

**NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
RADIATION THERAPY AND RADIOLOGIC IMAGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
May 18, 2020**

Division of Public and Behavioral Health attendees:

Karen Beckley, Bureau Chief BHPP, Carson City
Glen Gimenez, Supervisor, Radiation Control Program, Carson City
John Follette, Supervisor, Radiation Control Program, Las Vegas
Meredith Epps, Supervisor, Radiation Control Program, Carson City
Nicole Annabel, Administrative Assistant III, Radiation Control Program, Carson City

Committee Members

Vijay Sekhon, MD, Radiologist
Rowena Copeland, Radiation Advisory, University Medical Center
Dr. Jason Jaeger, Chiropractic Physician

Meeting Attendees

Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General
John Biselli, Northern Nevada Medical Center
Matt Grimes, Desert Radiology

Advisory Committee Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.

Karen Beckley: Good morning everybody. This is Karen Beckley. I'm the Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Health, Protection and Preparedness and currently I'm the Interim Radiation Control Program Manager. With that, I think we're going to start off with our agenda. I'm going to call the meeting to order. I'm going to take role to see if we have a forum.

Karen Beckley: Dr. Jaeger you're on.

Dr. Jaeger: Yes, here.

Karen Beckley: Ms. Copeland, I believe I heard you.

Rowena Copeland: Yes

Karen Beckley: Ms. Gesundheit? No answer.

Karen Beckley: Dr. Sekhon?

Dr. Sekhon: Yes, I'm here.

Karen Beckley: Thank you. Did I say that right? You'll have to correct me while I learn these names.

Dr. Sekhon: You did, thank you.

Karen Beckley: Thank you and Ms. Heinzen? No answer.

Karen Beckley: Ok we have 3 of the 5 currently appointed members so I believe we have forum. Is that correct Linda?

Linda Anderson: That is correct. Thanks for Checking Karen.

Karen Beckley: Thank you

Karen Beckley: According to our agenda, there was a review and approval of the minutes from January 7, 2020. Has everybody had the opportunity to review these?

Dr. Jaeger: Yes, I have had an opportunity to review the January 7th minutes.

Rowena Copeland: Yes, I've reviewed them.

Karen Beckley: Does anybody have any corrections to those minutes?

Rowena Copeland: No

Karen Beckley: Okay, then I'll make a motion that we're going to approve those minutes. All in favor?

Dr. Jaeger: Aye

Rowena Copeland: Aye

Dr. Sekhon: Aye

Karen Beckley: Any oppose? No answer.

Karen Beckley: Then we will approve the minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting. The next item on the agenda is that the Radiation Control Program is putting together a set of regulations. As a requirement in the statutes, we need to request that the advisory committee make a recommendation for the national professional organization that we can use to measure the scope of practice for Radiological Assistants. That's kind of what we're looking for. We would like the committee to make a recommendation to us, to be able to put in regulation which national organization we could use to measure the scope of practice for Radiological Assistant.

Rowena Copeland: I would like to recommend the ARRT.

Karen Beckley: OK

Linda Anderson: This is Linda for the record. Just because we're on the phone, it just helps with the people taking the minutes when you do speak to identify yourself. Even though we recognize your voice.

Rowena Copeland: This is Rowena Copeland. I'm recommending the ARRT.

Karen Beckley: Do we have any additional recommendations or any discussion on this?

Dr. Jaeger: I'm still in the get up to speed phase as I've been appointed to the board, but I've been researching organization and guidelines in the United States as well as Canada and France. Are we bound to making recommendation for U.S. based organizations or can we use Canada or European countries?

Karen Beckley: You can use anybody; however, the national credentialing organization in the United States are the ones that we are currently using for certification authorization to be able to get you the licenses authorization. If we could use something in the United States, that might be a little bit more in line with the regulations of those technologists.

Dr. Jaeger: The guidelines we're looking for, correct me if I'm wrong, aren't necessarily at this point about mechanism or testing but instead guidelines on what those parameters would be. Is that correct or no?

Karen Beckley: The guidelines that we're looking for determine what the technologists are allowed to do with their certification and the licenses that we will be issuing them. What are they authorized to do, scope of practice? A lot of that ties back to natural crediting body.

Dr. Jaeger: Thank you for letting me pose those questions and the information.

Karen Beckley: Sure, does anybody else have discussion on this.

Rowena Copeland: No

Dr. Jaeger: Would you need additional time to be able to vote, maybe not vote, but to support this recommendation.

Dr. Jaeger: I would appreciate some additional time. If I could get the link, I could do a cursory scan right now and see if there's enough data there for us to be able to take an action. It was the AR?

Rowena Copeland: ARRT, American Registry Radiology Technologist.

Dr. Jaeger: American college.

