

Radiation-Generating Equipment Committee (REC)

July 11, 2014

Meeting Minutes

MEMBER PRESENT

Lawrence Osher, Chair
Paul Geis
Ruth Hackworth
Thomas Hangartner
Nichole Harris
Linnea Hopewell
Bryon Murray
Jill Paessun

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Dukes
Kathryn Gardner
David Kimberly
Nina Kowalczyk
Bradley Kraai
Kerry Krugh, Vice Chair
Chuck Wissuchek
Terri Yates

ODH ATTENDEES

James Castle
Dwight Leeseberg
Mahjabeen Qadir

GUESTS

Robert E. Peterson, Radiation Advisory Council
Racheal Winder, OSRS
John Grendu, OSRS
Julu Lussi
Kal Fishman, Sensus Healthcare
Jim Flynn, Bricker & Eckler
Ken Morse, Sensus Healthcare
Jim Sample, RDS
Stephanie Milburn, OSUWMC – James
Thavendra Rajah, Mount Carmel Health System
Bill Whitney, Sensus Healthcare
Vincent L. Perez, Ohio State Radiology Society
Susan Suchan, Mount Carmel Health System
Kathy Grassman, Mount Carmel Health System
Mike Strongosky, Cleveland Clinic
Shannon Trotter, Ohio Dermatological Association
Robert Baird, Dayton Physic Network

The Radiation-Generating Equipment Committee (REC) meeting was called to order by chairperson, Lawrence Osher at 10:13 a.m. The meeting was held at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) in Basement Training Room A, 35 Chestnut Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The sign-in sheet serves as the official record of attendance.

Past Minutes:

The committee reviewed the April 18, 2014 meeting minutes. Thomas Hangartner made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bryon Murray seconded the motion; the members present unanimously approved the minutes.

Current Business:

Larry Osher opened discussion for interested stakeholders to express their viewpoints on the variance request to allow the use of superficial radiation therapy by physicians who do not meet the requirements of rule 3701:1-67-02(C) of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

- Opponent testimony was provided by several radiation oncologists, medical physicists and radiation therapists regarding the use of superficial radiation therapy by physicians who do not meet the educational, training and experience requirements of rule 3701:1-67-02(C) of the OAC. The major concern is the lack of education, training, experience and oversight which could lead to the overuse and unsafe administration of radiation treatment to patients. They support the current requirements of rule 3701:1-67-02(C) of the OAC.
- Proponent testimony was provided by representatives from Sensus Healthcare (vendor of the superficial therapy equipment) and a dermatologist representing the Ohio Dermatologic Association. The major point of

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discussion was focused around the adequacy of the vendor's training in the utilization of radiation to treat basal/squamous cell cancers and keloids which would provide dermatologists and plastic surgeons with an alternative method for treating these lesions.

- The issues were discussed by the REC, and committee members were asked to submit written comments on this matter to the ODH.

Jim Castle identified that the next chapter for 5 year review is industrial rules, Chapter 3701:1-68 of the OAC. He also mentioned that rule 3701:1-66-02 will need to be re-opened to remove duplicate language from the decision to move the language to the new Medical Screening and Research rule 3701:1-66-16 of the OAC. Also, radiologic licensure Chapter 3701-72 of the OAC may need to be opened a little early to address a mandate from HB 488 regarding the processing of radiologic licenses for veterans.

Larry Osher discussed the General X-ray Machine Operator (GXMO) Examination Review Committee's work on reviewing the appropriateness of the examination questions with the Ohio Department of Health's "Guidance Document for Developing an Acceptable Didactic Syllabus for the GXMO Educational Program." He stated that the use of the GXMO Examination Review Committee for reviewing the examination questions is a move in the right direction for addressing one possible reason for the pass/fail rate. There is more work to come reviewing the examination question metrics.

The REC reviewed public comments to Security Screening System draft rule 3701:1-66-16 of the OAC and made some changes to the rule based on public comment. Thomas Hangartner made a motion to approve Security Screening System draft rule 3701:1-66-16 of the OAC with changes from public comment to move forward to RAC for approval. Bryon Murray seconded the motion; the REC members present unanimously approved the draft rule to move forward to the RAC for approval.

The REC reviewed the public comments to the Medical Screening and Research draft rule 3701:1-66-17 of the OAC. The public comments supported the rule. No changes were made to this rule. Ruth Hackworth made a motion to approve the Medical Screening and Research draft rule 3701:1-66-17 of the OAC to move forward to RAC for approval. Paul Geis seconded the motion; the REC members present unanimously approved the draft rule to move forward to the RAC for approval.

The REC and ODH reviewed and proposed amendments to General Radiation Protection Standards rules 3701:1-38-03, 08, 09 and 14 of the OAC. No proposed changes to General Radiation Protection Standards rules 3701:1-38-06, 07, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 23 of the OAC.

Ruth Hackworth made a motion to approve the General Radiation Protection Standards rules 3701:1-38-03, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 23 of the OAC to move forward to public comment. Linnea Hopewell seconded the motion; the REC members present unanimously approved the draft rule to move forward to the RAC for approval.

New Business:

At the next REC meeting, REC and ODH plan to do the 5 year review of Chapter 3701:1-67 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Open Forum:

No topics provided.

Future Meeting Date(s):

Friday, September 5, 2014.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.