



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, January 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Darlene Metter, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of committee members present.

Members present: Michael Britt; Darlene Metter, M.D.; William Pate, PhD; Doug Posey, DVM.; and Mark Silberman, M.D

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Gem Naivar, Ida Murguia, Shannon Quinn, Kaylie Smith, Karl Von Ahn, and John Pavlica

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2022, TRAB Medical Committee meeting

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

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business:

A. Status on upcoming rule revisions

- i.** 25 TAC § 289.229 Radiation Safety Requirement for Accelerators, Therapeutic Radiation Machines, Simulators, and Electronic Brachytherapy Devices
- ii.** 25 TAC § 289.301 Registration and Radiation Safety Requirements for Lasers and Intense-Pulsed Light Devices
- iii.** Update on DSHS review of RAM and NRC rules

Ms. Bruedigan gave an update on these reviews and the updating processes on these rules. DSHS received several comments from the TRAB and outside subject matter reviewers. She reported that DSHS is now in the formal rulemaking process and will have the Texas Medical Board's licensed physicist group review the rules and receive comments from them to verify that our rules do not oppose their regulations. Lisa also reported that DSHS would have an

official kickoff meeting with the rule coordinating office on February 8, 2023.

B. CRCPD suggested regulations – Part X (Radiation Therapy) update on public comment

Ms. Bruedigan reported that CRCPD has received public comments on these regulations and expects the document to be published by mid-summer.

C. Update on Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)/Advisory Committee on Medical Use of Isotopes (ACMUI) subcommittee on the American Board of Radiology's relinquishment of NRC Recognition

Ms. Bruedigan updated that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is aware of the situation with the American Board of Radiology. The NRC is waiting for rulemaking, which will not be effective until August 2024. Ms. Bruedigan stated that CRCPD has formed a new task force, H57, which has been tasked to develop a survey for the states to examine this situation. (Combined with Item 6C on the agenda.) CRCPD hopes to have this survey published and sent to the states within the next two weeks.

6. New Business

A. DSHS review of applications for radiation units in Texas (with new subsurface and surface External Radiation Treatment (XRT))

Mr. Von Ahn gave a presentation on this topic.

B. Current veterinary compliance for state inspections

This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

C. DSHS response to American Board of Radiology relinquishing NRC board recognition beginning 01/01/2024

This item was covered under item 5C on the agenda.

D. Electronic-Brachytherapy units

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

E. DSHS perspective on the status on the status of MUI's

Ms. Bruedigan presented this topic.

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

1. NRC Y90 medical advances about microspheres

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

Dr. Metter summarized the meeting.

8. Adjourn

Dr. Britt motioned to adjourn. Dr. Posey seconded the motion. Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.