

Minutes of the Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: November 5, 2024

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.

Place: –Online Video Meeting via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Julie Kessinger, Sonoma Valley Hospital
Ryan Curzon, Marin General Hospital
Tara Flinn, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital
Laura Pierce, Kaiser Santa Rosa
Cathy Sahl Diego, Novato Community Hospital

Members Attending as Proxy: None

Members Absence: None

Faculty, Staff and Administrators in Attendance:

Tammy Alander, RT Program Director
Christine McLarty, Instructor/Coordinator
Joanne Robertson, Associate Faculty
Janet McCann, Associate Faculty
Bonnie Patterson, Associate Faculty
Tammy Sakanashi, Dean of Health Sciences

Invited Guests:

Geoff Navarro, SRJC Counseling
Vince Hamilton, SRJC Counseling

Was there a quorum? Yes No

1. **Call to Order:** Tammy A. called the meeting to order at 1414 hours.
2. **Welcome/Introductions:** Each attendee introduced themselves in turn.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** – M – Julie Kessinger – S – Christine McLarty. Unanimous approval.
4. **Announcements:**
 - a. Review of program mission goals and objectives.
 - b. Application period is open 10/1/24 – 3/14/25. 12 applications received so far. Most applications are turned in after the semester closes in December. The application “points system” admission criteria worked out really well last year. There were 134 applications received – more than we had using the lottery system. Tammy Alander encouraged anyone with questions about the process to contact her.
 - c. CDPH-RHB & JRCERT Reports – filed in September. JRCERT requested clarification on one item. Both reports have been approved.
 - d. One new clinical site, Marin Health Outpatient North, has been submitted to JRCERT for approval.

- e. Outcomes Assessments in Radiation Protection – we’re doing better for Radiation Protection. There was a decline in the overall 5-year average of 0.2%. That was for both the 3rd and the 6th semesters when comparing 2018 to 2022.
 - i. Probable causes for it were multiple wildfires causing student displacement, several school closures, and power outages.
 - ii. In 2020 -2021 mandated student removal from clinical sites due to COVID and a sudden shift from in-person to online learning.
- f. Information will be gathered again at the end of 3rd and 6th for 2024 to monitor improvement.

5. Public Comments:

None.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Radiation Protection for Students – Lead aprons and portables exams.
 - i. Our program requires students to wear lead aprons during portables which ASRT supports as part of ALARA. Students report hearing negative feedback when wearing them.
 - ii. Although there aren’t specific regulations to address this, we are trying to protect students and hold them to higher standards of best practices.
 - iii. Committee decided that whether students wear lead aprons should be left up to the CIs at each facility.
- b. Policy change regarding pregnant students and portables.
 - i. Pregnant students must wear a lead apron. They can help position a patient and manipulate the tube. They must step completely out of the room when the exposure is made.
 - ii. Pregnant students can help set up for fluoro exams, but they can’t be in the room during exposure is made.
- c. Gonadal Shielding – NCRP suggests and ASRT supports discontinuing shielding for any abdominal or pelvic exams. However, California regulations still require shielding.
 - i. Faculty are required to teach students to use shielding to comply with regulations. Students at clinical sites are told not to shield.
 - ii. Committee agreed that students need to follow the law and require them to shield.

7. New Business/Discussion:

- a. ARRT Pass rates and job placement rates – 16/18 graduates from the Class of 2024 passed the ARRT exam. Our current pass rate is 89%. We are concurrent with national standards. Of the students who responded to survey, all are working. Several clinical partners expressed that they are very happy with the new grads that they have hired.
- b. Student issues and concerns:
 - i. CIs should direct student issues and concerns Clinical Coordinators, then to Christine or Tammy.
 - ii. Documentation is critical.
 - iii. Discussion of effective ways that we are all collaboratively supporting students dealing with traumas and difficult situations.
 - iv. There will be a new Medicolegal and Ethics course beginning in the spring semester which will include a large section on Death and Dying.

8. Updates:

- a. Trajecsys – has been in use for about 3 months.
 - i. There are over 175 rad techs who have registered on Trajecsys.
 - ii. CIs have been extended access where they can view log sheets, time sheets, and evaluations.
 - iii. Students report that sometimes they have difficulty getting Bi-Weekly Progress Reports filled out.
 - iv. Digital records for students will be stored in two places; Trajecsys and SRJC digital files for a minimum of seven years. Students also have the ability to download their records and store.
- b. RADT 99 will no longer require add codes from the instructor.
 - i. Students will register for RADT 99 when they have priority or open registration. The course has 30 seats available and a waitlist of 20 more. Once the course is full, the instructor will give an orientation.
 - ii. Students will email the instructor their 3 top choices for clinical sites. Based on site availability, instructor will assign students to sites.
 - iii. Each site has different onboarding requirements. (i.e. some require background check and drug screening while others only request that students show up in a scrub top).
 - iv. Janet asked that site email her with specific onboarding requirements and the total number of students they can take.
- c. Didactic and Clinical Site Updates – Joanne thanked our clinical partners for all of the efforts they put in to support our students. Tammy gave an update on Patient Care lab skills that students can now do in clinical. Christine reported that students are getting more lab time in RADT 61A and hopes to see improvements in student competency check-offs. All clinical partners felt that everything is going well.

10. Next Steps/Comments/Wrap Up:

- a. Next AC meeting to be held November 4th, 2025, (the first Tuesday in November), 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at SRJC.

11. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1534 hours.

Respectfully submitted: Tammy Alander, Radiologic Technology Program Director