

Oregon State Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT)

April 18, 2003 MINUTES

State Office Building 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 407 Portland, Oregon

ATTENDANCE

Members and Staff: Barbara Agrimson, LRTT, Board Chair; Rees Stuteville, LRT, Vice Chair; Edna Marr, LRT; Hank Miggins, CIA, Public Member; Terry Lindsey, Manager RPS, Advisory Member; Carol Parks, AAG; Lianne Thompson, Executive Officer; Judy Lee, Staff; Linda Russell, Staff

Members Absent: Matt Lang, LRT; Ernest Wick, LRT;

Also Present: Vickie Mettler, LRT/Apollo College; Steve Uroshevich, LRT/Hologic, Inc.; Florence Spraggins, PCC; Ann Ehrlich, LRT/WSCC; Kim Ierien, Concorde Career; Randy Harp, LRT/AMXI

Public Session: 10:00AM

EXECUTIVE SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - ORS 192.660 (1) (k)

The OBRT Board meeting was held Friday, April 18, 2003 in Room 445, State Office Building, Portland Oregon. Board Chair, Barbara Agrimson called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM to discuss confidential Board discipline and investigations. Vice Chair, Rees Stuteville summarized the open investigative cases in accordance with ORS 192.660 (1) (f).

PUBLIC SESSION - CALL TO ORDER -

Board Chair, Barbara Agrimson called Public Session to order at 9:42AM. Ms. Agrimson welcomed guests Vickie Mettler, LRT/Apollo College; Steve Uroshevich, LRT/Hologic, Inc.; Florence Spraggins, PCC; Ann Ehrlich, LRT/WSCC; Kim Ierien, Concorde Career Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Agrimson motioned to accept the Board minutes from January 10, 2003.as corrected. Motion seconded by Edna Marr. The Board unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Report was presented by Ms. Thompson (Mr. Wick was unable to be present today to deliver this report and sends his apology for his absence). Ms. Thompson introduced the following guests who were present: Florence Spraggins, PCC; Anne Ehrlich, LRT/WSCC; Kim Ierien, Concorde Career Institute, and Randy Harp, LRT/AMXI

Ms. Thompson presented a proposal for a limited permit course of instruction which Ms. Spraggins and Ms. Erhlich have developed and are presenting for approval by the

OBRT. Their proposal states that they are planning to offer a classroom based Radiation Use and Safety class in the summer of 2003, and various positioning classes in the fall of the same year. They hope to begin the process for a web-based Use and Safety class upon receiving the necessary approvals.

A discussion ensued around the subjects of:

- Availability of a RPS4 lab on site?
- Shortage of available distance learning classes
- Need for another limited permit course?
- Ability for OBRT Board to see hybrid class before use?
- How and where the course would be taught?
- How many students?
- Comparison of proposed course with other existing courses
- Concern regarding the externship and practical experience element of the training
- Whether Federal or State funding would be available

Ms. Spraggins and Ms. Erlich responded to many of the concerns as follows: The plan is to move forward with a minimum of 15 students and a maximum of 20-22. The 40 hour RU&S class would be offered on Friday, through the weekend with alternating flexibility. Only students currently employed in the medical field would be accepted. PCC sees this course as a dual element in the career path of the student; such as, medical assisting plus x-ray. - There will be no Federal or State funding. Ms. Agrimson made a motion to approve the new LP Course of Instruction through IHP. Seconded by Ms. Marr. The motion was approved by the Board members.

Lianne Thompson passed out minutes from the Limited Permit Committee meeting 4/7/2003. Kim Ierien, Concorde Career Institute said she would be talking with Board Chair, Barbara Agrimson about adding Bone Densitometry classes. Edna Marr explained that limited permit holders should not come into an acute hospital setting. They do not have enough training and experience for this type of practice. The committee wants the Board to acknowledge that. Terry Lindsey said that the Board had talked about what the limited permit training is about and how it relates to an acute medical setting in a hospital at a past meeting. He suggested that the Board send a letter with a definition of an "acute medical setting" etc. Carol Parks, AAG advised the Board that Radiation Protection Services has more leverage to enforce than OBRT. Vickie Mettler, Radiologic Technologist/Apollo College Instructor is teleconferencing for a full radiology program offered in Spokane, WA. The students come for externship at the VA hospital in Portland. Ms. Mettler pointed out that over a TV screen you cannot show by feel or touch. In her opinion this type of education is a disservice. She added that anatomy can be taught but it cannot provide the lab. The classes need to be done by live hands; this is not done by teleconferencing. A medical background is the difference needed remarked Ms. Mettler. Kim Ierien agreed with Ms. Mettler. Part of it can be done by distance learning but not the lab part. Ms. Ierien advised the Board that CCI requires all students in their MA program go through the x-ray program as background. They do not have to take OBRT exams. It was mention that Apollo adds x-ray to their MA program if the student desires. Ms. Mettler currently receives calls from PCC students to take x-rays. Ms. Thompson said PCC is not looking at distance learning now but basic classroom educational training. Barbara Agrimson asked the guests if there would be

credibility by adding another provider. Ms. Mettler believes there is a need. Ms. Ierien suggested that the clinical component be monitored by a licensee with 5 plus years of experience. Mr. Lindsey remarked that the Board might want to make a consideration in rural areas where a physician who is ordering films would monitor the limited permit holder. Ms. Agrimson questioned if a physician would want to take on that responsibility. Ms. Mettler commented that the rural area films need to be read somewhere and with the film comes a report and it does rate the quality. Ms. Thompson reported that the Limited Permit committee supported the go ahead with Willamette ESD for the examination. Ms. Ierien asked when the next LP committee would meet. Ms. Thompson replied: Sometime the week of May 15th - perhaps on Monday or Friday of that week . She will check with Ernest Wick and notify those concerned. Terry Lindsey commented that he would like to see the rules for Radiation Protection Services and OBRT coincide. Ms. Thompson reminded the Board that it is their goal to have the limited permit exam on-line by July 2003. OBRT wants to insure that the public receives quality education all over the state. Ms. Agrimson, Board Chair made a motion to approve using Willamette ESD for the online limited permit examination. Edna Marr seconded. Board unanimously approved.

The Board discussed and approved the automated CE Approval Process. Continuing Education (CE) sponsors will need to electronically submit approval applications, CVs and evaluations effective July 01, 2003. Sponsors can contact Linda Russell by e-mail at Linda.Russell@state.or.us. Try to have everybody on Board by January 2004. The current Web CE Calendar: Is available on the OBRT web site: www.obrt.state.or.us. Ms. Marr addresses an e-mail from a limited permit holder who had wanted to attend the OSRT Seminar in Bend for continuing education. He was informed by OSRT that his attendance could not be used for CE because they did not approve it for limited permit holders. Ms. Marr stated that OSRT is not obliged to ask for limited permit approval. Vickie Mettler attended and said that some of the topics could have applied to limited permit holders as CE. The comment was made that OSRT gets approval from ASRT and OBRT accepts ASRT. Ms. Thompson advised the Board that this subject needs further review.

The Legal Committee reported that the following Oregon Administrative Rules are ready for AAG review and for the Board to adopt:

- Positioning-OAR 337-010-006
- Unprofessional Conduct-OAR 337-010-0006
- Continuing Education-OAR 337-010-0025
- Confidentiality-OAR 337-001-0025
- Renewal of RTs and LPs-OAR 337-020-0015
- Fee for Reinstated RT or LP-OAR 337-021-0025

Proposed New Fees:

- Application Fee-OAR 337-021-0070 - \$50.00
- Exam sitting \$70.00 and \$20.00 each us Exam
- Duplicate License Fee-OAR 337-021-0060
- Public Records Request Fee-OAR 337-021-0060- Cost Recovery
- Returned Check Fee-OAR 337-021-0060- Recover the Cost

Barbara Agrimson, Board Chair made motion to implement existing OARs, Edna Marr seconded. Board unanimously approved.

INVESTIGATIONS – As of JANUARY 10, 2003

Rees Stuteville, Vice Chair read the investigative case roster to the Board for them to vote as follows:

01-01-06

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to issue Final Order.

01-01-06D

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve new Consent Order and reinstatement of licensure.

01-01-06G

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve Consent Order and staff will monitor Civil Penalty payments.

01-01-06E

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve a new revised Consent Order, with the following stipulations: Permittee admits non-compliance of Consent Order signed March 10, 2003. Once eligible the Board will add anatomical categories of head and abdomen to her limited permit provided: The permittee is on probation, payment schedule of \$100 beginning June 1, 2003, \$100 payments are due thereafter on the 1st of each month until paid in full. Failure to comply the Board will make the entire balance due and payable and shall be grounds for additional discipline, including revocation of licensure.

01-04-06

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve closing case.

01-08-04

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve scheduling hearing after July 01, 2003.

02-06-01

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve closing case.

