

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology
And Radiologist Assistance Advisory Committee
Thursday, August 1, 2019
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland Room 100

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael R. Vogel, BS, CNMT, RT(N) (CT), Chair,
Kamau Nkenge, RRA, RT (R) (CT), (ARRT),
Ryan Carroll, R.T. (T), Lynn Harris-McCorkle, M.D.,
Amy Taylor, RRA (RT), Theresa Lewis, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, Ellen Douglas Smith,
Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor,
Mark Woodard, Health Policy Analyst, Cecilia Laurent, Allied
Health Analyst, , Sandi Van Horn, Health Policy Analyst, Yemisi
Koya, M.D., Director, Communication/Education/Policy, Stacey
Darin, Board Counsel

ABSENT: Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel

GUESTS: Sandra Moore, Johns Hopkins, Bill Fisher, Howard Community
College, Lindsay Rowe, DLD, Kelly Scible, Howard County
Community College

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vogel called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Development and Discussion of Committee Recommendation for RCIS Regulations

Mr. Vogel stated that the purpose of the meeting was to develop and discuss the Committee's recommendations to the RCIS Stakeholder meeting on August 12, 2019, as well as clarify the committee's responsibility in the regulatory process.

Ms. Darin, Counsel to the RCIS Workgroup, stated that the RCIS bill that passed during the 2019 legislative session provides an exception to licensure for RCIS' given the specific requirements to be met as follows:

- Delegated duties are limited to a cardiac catheterization procedure performed in a hospital cardiac catheterization lab.
- A physician must be physically present and personally direct the RCIS.
- The RCIS must complete the training and have the experience required by the regulations. (It was noted that this is the component that the regulations will address.)
- The hospital is required to verify and document that the RCIS has the required training and experience. The Board can impose civil penalties on the hospital for failure to do this.

The Committee discussed the RCIS legislation and key points to be included in the regulations. Dr. Koya asked Mr. Vogel to review the points of consensus regarding the committee's recommendations on education, training and experience for the development of the RCIS regulations. The committee agreed to recommend the following requirements at the RCIS Stakeholder meeting for drafting the RCIS regulations:

- Graduation from an accredited RCIS program;
- Successful completion of the RCIS exam;
- Completion of 30 hours of clinical training;
- Completion of 30 hours of didactic training;
- Successful completion of the ARRT fluoroscopy examination or another exam approved by the Board;
- Completion of 20 studies/procedures of fluoroscopy under the supervision of a licensed radiographer in a catheterization (cath) lab within 2 years of passing the above mentioned exam;
- Completion of 36 hours of CEUs in 3 years – 30 of the 36 hours must be in cardiovascular related topics.

The committee also discussed the issue of the RCIS “pressing the pedal” (i.e., performing fluoroscopy) in the cath-lab, in case of an emergency stating that the RCIS will only activate ionizing radiation under the personal direction of a cardiologist in an emergency situation or when the physician is unable to physically perform the fluoroscopy.

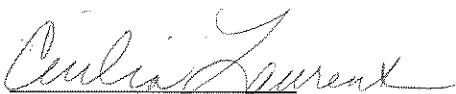
Mr. Vogel agreed to prepare a summary of the committee's recommendations in preparation for the RCIS Stakeholder meeting on August 12, 2019, eliciting feedback from committee members and staff prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 100.

Submitted by:



Cecilia Laurent
Allied Health Analyst