

STATE OF MAINE
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Minutes of February 17, 2005

Members Present: Dawn Commune, Chair; Linda Woods, Complaint Officer;
Carrie Steele, Brian Brock and Terry Zipper

Others Present: Penny Vaillancourt, Administrator; Dennis Smith, Assistant
Attorney General and Diane Bradstreet, Board Clerk

Members Absent: William Curtis

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by Brian Brock, the board voted unanimously to approve the November 18, 2004 minutes as written.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by Brian Brock, the board voted unanimously to re-elect Dawn Commune as Chair, Carrie Steele as Vice Chair and Linda Woods as the Complaint Officer.

REVIEW OF MIRIAM DAME'S APPLICATION

In a motion by Brian Brock, seconded by Terry Zipper, the Board voted unanimously to initiate a complaint against licensee, Miriam Dame, for committing fraud in obtaining a license to practice by failing to disclose a criminal conviction, which is a violation of Title 32 § 9860(1).

APPROVAL OF DRAFT LETTER TO SAFETY OFFICERS

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by Brian Brock, the board voted unanimously to approve and mail the letter as drafted to all safety officers/coordinators regarding the use of radiographic equipment in a hospital setting. This letter was written as a result of correspondence received by the board requesting clarification as to whether a Registered Nurse, under the direction of a radiologic technologist or a physician, could move a C-ARM during a procedure.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT LETTER TO MAINE MEDICAL CENTER

In a motion by Brian Brock, seconded by Terry Zipper, the board voted unanimously to approve and mail the letter as drafted to Maine Medical Center regarding the use of radiographic equipment in a hospital setting. This letter was written as a result of

correspondence received by the board requesting clarification as to whether a Registered Nurse, under the direction of a radiologic technologist or a physician, could move a C-ARM during a procedure.

CORRESPONDENCE

CUTLER HEALTH CENTER – JUDITH K. MATEJA

The board discussed this correspondence requesting verification of individuals who are allowed to order x-rays. Ms. Mateja was informed by the Director of Cutler Health Center, Dr. Mark Jackson, that he has the right to determine that athletic trainers can initiate orders for x-rays. Ms. Mateja felt that this is putting her license in jeopardy and requested clarification from the board.

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by Brian Brock, the board voted to send Ms. Mateja a letter informing her that the board does not have jurisdiction over the scope of practice of a licensed athletic trainer or a licensed physician and to direct her inquiry to the Board of Licensure in Medicine. However, the board did provide guidance that a radiologic technologist works under the supervision of a licensed practitioner. However, the board cannot determine how far a licensed practitioner can delegate supervision and x-ray authority.

MAINE MEDICAL CENTER – ANN HALL

The board discussed the correspondence received from Ann Hall regarding radiologic technologists administering medications.

After a thorough discussion, a motion was made by Terry Zipper, seconded by Brian Brock, stating that if the administration of non-radiological pharmaceuticals is within the traditional standards of practice, is recognized as being within the standards of practice by nationally recognized radiological associations (i.e. AART/ASRT), is prescribed and authorized by a licensed practitioner, and is not specifically prohibited by and other state or federal laws, then it is not prohibited by the Board's statute.

Vote: 4 in favor (Dawn Commune, Chair, did not vote on this matter.)

EASTERN MAINE MEDICAL CENTER – MIKE DUBIEL

The correspondence received on January 13, 2005 from Mike Dubiel of Eastern Maine Medical Center was tabled until the March meeting.

BRIDGTON HOSPITAL - SUSAN RIVET

The correspondence received on February 8, 2005 from Susan Rivet of Bridgton Hospital was tabled until the March meeting.

MAINE ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER - BEV NEUGEBAUER

The correspondence received on February 8 2005 from Bev Neugebauer of Maine Orthopaedic Center was tabled until the March meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – PENNY VAILLANCOURT

No report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. in a motion by Linda Woods, seconded by Brian Brock,

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Bradstreet
Board Clerk