

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

COVER PAGE

BOARD NAME: Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

DATE: July 18, 2002

LOCATION: Androscoggin Room, Dept. of Professional and Financial Regulation

TIME	TIME CALLED	TIME
SCHEDULED: 9:00 A.M.	TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.	ADJOURNED: 11:30 A.M.

CHAIR: Dawn Commune

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Commune, Chair
Linda Woods, Complaint Officer
Carrie Steele
Rebecca Comeau
Brian Brock
Russell Briggs
Terry Zipper

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Curtis

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Smith, Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Thibodeau, Health Board Administrator
Diane Bradstreet, Board Clerk

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS
MINUTES – July 18, 2002

At 9:00 a.m., Dawn Commune, Chair, called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion by Rebecca Comeau, seconded by Terry Zipper, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 16, 2002 as written.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PET/CT SCANNING

At the May 8, 2002 board meeting, correspondence received from Thomas Armor of Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC) was discussed regarding clarification of the professional licensure requirements for individuals performing procedures using PET/CT scanning devices. This matter was then tabled pending further investigation by Linda Woods.

At today's meeting, Ms. Woods informed the Board that she had contacted many hospitals from other states on their use of these scanning devices and was informed that in most instances the procedures are being performed by nuclear medicine technologists. The sites that Ms. Woods spoke with felt very strongly that this equipment and the examinations performed should be done by nuclear medicine technologists, due to the fact that the CT component is just for mapping and does not produce a diagnostic image. Ms. Woods spoke with sites located in licensure and non-licensure states.

In a motion by Brian Brock, seconded by Terry Zipper, the Board voted unanimously that the use of a non-diagnostic imaging modality as an adjunct can be done by licensed technologists in the primary diagnostic imaging modality.

DISCUSSION REGARDING UNLICENSED PRACTICE

On May 9, 2002, the Board received an application from a nuclear medicine technologist contracted to work in Maine. This individual is registered through the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB). Due to the fact that this technologist had a felony conviction, Linda Woods was asked to investigate this matter and to contact the NMTCB to see whether such information had been reported to them. She was informed that the NMTCB does not require any notification on arrest or convictions. In consultation with Assistant Attorney General Dennis Smith regarding this matter, the Board decided that, since this is public information, Ms. Woods would call and ask the applicant for written permission to share his conviction information with his employer. Through Ms. Woods' conversation with the applicant, however, the applicant admitted to Ms. Woods that he had been working at the hospital for two weeks. Ms. Woods then informed the applicant and his manager at the hospital in which the applicant was employed that practicing in Maine without a license is unlawful, and that this application would have to go before the Board at the July 18, 2002 meeting for discussion. The manager later informed Ms. Woods that the licensee had stopped scanning, and that the applicant's contract with the hospital had been terminated.

The Board discussed the appropriate steps to take regarding this individual's application, and in a motion by Russell Briggs, seconded by Brian Brock, voted unanimously to deny this individual's application based on his admission to having practiced without a license.

July 18, 2002

Page 2

Radiologic Technology Board Minutes

In a motion by Brian Brock, seconded by Rebecca Comeau, the Board also voted unanimously to file a complaint against the applicant's manager for allowing the unlicensed practice.

REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION AND EXTENSION OF LIMITED LICENSE TRAINEE STATUS

The Board reviewed Barbara A. Grant's July 11, 2002 request for an extension of her Limited License Trainee Status and also to be granted permission to sit for the Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography Examination in September. Ms. Grant, under date of April 23, 2002, previously requested and was granted permission to sit for this examination pending completion of her requirements in Thoracic Spines. These requirements have now been completed.

In a motion by Russell Briggs, seconded by Terry Zipper, the Board voted unanimously to extend Ms. Grant Limited License Trainee Status to December 31, 2002 thereby giving her additional time to prepare and to sit for this examination.

REQUEST FOR LIMITED LICENSE TRAINEE STATUS

In a motion Brian Brock, seconded by Carrie Steele, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from Andrea Kelley for the Limited License Trainee Status. Ms. Kelley will be training at the Salt Bay Orthopedists in Damariscotta under the supervision of Dr. Edward R. White in the Categories of Spine and Extremities.

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY – ELAINE THIBODEAU

Elaine distributed and reviewed the Board's budget as of the close of Fiscal Year 2002, which ended on June 30, 2002. The current cash balance is \$82,701.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by Rebecca Comeau, the Board voted unanimously to change the August meeting date from the 15th to the 22nd.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Bradstreet
Board Clerk