exam at a later date. A "training" license can be issued/renewed to an applicant that has not obtained certification from one of the approved boards listed in the rules. At the fourth renewal request, the applicant is required to provide proof they are actively pursuing certification. Online registration has been added to the website.

C. Dermatology ELS (Electronically Generated Low Energy Sources for Skin radiation Therapy) update, state survey (what instruments are used, what training is provided) ended Jan 2016: L Bruedigan preliminary update on survey (<6 units in Texas)

Thirty-eight states responded to the survey: sixteen states are using the ELS units in dermatology offices and eight of the sixteen require an oncologist to be involved in the process. Texas requires an oncologist and will be added as a registration condition. Texas has not received any new applicants, but received an application from a current applicant for a new hybrid (superficial/ELS/ultrasound) unit. DSHS has planned to visit this applicant to see the new unit.

5. New Business

A. I-131 patient release "best practices," NRC taking input until 02/16/2016; Keep on agenda for next meeting

NRC is creating a website for I-131 patients on radiation protection. The Advisory Committee on Medical Use of Isotopes (ACMUI) discussed this topic and is concerned that medical providers should be directing patient care rather than regulators.

B. Patient diaries on dose tracking (CT, fluoroscopy, nuclear medicine)

No updates at this time.

6. Public Comments

None

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

Dr. Metter will give an update on the letter to Dr. Hellerstedt, DSHS Commissioner

8. Identification of Agenda Items for next Medical Committee Meeting

A. Update on letter to Dr. Hellerstedt, DSHS Commissioner

B. Ms. Bruedigan will provide an update on the ELS survey

C. Dr. Metter will provide an update on the NRC website of “best practices” for I-131 patient release.

9. Adjourn

Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.