

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2014**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>
<b>Peter Evangelista</b>	<b>Linda Phillips</b>
<b>Holly Haczynski</b>	<b>Thomas Corrigan</b>
<b>Mark Kershaw</b>	
<b>Carol Kut</b>	

**Members Absent**

**1. Call to Order: Due to inclement weather, the start time of this meeting was delayed. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by a motion from Carol Kut and seconded by Peter Evangelista.**

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2013  
Motion made by Peter Evangelista and seconded by Mark Kershaw to accept the minutes. Minutes were unanimously accepted.**

**3. Administrative Issues:**

- An inquiry was received concerning whether a Radiology Technologist would have the authority under their Scope of Practice be allowed to attest to the fact that a nurse, who administers sedation or pain medication (such as versed and fentanyl), properly disposed of the remaining medication. Upon discussion it was stated that this is acceptable as long as the Radiology Technologist is licensed and acting solely as a witness for this process. However, it is not allowable for them themselves to do any of the actual disposing of the medications.

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- Issued Licenses – The list of new licenses was handed out. Motion to accept was made by Carol Kut and seconded by Peter Evangelista. All approved.

#### **4. Old Business:**

- A review of the Statute passed in the General Assembly that permits

**a nurse to perform radiographs on patients on Block Island was reviewed by the Board. Board members expressed grave concerns with this practice. Peter Evangelista, MD will draft a letter to Dr. Fine that outlines the potential public health concerns with this practice and proposals for maintaining the practice within approved regulatory paradigms.**

## **5. New Business:**

- A list of meeting dates for 2014 was distributed and discussed. All dates were agreed upon.**
- Clarification is needed for Section 7.0 of the Regulations concerning whether Radiologist Assistants can order medications on behalf of the physicians. This is felt to be a grey area, particularly if not being co-signed by the attending physician. Research into this and discussions will continue at the next schedule Board meeting.**
- It was suggested that it could be useful to recruit a Radiologist Assistant to serve as a member of this Board when filling an upcoming vacancy.**

## **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion made by Mark Kershaw and seconded by Peter**

**Evangelista, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed.**

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**Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 9:25 am with a motion made by Carol Kut and seconded by Mark Kershaw.**

**On motion made by Mark Kershaw and seconded by Peter Evangelista, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

**Final Actions None**

**Adjournment**

**On motion made by Mark Kershaw and seconded by Peter Evangelista, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned by 9:30 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Phillips, Board Manager**

**Rhode Island Department of Health**