

MINUTES
UTAH
RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

January 8, 2009

Room 402 – 4th Floor – 1:00 p.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 1:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 2:30 p.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Troy Dicou – Chairperson
Cindy Ellis
Lisa Wood
Carla Willard
Loy Ann Hunt
Ruth Potkins

Board Members Absent:

Guests:

Diane Newham, President Elect USRT (Utah Society of Radiology Technologists)

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley – Division Director
Connie Call – Compliance Assistant

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

Ms. Potkins seconded by Mr. Dicou made a motion to approve the October 2, 2008 board meeting minutes, the motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of 2008 Chairperson

Ms. Ellis then announced that this will be her last meeting with this Board. Her decision was based on her employer requiring her to take vacation hours for each meeting date.

Ms. Ellis seconded by Ms. Potkins made a motion to elect Mr. Dicou as the Chairperson for the Radiology Technologist Licensing Board, for the 2008 – 2009 year, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dicou and the Board, then expressed there appreciation

to Ms. Ellis for her hard work and dedication to the Board through out the past eight years.

Update of Emergency Information

Completed, with no further action taken.

APPOINTMENTS:

1:15 p.m. Compliance

Ms. Call explained that currently Mr. Brown is not in compliance with his MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), due to his failure to appear for his scheduled appointment with the Board on October 2, 2008, and failing to submit his "Employer and Therapist" reports in timely manner. She then added that all required "Employer and Therapy" reports have been submitted.

The Board was concerned that Mr. Brown had been in full compliance with his MOU, for two years, and has not given any excuse regarding why he failed to appear at his last appointment.

1:30 p.m. Brown, Trevor

Mr. Brown appeared for his scheduled appointment with the Board. New "Employer and Therapy" report forms, were given to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown explained that his is still working full-time at Davis Hospital, and sees his therapist on a regular basis. He then added that he failed to appear at his last appointment due to the State of Utah "4-day work week", and this Board meeting having been changed from Friday to Thursday. He further explained that he has failed to submit his forms in a timely manner, due to the same issue.

Ms. Wood seconded by Ms. Willard made a motion to require Mr. Brown to meet again with the Board on April 2, 2009, and determined that Mr. Brown is in compliance with his MOU, the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Practical Technician Education – Diane Newman

Mr. Ormond reminded the Board that at the April 25, 2008 Board meeting this issue was discussed, and it was determined that Mr. Dicou would compose a letter to be sent to ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists), explaining that the Board approved of the Content Specifications for this exam, however, they felt that a practical or proficiency examination should be required as well, and an educational requirement should be added prior to setting for the exams, the letter was later sent on May 13, 2008. The Division has not received a response from ARRT, as of this meeting.

Ms. Wood explained that she felt that in past discussions,

the largest concerns were the lack of required “clinical” hours and the low passing score, allowed with in this State. She then added that ARRT’s recommended passing score is 75%. It was determined that both the “ARRT Limited Scope” and the “ARRT Bone Densitometry Equipment Operators” examination passing scores should be raised to 75%.

Mr. Ormond then added that if the profession wanted to require “clinical” hours, prior to licensure, Title 58 Chapter 54 would need to be amended. He further explained that USRT (Utah Society of Radiologic Technologists) would need to propose the Bill at the 2010 legislative session. Ms. Newman agreed, adding that the USRT feels that this is a public safety concern.

Ms. Newman explained that some of USRT’s concerns, with the Division are:

- Doctors taking the responsibility for a RPT (Radiology Practical Technician) who has not been appropriately trained, and over exposing patients.
- Unlicensed practice.
- Lack of enforcement.
- No Fine Authority.
- Lack of response to complaints.
- Lack of or no supervision of RPT’s.

Mr. Ormond explained, unlike other State Agencies, Utah is not proactive; however, we act upon all complaints in a timely manner. Depending on the nature of the complaint the Division may issue a written or verbal warning; or a cease and desist order. Mr. Ormond then explained that USRT could change the Statue to allow for “fine authority”, at the next legislative session.

Mr. Dicou reminded Ms. Newman that when Title 58 Chapter 54 was enacted the Medical Associations, fought the bill. Mr. Dicou then suggested, identifying any concerns, professional and public, that USRT has and approaching the Medical Associations for their support in a legislative change.

Ms. Newman then requested for a Board Member and a Division Representative to speak at the next USRT conference in May 2009, regarding enforcement, licensure, and Laws and Rules, Mr. Dicou and Mr. Ormond agreed to attend the meeting.

Other concerns / possible legislation of USRT:

1. Recording patient doses of radiation;
 - a) USRT would like to make it a requirement for all

radiation doses to be documented. The Board suggested contacting the Division of Radiation Control, or Hospitals regarding this issue.

2. Licensure of a Radiology Assistant;

- a) Mr. Ormond explained that this suggestion would require a Statutory change, adding that USRT may need to obtain substantial support from other Medical Associations.

Pinacate, Reynaldo – Non-Disciplinary Cease and Desist Stipulation

Mr. Ormond explained that Mr. Pinacate Jr. signed a Non-Disciplinary Cease and Desist Stipulation and Order on November 13, 2008. The Division was notified that Mr. Pinacate had been working as a Radiology Technologist, from May 2005 through October 2008, without being appropriately licensed. Mr. Ormond further explained that Mr. Pinacate later, reapplied for licensure as a Radiology Technologist, and is now in good standing with the Division.

ADJOURN:

2:30 p.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

April 2, 2009

(ss) Troy Dicou

Date Approved

Chairperson, Radiology Technologist Licensing Board

April 6, 2009

(ss) Clyde Ormond

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing