

**TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, January 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 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. **Roll call of committee members present.**

Members present: Michael Britt and Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; William Pate, DrPH; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

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

Guests: Jeanette Ruiz, a member of the public

1. **Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and approval of the minutes of the November 3, 2023, TRAB Medical Committee meeting**

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

1. **Public Comments**

None

1. **Routine and Continuing Business:**
   1. **ACMUI update (Metter)**

Dr. Metter gave an update on the activities of the ACMUI committees.

* 1. **Elect Vice Chair**

Dr. Metter stated that Dr. Lisa Masters had said at the last meeting that she would be willing to be considered a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair for the Medical Committee. Dr. Metter asked if anyone else was interested in being a candidate. Dr. Trubek made a motion that Dr. Masters be accepted for this position. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. All agreed.

* 1. **Position Statement for regulatory remote operators (located in different states) for imaging equipment, published in early 2024.**

Ms. Bruedigan stated that CRCPD had to postpone publishing this statement due to updating their management software on their website. They hope to have this statement published soon. Ms. Bruedigan gave an overview of this statement.

* 1. **Authorized Users: If an AU relinquishes their AU status to perform administrative work for seven or more years and then chooses to return to work requiring prior AU status, what are the requirements to obtain AU for 10 CFR 35.290?**

Dr. Metter posed this question to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and was told that these people would need to provide evidence of continuing medical education (CME) while not working as an AU for the NRC to consider reinstating their AU status.

1. **New Business**
   1. **Check-Cap 181-Tungsten source for colonoscopy.**

Dr. Metter had spoken with the NRC regarding this technology and found that the NRC’s position on this technology is that the source would need to be retrieved or it would need to be documented as a lost source.

* 1. **Review the current status of in-office dermatology radiotherapy.**

Ms. Bruedigan discussed this topic. She informed the committee on the different types of devices and what DSHS expects for every kind of device for registration and inspections.

* 1. **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. Update from DSHS regarding the issue of ABR relinquishing the NRC recognition status.
2. **Summarize the Committee meeting, recommendations for Committee Report, and proposed action items for TRAB.**

Dr. Metter summarized the meeting.

1. **Adjourn**

Dr. Trubek motioned to adjourn. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 9:51 am.