

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology**  
**And Radiologist Assistance Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, July 17, 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

**ABSENT:** Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director

**STAFF PRESENT:** Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Mark Woodard, Health Policy Analyst, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst, Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel, Sandi Van Horn, Health Policy Analyst, Yemisi Koya, M.D., Director, Communication/Education/Policy, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst, Stacey Darin, Board Counsel

**GUESTS** Frederick Yeganeh, M.D., Maryland Radiologic Society,  
Lindsay Rowe, DLS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Vogel called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF OPEN MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Nkenge and seconded by Ms. Lewis, the committee unanimously approved the May 15, 2019 Open Meeting Minutes.

On a motion made by Ms. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Nkenge, the committee unanimously approved the May 15, 2019 Closed Meeting Minutes.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Woodard stated that the proposed amendments to the nuclear medicine technology regulations have moved to the Maryland Department of Health's (MDH) Regulations Office. He stated that the next regulatory meeting is in mid-August, at which time the process should be completed and the Secretary of MDH should sign the regulations.

Ms. Van Horn informed the Committee that the RCIS Stakeholder's meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 from 1 pm - 4pm. She stated that a draft set of regulations will be developed prior to the meeting and further information will be posted on the Board's website. A number of committee members expressed an interest in attending.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Robert James Gorsuch, NMT – Operation of PET/CT

The committee reviewed and discussed Mr. Gorsuch's applications for "Approval to Operate a CT/Nuclear Medicine Device for Non-Diagnostic Attenuation Correction Without Intravenous Contrast" and "Approval to Operate a CT/Nuclear Medicine Device for a Diagnostic CT or Non-Diagnostic Attenuation Correction With or Without Intravenous Contrast". Staff had the following questions about Mr. Gorsuch's applications:

1. What is the intent of COMAR 10.32.10.10(A)(6) regarding the timeframe required for the applicant's prior performance of at least 10 routine head, 20 chest, 10 abdomen, and 10 additional studies of the abdomen or portions of the abdomen?
2. Recent or many years earlier? – Was the intent of COMAR 10.32.10.10(A)(6) that the required procedures be completed closer to the date of submission of the application or many years prior to the submission date?
3. Is the length of time that has elapsed since the applicant actually performed the requisite number of studies critical?
4. Is the length of time that has elapsed since the applicant actually performed the requisite number of studies of no or minor importance?
5. Do changes in technology and devices now utilized for performance of these procedures or studies as opposed to devices used in 2013 mean that an applicant who provides documentation of performing the requisite number of procedures or studies back in 2013 would not qualify for Board approval of his or her application and would have to provide documentation of completing the studies in a more recent timeframe?
6. How recent?
7. Do the procedures have to be performed by a "licensed" Nuclear Medicine Technologist?
8. Do the Board's applications need updating to clarify requirements regarding ARRT certification, e.g., that the certification must be current, not once upon a time?
9. Do the regulations need to be updated to address the timeframe for completion of logged procedures?

Following a lengthy discussion, the Committee determined that the answers to the questions were as follows:

1. Within the 2 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted.
2. Recent.
3. Yes.
4. No.
5. No.

6. Doesn't matter.
7. No, as long as the required procedures were performed while enrolled in a Nuclear Medicine Educational Program and within the 2 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted.
8. Yes.
9. Yes

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. The licensee should submit a new application for "Approval to Operate a CT/Nuclear Medicine Device for Non-Diagnostic Attenuation Correction without Intravenous Contrast" with documentation of having performed the required procedures within 2 years of his submission of the application.
2. The licensee is not eligible for "Approval to Operate a CT/Nuclear Medicine Device for a Diagnostic CT or Non-Diagnostic Attenuation Correction with or without Intravenous Contrast" because his is not currently certified in CT by the ARRT or the NMTCB.

The committee agreed to schedule a special meeting to prepare for the RCIS Regulations Stakeholders Meeting.

*On a motion made by Mr. Knenge and seconded by Ms. Taylor, the committee unanimously voted to go into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. to interview potential candidates to fill vacancies on the committee.*

The Committee recommended the following physicians to the Board for appointment, to fill two of the three current vacancies:

- Geoffrey Neuner, M.D. - Radiation Oncologist
- Philipose Mulugeta, M.D. – Specialist in Nuclear Medicine

The Committee discussed the process of adding agenda items to the agenda for Committee meetings, as well as the agenda for the upcoming RCIS Regulations Stakeholders Meeting. The Committee set the date and time for a special meeting to prepare for the RCIS Regulations Stakeholders Meeting. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday August 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

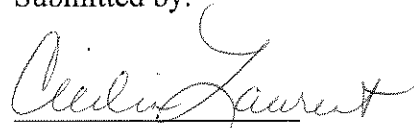
***The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 100.***

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Submitted by:

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Cecilia Laurent  
Allied Health Analyst