

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

Approved meeting minutes of the MIRTAC meeting held on  
Thursday, December 2, 2011 at  
New Mexico Dona Ana Community College  
Central Campus "Main" Building  
Academic Conference Room  
3400 South Espina Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88003-1290

The meeting of the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council was called to order on December 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Council members present were:

Darla J. Matthew, Chair  
Dr. Felipe Lim  
Evelyn Vasquez  
Joseph A. Valdez

Also present were:

Annja Cox	DACC Radiography Program Director
Leslie Winter	CEO JRCERT
James Mc Gowan	Presbyterian Quality Metrics Safety Manager
Brian Moffett	Miners' Colfax Medical Center Radiology Manager
Jim De Zetter	UNM Radiation Safety Officer
Gordon Weimer	University Hospital Radiology Executive Director
Santiago Rodriguez	NMED RCB Program Manager
Stephen Sanchez	NMED RCB MIRT Program Administrator
Martin Alvarez	Las Cruces Imaging Director
Benn Bonfantini	Alliance Imaging, representing ARMRIT

Present by Teleconference:

Tammy Mc Speritt	Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis Director of Imaging and Chairperson of the NM Society of Radiologic Technologist Board
Christine Lung	ASRT Vice President of Government Relations & Public Policy
Peter Rath	ASRT
Elizabeth Greer	UNM Radiologic Sciences Program Director

Item 1: Joseph Valdez moved that the Agenda be approved as submitted. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 2: Joseph Valdez moved to nominate Darla Matthew as chairperson to the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council. Darla Matthew accepted the

nomination. There were no other nominations. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 3: Darla Matthew moved to nominate Joseph Valdez as vice chairperson to the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council. Joseph Valdez accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The vote to the motion was unanimous. Note: item three is void because a chairperson may not make a motion according to Roberts Rules of Order. Therefore, the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council vice chairperson position is vacant.

Item 4: Joseph Valdez moved to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2010 MIRTAC meeting as presented. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 5: MIRTAC members began going through the proposed draft of 20.3.20 NMAC line by line.

Item 6: Discussion about revising the wording of “20.3.20.2 NMAC SCOPE” be revised.

Item 7: Discussion about revising the definition of “Applying ionizing radiation”.

Item 8: Discussion about revising the definition of “Approved program”.

Item 9: Joseph Valdez moved that the council try not to spend more than five minutes per line item. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 10: Discussion about revising the definition “Assistance”.

Item 11: Discussion about revising the definition “Axial/appendicular skeleton”.

Item 12: Joseph Valdez moved to table the discussion of the definition of “axial/appendicular skeleton”. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 13: Joseph Valdez moved to skip to page 8 of the draft and get into the initial licensure part and refer back to the definitions section of the proposed rules as needed. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 14: Discussion about revising 20.3.20.201.A NMAC

Item 15: Discussion about dual licensure in regards to determine if the Fusion Imaging License may continue to be available and, if so, who qualifies for a Fusion Imaging License. Also, New Mexico Environment Department(NMED) Office of General Council(OGC) will need to determine if a Fusion Imaging License is permitted

since it is in the current rules. If NMED OGC determines that a Fusion Imaging License is not permitted OGC should inform the MIRTAC what steps are necessary to take of individuals that currently are in possession of an active Fusion Imaging License.

Item 16: Darla Matthew moved to create a small group that can continue the discussion of dual licensure pertaining to PET/CT. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. However, during further discussion it was determined not to form an official subcommittee and instead to later have a further discussion on this topic. Elizabeth Greer indicated that someone from UNM's nuclear medicine program may be available and Christine Lung indicated that ASRT may have some language on the topic that they would be glad to share in those discussions to find a solution to this topic. No further action took place regarding this motion.

Item 17: Darla Matthew moved to table the discussion regarding dual licensure until addition discussions and information could be obtained from individuals in that particular field. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. The vote to the motion was unanimous. Note: item 17 is void because a chairperson may not make a motion according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Item 18: Discussion about revising 20.3.20.300. B NMAC.

Item 19: Joseph Valdez moved to identify what needs to be defined as the remainder of 20.3.20 NMAC draft is reviewed and then create definitions for those items that are needed to be defined at a later time. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 20: Evelyn Vasquez moved to add "pharmaceuticals behind radiopharmaceuticals" in 20.3.20.300.B.(1) NMAC. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 21: Joseph Valdez moved to accept 20.3.20.300.B.(1) NMAC as amended. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 22: Joseph Valdez moved to table discussion of 20.3.20.300.B.(2) NMAC until a scope of practice for limited practice in radiography and other terms that pertain to limited radiography are defined. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 23: Discussion about Temporary licensure.

Item 23: Joseph Valdez moved to add "Radiologic Technologist" to the definitions section of 20.3.20 NMAC so that the definition includes all the modalities listed in 61-14E-4.P.(1) through (5) of the Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 24: Discussion about 20.3.20.300.C NMAC.

- Item 25: Discussion about 20.3.20.300.D NMAC.
- Item 25: Discussion about 20.3.20.300.E NMAC.
- Item 26: Joseph Valdez moved to add “CCI” to 20.3.20.300.E.(1) NMAC. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 27: Joseph Valdez moved to remove sections of the proposed draft of 20.3.20 NMAC that lists each individual modality and replace them with the phrase “medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant” where applicable. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 28: The five minute rule was enforced and the discussion of 20.3.20.300.E.(3) NMAC stopped.
- Item 29: Discussion regarding 20.3.20.300.F NMAC.
- Item 30: Joseph Valdez moved to keep 20.3.20.300.F.(1) NMAC as it appeared in the draft version of 20.3.20 NMAC that was being reviewed. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 31: Evelyn Vasquez moved to replace section 20.3.20.300.F.(2) NMAC with wording that requires all limited radiography programs be presented to MIRTAC for program approval and only those programs that are approved by MIRTAC would be recognized by the Department. An individual that successfully completes a program that has been approved by MIRTAC would be able to apply to take the state limited radiography examination. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 32: Joseph Valdez moved to add “CCI” to 20.3.20.300.G NMAC. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 33: Joseph Valdez moved to add “MIRTAC” to 20.3.20.300.I.(2) NMAC. Dr. Felipe Lim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 34: Joseph Valdez moved to replace “radiology assistance” with “radiologist assistant” and “radiation therapy technologist” with “radiation therapist” wherever they appear in the proposed draft of 20.3.20 NMAC. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 35: Joseph Valdez moved to replace “Category A” with “RCEEM approved” wherever it appears in the proposed draft of 20.3.20 NMAC. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Item 36: Dr. Felipe Lim moved to adjourn. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. MIRTAC meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m. December 2, 2011.