

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM 7TH FLOOR
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2009**

FINAL

The January meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee convened in accordance with its notice to the Secretary of State, the Bergen Record, the Trenton Times, the Star Ledger and the Courier Post and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., by President Argast. The following attendance was recorded for these Minutes.

PRESENT: George Argast Jeffrey Maas
Todd Newman Claire O'Connell
Dr. Jeffrey Berman

Also in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive director, Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General and Kathleen Griffith, Staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for November 21, 2008. On a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Jeffrey Maas the Public Session Minutes were approved as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 5(i) and (ii) Ratios The rule was approved by the Board of Medical Examiners June 2007. Awaiting publication in the New Jersey Register, as informational.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from Karen Mahler, Columbus Family Physicians, LLC, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant can work in the office without a physician present as long as the physician is available by phone and is also available through our electronic medical record software.

The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 (b) 1 and 2 Supervision. (b) The physician assistant shall not render care unless the following conditions are met: 1. In an inpatient setting, the supervising physician or physician-designee is continuously or intermittently present on-site with constant availability through electronic communications for consultation or recall; 2. 1. In an outpatient setting, the supervising physician or physician-designee is constantly available through electronic communications for consultation or recall. A letter will be sent to Ms Mahler advising that the rule is the rule and that telephone or electronic communication is acceptable.

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes for October 15, 2008, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary- Matters for October 15, 2008, of the Board of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

c. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda for December 3, 2008, of the Board of Medical

Examiners, as informational.

d. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters for December 3, 2008, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

e. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes for November 12, 2008, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

f. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary- Matters for November 12, 2008, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

g. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda for January 14, 2009, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

h. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda for Disciplinary-Matters for January 14, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

V. REVENUE REPORT

a. The Committee reviewed the Revenue Report for November, 2008, as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the Revenue Report for December, 2008, as informational.

VI. LEGISLATION/REGULATION (FYI)

a. The Committee reviewed the Summary of Assembly and Senate Bills, as informational.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, the Public Session was adjourned and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review four (4) matters of old business, five (5) matters of new business and five (5) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session.

The next scheduled meeting is March 20, 2009. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009.