

Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT) Quarterly Board Meeting

January 8th, 2010 MINUTES

State Office Building 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 1A Portland, Oregon 97232

ATTENDANCE

Members and Staff: Thomas King, LRT, Board Chair; Frank Erickson, MD, Vice Chair; Kimberly Earp, LRT, LRTT; Shirlee Templeton, Professional Imaging Member; Pat Williams, LRT, RPA; Terry Lindsey, RPS (Advisory Member); Margaret Lut, RPS (Advisory Member); Linda Russell, Executive Director; Sarah Anderson, Admin. Licensing Specialist; Vincent Mandina, Admin. LEDS Specialist

Members Absent: Frank Krause, Public Member.

Also Present: Carol Parks (Senior Asst. Attorney General); John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office; Brock Price, OHSU; Virginia Vanderford, PCC, Peter Chin, Providence Health and Services; Joyce Cyr, OHSU; Dusty Beydor, OHSU;

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ORS 192.660 (1) (K)

The Executive Session is pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1)(K). Chair Thomas King called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM in Conference Room 1A, Portland State Office Building (PSOB), to discuss confidential Board discipline and investigative cases that are confidential according to ORS 676.175.

PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thomas King called the Public Session to order at 12:10 PM and welcomed those present from the general public. Thomas implemented a requirement for a minimum dress code for board members attending quarterly meetings; he wants the board to portray a professional environment to our licensees and the general public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Thomas King asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 09, 2009 Board meeting minutes. Kim Earp made a motion to approve the minutes with minor clerical changes; seconded by Frank Erickson; vote unanimous.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSES ISSUED

The Board approved the following licenses that have been issued between 9/28/09 and 12/11/09: Permanent Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses 107547 to 107680; Permanent Limited Permit Holder licenses 3872 to 3881; Temporary Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses, Temporary Initial Radiation Therapist licenses and Temporary Initial Limited Permit licenses L04407 to L04532 (Motion made by Kimberly Earp; seconded by Frank Erickson; vote was unanimous).

INVESTIGATION CASES

Frank Erickson read the investigative case roster:

08-10-07 Licensee did not appear before the board. (Motion made by Kim Earp to approve the Final Order; seconded by Pat Williams; vote unanimous)

09-04-06 Licensee did not appear before the board. No action taken.

09-11-01 Licensee appeared before the board. No action taken. The Board decided to table any action pending receipt of testimony from an additional witness.

09-12-02 Licensee appeared before the Board. Motion was to approve licensure. (Motion made by Kim Earp; seconded by Pat Williams; vote unanimous).

The following cases involved practicing without a license; Applicants and licensees signed a Consent Order and paid the appropriate Civil Penalty. Motion to approve made by Kim Earp; seconded by Pat Williams; vote unanimous:

09-10-01 **09-10-02** **09-10-03** **09-11-02** **09-11-03** **09-11-04** **09-12-01**

Probationary Case No. **08-10-03** the Board's decision was to close the case. Motion made by Kim Earp; seconded by Pat Williams; vote unanimous.

No action was taken by the Board on the following monitored probationary cases:

07-02-01 **08-01-01** **08-09-03**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kim Earp, Chair of the Continued Education (CE) Committee shared that there were no pending CE requests or updates to give at this time. Frank Erickson, Chairman of the Legal Committee updated the Board that Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Advisory Committee was now on Version 6 in their attempt to draft proposed language to revise the rules. Frank shared that there was a discussion of adding Registered Radiologist Assistants and Radiology Practition Assistants to the rules; language is still under discussion. An additional topic discussed by the OAR Advisory Committee was adding an Autopsy Technologist as a separate category; but they could not create it because it is not listed in the definitions; and they are not directly related to the Board's mission to protect living patients. Board Chair King added, "Due to the growing need for forensic studies, radiation protection for everyone that comes in contact with that type of medical imaging is going to need to be addressed sometime in the near future". Reporting on "Limited Permit – School Inspections" was committee Chair Pat Williams. Pat reported that Board Chair King accompanied her on an inspection recently at Pioneer Pacific College in Wilsonville. They were both impressed with how very well organized the Medical Imaging Department was and that the feedback from the students was very positive. Nothing was out of order and all of the equipment licenses were properly licensed. They suggested that the school might want to offer more Computerized Radiology (CR). A school inspection schedule is being compiled so that there is an exact date and time when a school can expect to have an inspection. The targeted goal is at least one inspection per quarter.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Linda Russell reported to the board that she received a formal letter advising her she and the other directors work directly under the Governor's office and then their Boards. Linda also shared that the "Health Related Professional Licensing Boards" will soon have an independent body auditing their investigative files to oversee equality and timeliness for all investigative cases. The 2009-2011 legislative approved budget was discussed in great length. The amount approved by the legislature was \$615,094.00. Linda stated, "Not all of our packages were approved. We did receive a \$1.00 a month increase in licensing fees which will help some. Our biggest challenge might be when we take on licensing new medical modalities in July. We are hoping that this expansion won't use up more of our resources than expected." The board voted on the 2009-2011 Legislative Approved Budget (LAB). Kim Earp made a motion to approve the budget; Pat Williams seconded and the vote was unanimous. Linda officially introduced her new employee Vincent Mandina to the board. She stated, "Vincent is the new Administrative LEADS Specialist. Vincent comes with a LEADS Certification and licensing background from another state agency. He also has experience in the use of the Oregon Justice Information Network (OJIN) in retrieving court documents, which is very useful in performing background checks". Linda shared with the board that Sarah Anderson was in the process of obtaining her LEADS certification and was confident that she would soon easily complete her certification. Lastly, Linda formally introduced John Terpening to the public and stated, "John is our Board's Legislative Fiscal Officer from Salem and played a huge part in helping me work through our 2009-2011 budget packages reported to Ways and Means last session.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair King opened new discussion on the topic of, "Patient Holding and Reducing Exposure to Pediatric Patients". Paula Shultz, MD Pediatric Radiologist from St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon was to speak on this matter, but she was not present. Chair King opened the discussion in Dr. Shultz's absence. Chair King opening was that Radiation Protective Services (RPS) has rules that are very clear that say occupational workers are "not" to hold patients during an exam. This issue has become a topic of discussion because it has been mentioned to Board members that holding during exams has been taking place. After lengthy discussion it was suggested by Chair King that maybe letters should be sent out to those facilities sited for holding to remind them that was clearly unsafe and is totally against RPS rules.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Thomas King asked if there was any other business or public comment. Brock Price, Assistant Director of Diagnostic Imaging Services addressed the Board on the PET/CT project Portland Community College and Oregon Health Sciences Center are working on together. In closing, Chair King thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 PM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 23rd, 2010 at 8:30 AM in Conference Room 1B at the Portland State Office Building.