

Meeting Minutes
Registered Sanitarian Advisory Committee
February 12, 2003
10 a.m.
Texas Department of Health
Exchange Building, Room S-402
8407 Wall Street
Austin Texas 78754

Members Present: Ahmad Adloo, Patrick Buzbee, Terrance Gratton, Sandra Long, Charles McGuffey, Ginger Shaffer

Members Absent: None

TDH Staff: Brandye Young, Yvonne Feinleib, Jim Zukowski, Dan Meador

Guests: John Shaffer

1. Call to Order

Sandra Long, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of October 3, 2002 Minutes

Ginger Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Charles McGuffey seconded. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Recommendations regarding review of 25 TAC Chapter 265 in accordance with Government Code Chapter 2001.039 Agency Review of Existing Rules

The committee reviewed the draft presented by staff and discussed each section of the rules in order. The committee paused briefly during discussion of the rules for the Division Director's report, and then returned to this agenda item.

The committee made recommendations on the wording in §§265.144, 265.145, 265.146, 265.147, and 265.155.

Charles McGuffey made a motion to approve all recommendations. Terrance Gratton seconded. Motion carried.

4. Division Director's Report

Jim Zukowski presented information on proposed agency spending cuts, including a letter from the Governor requesting a 7% cut and an internal TDH memo on additional ways to cut expenses. He also discussed possible legislative issues, including removing the fee cap and authorizing administrative penalties as additional disciplinary actions.

5. Discussion and Recommendations regarding Examination, including Possible Appointment of an Examination Subcommittee

The committee formed a subcommittee consisting of Ahmad Adloo, Patrick Buzbee, Terrance Gratton, Sandra Long, and John Shaffer. Additional members, including a representative from

TCEQ, may also be invited to attend. The first meeting will be held on June 11 at 1 p.m. in S-402. The committee requested assistance in writing questions, which will be provided by Eileen Hartman from the PLCD examination section. The subcommittee agenda will include an agenda item on contracting for another examination.

6. Setting Future Meeting Dates

The committee set May 28, 2003 as the next meeting date. Additionally, a public hearing will be held on the proposed rules.

The committee also decided to meet on April 23, 2003 in conjunction with the Texas Environmental Health Association conference in Round Rock, Texas, to hold a public hearing on the proposed rule review.

7. Program Administrator's Report, including Updates on Vacancy and Complaint Summary

Yvonne Feinleib presented an overview of the current operations of the program, and presented a summary of open complaints. She also informed the committee that two applications had been received for the current vacancy on the committee.

8. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

9. Adjournment

Ginger Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 1:30.