

New Mexico Environment Department
Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
Advisory Council (MIRTAC)

Approved meeting minutes of the MIRTAC meeting held on
Thursday, December 2, 2010, 9:02 am - 4:00 pm at
New Mexico Dona Ana Community College
Central Campus "Main" Building
Academic Conference Room
3400 South Espina Street
Las Cruces, NM 88003-1290

Members Present: Dr. Felipe Lim
Morning session: Darla J. Matthew
Greg N. Ortega
Donetta G. Roth
Christina L. Seed, Chair
Evelyn Vasquez
Joseph A. Valdez

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Michael Ortiz, Chief of the NMED Radiation Control Bureau welcomed MIRTAC members. Christina Seed called meeting to order. There was a quorum. Christina asked for introductions of MIRTAC members and all other individuals who were present.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

This was the first MIRTAC meeting. No previous minutes to approve.

3. Current Business

A. Approval of Agenda

Greg N. Ortega motion to accept the Agenda. Joseph Al Valdez seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Open Meetings Act Resolution

Michael Ortiz distributed copies of the New Mexico Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council Open Meeting Resolution for consideration by MIRTAC. The Chair asked for a motion to accept. Greg N. Ortega pointed out that changes to the Open Meetings Resolution needed to be made to reflect the correct meeting location, date and time (Las Cruces, New Mexico on December 2, 2010, at 9:00AM) of the MIRTAC meeting and not the Radiation Technical Advisory Council (RTAC) meeting held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 6, 2010, at 10:00 AM.

The Chair asked for a motion and Greg N. Ortega made a motion to accept the MIRTAC Open Meetings Resolution as amended. Joseph A. Valdez seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. NMED Presentation of Revisions to 20.3.20 NMAC

Stephen Sanchez quickly reviewed proposed revisions to 20.3.20 NMAC that had been made available to the public on the official NMED-RCB web site. During the presentation Stephen Sanchez pointed out to MIRTAC that NMED-OGC had only began to review the proposed revisions of 20.3.20 NMAC, but had already found several inconsistencies between the proposed revisions to 20.3.20 NMAC and Article 14E of the Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act Chapter 61, Sections 14E-1 through Chapter 61, Section 14E-12.

D. Public Statements

Public Statements were provided by Donald Kerns who represented the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, Peter Rath and Kevin E. Goodrich who represented the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Joey S. Battles who represented the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, Benn Bonfantini represented the American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists, Jim De Zetter the radiation safety officer at University Hospital, Pamela K. Blackwell representative for the NM Association of Nurses Anesthetists, Brian Moffett of Miners' Colfax Medical Center.

Break

Lunch Break till 1:15 PM

Reconvened from lunch break and began afternoon session with six members present and meeting was called to at 1:25 PM

There was a quorum.

Members Present: Darla J. Matthew
Afternoon Session: Greg N. Ortega
Donetta G. Roth
Christina L. Seed, Chair
Evelyn Vasquez
Joseph A. Valdez

E. MIRTAC Discussion of 20.3.20 NMAC Revisions

1. Chair asked MIRTAC members for suggestions as to how to proceed.

2. Greg N. Ortega made a motion to change name from that appeared in 20.3.20 NMAC as Radiologic Technology Certification to Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Licensure as needed throughout 20.3.20 NMAC; change certification to licensure as needed throughout 20.3.20 NMAC; change Medical Radiation Health and

Safety Act to Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health and Safety Act; change Radiation Technical Advisory Council (RTAC) to Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council (MIRTAC); and add “and non-ionizing” after “ionizing radiation” as needed throughout 20.3.20 NMAC. Darla J. Matthew seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Donetta G. Roth made a motion to allow individuals that apply for a new or a renewal NM license be allowed to voluntarily decide to reduce their NM License expiration date to match their American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) continuing education biennium expiration and that through this option the applicant will not be refunded any money because of the shortened biennium period that is requested. Greg N. Ortega seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. The Chair appointed a three member ad-hoc subcommittee who would be responsible to submit a new draft of 20.3.20 NMAC revisions so that the NMED would be able to draft a new version of 20.3.20 NMAC to be discussed at the next MIRTAC meeting. The three appointed members were Darla J. Matthew, Donetta G. Roth and Joseph A. Valdez. This add-hoc subcommittee would address the issues regarding the minimum requirements needed for NM Licensure, types of approved education programs, the national organizations the NMED will accept as a means to issue a NM License after examining of credentials and all other pertinent items that need to be included that are stated in the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Health and Safety Act.

F. Other Business
No other business was discussed.

G. Adjournment

Greg N. Ortega made a motion to adjourn. Darla J. Matthew seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.