02-11-02

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve issuing Final Order to deny licensure.

02-12-01

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve closing case.

03-01-01

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve issuing proposed notice of denial of application for licensure.

03-01-02

The Board tabled the case.

03-01-05

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve sending a letter stating no violation and close case.

03-01-06

The Board took no action.

03-01-03, 03-01-04, 03-01-07, 03-01-08, 03-01-09, 03-02-01, 03-02-02, 03-02-03, 03-03-01, 03-03-02, 03-04-01, 03-04-02, 03-04-03, 03-04-05, 03-04-06

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve closing cases.

03-04-04

The Board took no action.

PROBATION CASES - Need Continuous Monitoring:

Lianne Thompson said that we monitor probation cases to help encourage the licensees to improve and keep on doing the right thing through "Pride and Professionalism"

00-12-04, 01-01-03, 01-01-04, 01-01-07, 02-01-02

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve closing probationary cases.

99-03-03, 00-10-02, 02-03-01, 02-05-04, 02-05-05, Probationary cases in compliance.

01-04-03, 01-10-01, The Board took no action.

01-04-04, 01-05-05, 01-11-03, 01-12-02,

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve reducing drug testing to 6 times per year.

02-01-03

A motion was made 4/18/2003. Seconded by Edna Marr and the Board unanimously voted to approve continuing twice monthly random drug tests with RSS Testing.

Licensee to request that results from the hospital be sent to OBRT, in order for Board to consider accepting hospital's results only.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSES

Board Chair; Barbara Agrimson moved to approve the list of licenses/permits issued from January 10, 2003 to April 18, 2003. Edna Marr seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lianne Thompson, Executive Officer updated the Board on the Governor's Regulatory Streamlining. She discussed the meeting she and Hank Miggins attended. There was discussion on regulatory concerns, base line reports, customer service, and the projects in progress. A robust web site is needed. LP exam online visibility and support for. They talked about birth month renewal, robust database with customer feedback. The question of how does OBRT get to have the web site they need – piggybank etc. Ms. Thompson reminded the Board the common space load at the Irving site was 10% while PSOB is 25%. Ms. Thompson will continue to look for other options. HB 2967-Streamlining: Ms. Thompson did not send in a fiscal impact statement but choose to send in a cost analysis. By July 01, 2003, not only is load level going up but the square footage is going to \$1.40-\$1.47. She informed the Board of a fiscal sub-committee for cashiering that will move us out of Health Division Business Services to DAS Client Services. Our LFO, Rick Olsen wants us to do a lock box, receive it, correct and send it

back. The Health Division does not want to provide us service because they can not charge us what it cost them to provide us the service. Mr. Olsen thinks that Boards should get and share one person who would provide this work for all of them. OBRT will not move until the Governor says we can, explained Ms. Thompson. We will continue to look for other possibilities. She advised the Board of the cash balance of \$32,000.

RPS OAR UPDATE: PORTABLE X-RAYS

The Board received a letter written April 18, 2003 to Lianne Thompson from Robert Ropcinski, RPS regarding an inspection done on the x-ray logbooks and credentials of the x-ray operators of the facility. Discrepancies in the log books, operator names changes and a missing year where noted in the report. The inspection was done at the request of Ms. Thompson, on the behalf of the Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology.

There was discussion on portable x-rays in isolated communities concerning a waiver on who can do fluoroscopy. The Board unanimously agreed that the only person who can do fluoroscopy procedures is a licensed radiologic technologist (RT). Terry Lindsey requested a letter from the Board on their position concerning fluoroscopy. Fluoroscopy is in Radiation Protection Services administrative rules if the Board needs to use it.

NEW BUSINESS

Lianne Thompson informed the Board of the OSRT 74th Annual Meeting "The Peak of Your Profession" she attended April 11-13, in Bend, Oregon. She explained to the Board that Randy Harp was instrumental in furthering the alliance of the professional society and the Board. In Bend, Ms. Thompson had the opportunity to exchange ideas with representatives from ASRT and was invited to come to their annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. After discussion amongst the Board members, they concluded it would be beneficial for Ms. Thompson to attend the ASRT Annual Meeting, "The Evolving Professional" June 14-18, 2003. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to have Ms. Thompson represent OBRT at the annual ASRT Annual Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Barbara Agrimson asked if there was any other business or public comment. Hearing none, she thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 3:19 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2003 at 8:30 AM in Room 445 of the Portland State Office Building. The Board committees will meet on Thursday, July 10, 2003, specific schedules to be announced.