MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
RADIATION THERAPY, RADIOGRAPHY,
NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY AND RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT
COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012, Room 105, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Anthony Chiaramonte, M.D., Chair, Kentricia McClease, R.T. (R) (CT), Clay Nuquist, CNMT, Darrell McIndoe, M.D.


ABSENT: Noreen Rubin, Esq., Carmen Contee, Consumer Member, Jonathan Lerner, PA-C, Robin Enders, R.T. (T) (CT)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Chiaramonte called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to lack of quorum, the Committee could not vote on the January 18, 2012 Opening Meeting Minutes.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

There was nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Bailey stated that they will be going to Annapolis on July 26, 2012, to talk about education equivalency.

Howard Community College Accreditation – Julie Washington

Inquiries Regarding Education Equivalency for Non-Accredited Programs – Julie Washington

Ms. Washington informed the Committee that Howard Community College received their Joint Review Committee on Education of Radiologic Technologists (JRCERT) accreditation on May
9, 2012. The graduates were able to meet the licensure requirements. Frederick Community College also received their accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) in October 2011. She has been receiving a number of calls regarding education equivalency process for non-accredited programs. Since the beginning of the year, she has mailed five ineligible letters to applicants because their schools were not JRCERT-accredited. The applicants graduated from Hudson Valley Community College, who withdrew their accreditation in 1997, Northern Virginia Community College in Springfield, VA., Florida State College in Jacksonville, FL and Alberta School of Technology in Alberta, Canada which are not accredited by the JRCERT.

Ms. Washington stated that Shakeel Khan, the applicant who graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in 2006, has been inquiring about changing the education equivalency process.

Dr. Chairamonte stated that he does not feel anything should be changed and the Committee is taking the high road by excepting applicants who graduated from JRCERT-accredited educational programs.

**PAs Practicing Nuclear Medicine Technology – FYI**

Ms. Smith received an email from Dr. Abhay Moghekar, a physician at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, asking if Kristina Khingelova, a physician assistant he supervises, could use radioactive materials during a procedure. Dr. Moghekar stated that Ms. Khingelova had gone through the appropriate training to handle radioisotopes. He attached Ms. Khingelova’s training certificates. The Committee did not feel that Ms. Khingelova’s training was adequate.

Ms. Smith stated that when she responded to Dr. Moghekar’s email, she explained that the law prohibited Ms. Khingelova from handling radioisotopes unless she was a license nuclear medicine technologist.

Mr. Nuquist stated that there is an advanced program that is available for someone to learn about nuclear medicine. They have a 45 hour course from Monday through Friday that is offered by physics groups.

Dr. Mcindoe stated that the requirement for handling isotopes safely was 18 hours of didactic and 80 hours of clinical. The committee expressed concern with patient safety and training.

**2012 Annual Report**

Ms. Smith stated that every October, the Board submits an annual report to the legislature for the previous fiscal year. The 2011 Sunset Review Committee recommended that the Chair of each committee present an annual report to the Board. Board staff will draft the annual report and
submit to the committee for comments. Carole Catalfo, Executive Director, would like the Chair to present the annual report at the September Board meeting.

Dr. Chairamonte will present the 2012 Annual Report at the September 26, 2012, Board meeting.

**Radiation Oncologist Position – CV of Dr. Matthew L. Snyder, Radiation Oncologist**

The Board received a CV for Dr. Matthew L. Snyder, Radiation Oncologist, for the vacant radiation oncologist position on the Committee. The Committee recommended forwarding Dr. Snyder’s CV to the Board for approval. Dr. Snyder will replace Dr. Richard Hudes.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Dr. McIndoe and seconded by Mr. Nuquist the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

**Julie Washington**

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