

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice  
Minutes of the October 7, 2009 Board Meeting  
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont**

**“Approved – November 4, 2009”**

**1. Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

David W. Clauss, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**Members Present:**

David W. Clauss, M.D.; Patricia A. King, M.D.; Margaret F. Martin; James D. Cahill, M.D.; Michael Drew, M.D.; Hon. David A. Jenkins; John J. Murray, M.D.; Harvey S. Reich, M.D.; Robert R. Rinaldi, DPM; Toby Sadkin, M.D.; John B. Webber, Esq.; Florence Young.

**Others in Attendance:**

William E. Wargo, Director; Philip Ciotti, Investigator; Roberta Downes, Licensing Administrator; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; James Arisman, Assistant Attorney General; Bessie Weiss, Assistant Attorney General; Margaret Vincent, Assistant Attorney General; Marjorie Power, Presiding Officer (joined meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.); Mary Streeter, Imaging Care Coordinator, Department of Radiology, Fletcher Allen Health Care; Kristen DeStigter, M.D., Vice Chair, Department of Radiology, Fletcher Allen Health Care, University of Vermont College of Medicine; Meg O'Donnell, Director of Government Relations, Fletcher Allen Health Care; Janice Gallant, M.D., Director of Pediatric Imaging, Department of Radiology, Fletcher Allen Health Care, University of Vermont College of Medicine; Bill LaDue, Director, Radiology Faculty Practice, Fletcher Allen Health Care.

**2. Public Comments:**

None

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 2 and 16, 2009 Board Meetings:**

Dr. Rinaldi made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2009 Board meeting. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Cahill made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2009 Board meeting. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

**4. Board Matters (Dr. Clauss):**

Dr. Clauss introduced Mary Streeter, Imaging Care Coordinator, Department of Radiology, Fletcher Allen Health Care.

**5. Administrative Update (Mr. Wargo):**

Mr. Wargo gave a brief summary of the Laser Study Committee meeting, which took place on September 21, 2009.

Mr. Wargo informed that the October 6<sup>th</sup> conference call regarding the Board's required report on palliative care and pain management had taken place and gave a brief summary. Section 19 of Act 25 (2009) requires the report to be made to two legislative committees by January 15, 2010.

**6. Presentation of Applications:**

Applications for physician licensure and physician assistant certification were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

**7. Presentation to the Board:**

**Mary Streeter, RT(CT), Imaging Care Coordinator, Department of Radiology:**

Ms. Streeter presented information to the Board regarding Radiology Assistants (RA).

Ms. Streeter gave the following definition of Radiology Assistants (RA):

- An "advanced level radiologic technologist who works under the supervision of a radiologist to enhance patient care by assisting the radiologist in the diagnostic imaging environment." (ACR 2007)

Ms. Streeter provided the Board with information in the following areas:

- How the RA program was developed.
- Historical information about this health care profession.
- RA colleges
- RA state laws
- RA Qualifications
- RA scope of practice
- RA clinical practice examples

Ms. Streeter informed the Board that there are approximately six to eight possible applicants. The number of possible applicants is under ten at this time.

Ms. Streeter mentioned the National Certification exam for RAs.

Questions raised by the Board:

- How would this profession fit within the licensing function of the Board?
- Why does this profession not fall under the Board of Radiological Technology?

Dr. Clauss suggested that the Board consider the information presented and be prepared to further discuss it at the November Board meeting.

#### **8. Executive Session to Discuss Investigative Matters:**

Mr. Webber made a motion at 1:42 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: none.

Return to open session: 3:33 p.m.

#### **9. Recess; Convene Hearing (Ms. Power):**

Ms. Power convened a hearing to consider adjudicative matters before the Board (approximately 1:20 p.m.).

In re: Peter C. Stickney, M.D. – MPN 80-1001 and MPN 57-0405 – Stipulation and Consent Order.

Dr. Cahill made a motion to grant the Stipulation and Consent Order regarding Dr. Stickney. Dr. Drew seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: North Committee (Dr. King and Dr. Sadkin), Dr. Reich and Dr. Murray; abstained: none.

In re: Jeremy Andrew Rower, M.D. – Licensing Committee Matter – Stipulation and Agreement.