Rowena Copeland: No, ARRT. Just put that in and you'll see it.

Dr. Jaeger: Copy that. There we are, Registry of Radiological technologist. Ms. Copeland, I know we're not in discussion yet and we don't have a second. Can you tell me if ARRT, once we adopt guidelines, if they have a testing mechanism or if we look elsewhere for that?

Rowena Copeland: They have the testing mechanism for all modalities within radiology.

Dr. Jaeger: Got it. We also have, excuse me for butchering, is it Dr. Sekhon?

Dr. Sekhon: Yes, that is correct.

Dr. Jaeger: Hi Doc. Have you had a chance to review ARRT already and are you familiar with it already?

Dr. Sekhon: I have, and I am familiar. I would support that as well. I think they handle licensing for all the other technologists. It just makes sense to go along with the guidelines.

Dr. Jaeger: Okay, I'm on the sight and doing a quick scan. I think I'd be prepared to move forward with the motion if we have a second.

Dr. Sekhon: Technically they seem to incorporate a lot of things that my college, which is the ACR, has put forward regarding the scope of RAs as well.

Dr. Jaeger: That's great. That's very helpful. Thank you so much.

Matt Grimes: You may want to look on the ACR. It has some policies for Radiology Assistants as well. ACR is A as in apple, C as in cat and R as in Road.

Dr. Jaeger: Got it, I'm there. Okay, this gives me some information to review. I suppose I default to our other committee members if you two would prefer that I thoroughly comb this before we get to a point of a second and a vote or if you guys feel comfortable with moving forward.

Rowena Copeland: I'm comfortable moving forward.

Karen Beckley: Dr. Sekhon are you okay with moving forward?

Dr. Sekhon: I am, yes.

Karen Beckley: Linda I'm not real sure what the protocol is.

Linda Anderson: We have a motion, so we need to second it and vote. I would say to all the members though, if you would prefer to wait, we could always do that until we have more folks on the committee. The other option is to make that recommendation for now and then we can make further changes, if it's in your recommendations as more members join.

Rowena Copeland: I'm in favor of just making that recommendation

Linda Anderson: I think Rowena made a motion so do we have a second?

Dr. Sekhon: I second that.

Linda Anderson: Okay, Karen you can call it for a vote.

Karen Beckley: Okay, so all in favor?

Linda Anderson: I apologize, I should be the Open Meeting Law person. Before you call for that vote, if you'd ask for any public comment.

Karen Beckley: Got it. Do we have any public comment?

Matt Grimes: When would this go into effect or is this to just put the guideline together first?

Karen Beckley: This verbiage is supposed to be in the current regulation package that we're putting together. We will not make the June Board of Health. We are looking, I believe at the next one that is in September. If they don't call another one. Then after, if the Board of Health approves it, then we still have to get it through another legislative committee. It could be some time before this goes into effect.

Matt Grimes: So probably somewhere in 2021?

Karen Beckley: I would be hopeful it would be at the end of this year but there's a potential, depending on how this COVID-19 goes forward, that it could be early next year.

Matt Grimes: Okay, fourth quarter 2020 or 2021.

Karen Beckley: Correct.

Matt Grimes: Alright, great. This is really very helpful for us. Thank you.

Karen Beckley: Sure.

Linda Anderson: What will happen with the recommendation being made today; if you vote for it, we will incorporate it into the regs. The regulation will always have a variance process or other ways to come into compliance if people will need more time to come into compliance with the regulation.

Karen Beckley: Do we have any additional public comment?

John Biselli: I would just agree with what you guys are saying, that the scope probably should come from the ARRT.

Karen Beckley: Thank you for that comment. Do we have any additional comments from the public? Hearing none, I'm moving forward for a vote. All in favor of the recommendation made by Ms. Copeland for the ARRT to be the National accrediting body that we will use to determine scope of practice? All in favor?

Dr. Sekhon: Aye

Dr. Jaeger: Aye

Rowena Copeland: Aye

Karen Beckley: Oppose? Hearing None, the motion carries. Thank you to all of you. Okay, the announcement of the next meeting date. We don't really have any. We will call. We work with the community to call meetings as appropriate to ensure that we have their guidance and support to move forward with the regulation packet. We will be sending that out fairly soon for public comment. We will be holding public meetings on that, but for the Advisory Committee we do not have any proposed schedule meetings at this time.

Linda Anderson: Karen, you're going to ask for a general public comment from the public as well.

Karen Beckley: Perfect, does anybody have any comment or have discussion at this point from the public? Hearing none, then I'm going to move for adjournment. All in favor?

Linda Anderson: you don't need to vote on adjournment Karen. You just get to end the meeting.

Karen Beckley: Excellent, if we have nothing else to discuss, then I'm going to adjourn the meeting.