

MINUTES

**UTAH
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST, ASSISTANT,
AND PRACTICAL TECNICIAN LICENSING
BOARD MEETING**

March 14, 2013

**Room 210 – 2nd Floor –1:00 p.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 2:30 P.M.

Bureau Manager:

April Ellis

Board Secretary:

Yvonne King

Board Members Present:

Rex Christensen, Chair
Alexis Nieves
Ruth Potkins
Heather Parker Hatch
Patrick Luers, MD

Board Members Absent

Loy Ann Hunt
Judy Nelson
Stephen D. Brown, MD

Visitors

Dee Quan, USRT

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of the November 8, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Hatch, seconded by Mr. Nieves, made a motion to approve the November 8, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RA Bill Language, Jim Walling

Jim Walling, Director of Ancillary Services at Moab Regional Hospital, stated that he had worked with Senators and Representatives to obtain the language change for Radiologic Assistants (RA's) in rural settings so that they could work under the "General Supervision" rather than "Indirect Supervision" of a

Radiologist. It was noted that the Bill passed.

ARRT Exams

Ms. Hatch stated that she looked in to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, (ARRT) exams as it relates to the specific testing for the pelvis and abdomen area, because ARRT were no longer offering those exams. This has caused a concern with licensees because it was unclear whether this would be included in their scope of practice for a Radiology Practical Technician, (RPT). Ms. Hatch also noted that ARRT would not be opposed to the State of Utah offering those exams.

Ms. Ellis stated she would look into including the licensee's scope of practice with the license for Radiologic Practical Technician.

Many of the Board members expressed concerns about the RPT license because it appeared to be meaningless without an experience requirement. The Board believed they should lean on obtaining a more structured program with the radiation safety concerns.

The Board suggested setting a clinical hourly requirement with regards to the experience and count those hours towards further licensing.

Ms. Ellis stated that changing a license requirement and imposing clinical hours would require a statutory change. Ms. Ellis suggested contacting the associations for support.

Dee Quan

Ms. Quan introduced herself as the United States Radiologic Technologist, (USRT) Board Representative.

Ms. Quan also explained that she was backing the care bill which covers the federal minimum standards of education and certification of those using radiation therapies.

Continuing Education

Ms. Hatch asked if there was a way to change the verbiage in law with regards to the dates continuing education covers, because it does not coincide with the dates ARRT covers. Ms. Hatch stated that she would e-mail Ms. Ellis some proposed language pertaining to

the requested change.

CORRESPONDENCE

ARRT Sanctions

This was reviewed by the Board with no action taken.

ADJOURNED

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.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Radiology Technologist Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

Pending Approval