Dr. Cahill made a motion to grant the Stipulation and Agreement that limits Dr. Rower's activities to "medical administration" only. Dr. Reich seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: Licensing Committee (Dr. King, Dr. Clauss, Ms. Martin and Dr. Murray); abstained: none.

**Break:** 1:34 p.m.

**Return:** 1:40 p.m.

**10. Open Session**

**Dr. Reich, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPS 83-0808	MPS 69-0609	MPS 86-0709
MPS 92-0809	MPS 67-0609	MPS 88-0709
MPS 66-0609		

Dr. Murray made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: South Committee (Dr. Cahill, Dr. Drew, Ms. Martin, Dr. Reich, and Mr. Webber), MPS 88-0709 – Hon. D. Jenkins; abstained: none.

**Dr. Murray, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPC 59-0508	MPC 83-0709	MPC 85-0709
MPC 91-0809	MPC 84-0709	MPC 74-0609
MPC 11-0109		

Dr. Cahill made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: Central Committee (Dr. Clauss, Hon. David Jenkins, Dr. Murray, Dr. Rinaldi, and Ms. Young), MPC 59-0508 – Mr. Webber, MPC 74-0609 – Dr. Reich, MPC 85-0709 – Mr. Webber and Dr. Reich; abstained: none.

**Dr. King, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPN 65-0609	MPN 26-0309	MPN 64-0609
MPN 68-0609	MPN 25-0309	

Dr. Reich made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Committee (Dr. King and Dr. Sadkin), MPN 26-0309 and MPN 25-0309 – Dr. Cahill.

**11. Any Other Business:**

None

**12. Next meetings:**

Upcoming meetings:

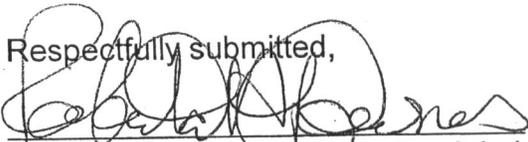
- **November 4, 2009**, Licensing Committee meeting, 10:30 a.m. Gifford Medical Center, Randolph
- **November 4, 2009**, Board meeting, 12:00 p.m. Gifford Medical Center, Randolph
- **November 12, 2009**, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Water Supply Conference Room #039, Old Pantry Building, State office Complex, Waterbury
- **November 13, 2009**, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, Liquor Control Conference Room, 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier
- **November 18, 2009**, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., teleconference meeting, with public access at the Board offices, 101 Cherry Street, Burlington
- **November 18, 2009**, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer Building, 88 Merchants Row, Rutland

**13. Adjournment**

Dr. Cahill made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Murray seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta A. Downes, Licensing Administrator I

**Attachments:** Appendix A

## Appendix A

**Presentation of Applications** (Recommendations were in the form of motions by the member making the recommendation)

**Dr. Cahill reported on an interview conducted with:**

Karen Kenny, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Cahill for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Clauss moved for the issuance of secondary certification for:**

Karen Hibbard, PA-C

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for secondary physician assistant certifications. Seconded by Dr. Reich, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Clauss moved for the issuance of secondary certification for:**

Edward Durling, PA-C

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for secondary physician assistant certifications. Seconded by Mr. Webber, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Clauss reported on interviews conducted with:**

Ronald Leavitt, M.D.

Jiyon Yun, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Reich, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Clauss reported on an interview conducted by Dr. Thomashow with:**

Daniel Potenza, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Reich, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Clauss moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses for:**

Deborah Abrams, M.D.  
Jason Lawrence, M.D.

Michael Goedde, M.D.  
Adam Pearson, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for limited temporary physician licensures. Seconded by Dr. Reich, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. King reported on an interview conducted with:**

Katherine Jane Wagner, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. King for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Cahill, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. King reported on interviews conducted by Dr. Stouch with:**

Matthew Breckenridge, M.D.  
Pauline Mills, M.D.

John Fortune, M.D.  
Jeremy Rower, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. King for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Cahill, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Murray reported on interviews conducted with:**

Rebekah Haggard, M.D.

Ronald Low, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Murray for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Cahill, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Rinaldi reported on interviews conducted with:**

Kevin Glassman, M.D.

Brian Kluess, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Rinaldi for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Cahill, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

**Dr. Rinaldi reported on an interview conducted with:**

Stuart Embury, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Rinaldi for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.