

**NEW BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2005

Final

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

President Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes.

PRESENT:

Kevin Walsh
Dr. Mary Ibrahim
Mary Kral

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: None

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes of December 17, 2004. On a motion made and seconded the Public Session Minutes were approved as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a letter from Kathleen Layman, Counsel to Dr. Coyle Connolly, requesting an exception to the ratio provision in N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10(5) (i) and (ii), which states that:

i. In a private practice which is not hospital based or institutionally affiliated no more than two physician assistants to one physician at any one time;

ii. In all other settings, no more than four physician assistants to one physician at any one time.

The request is based upon N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 (c), which states that upon application to the Board, the Board, may alter the supervisory ratios

It was the consensus of the Committee that Ms. Layman provide a full explanation, as to what procedures would be performed by the additional physician assistants and to describe the physician assistants responsibilities; provide documentation/statistics, justification and any proof which substantiates that the area is under served; provide the anticipated number of patients for each physician assistant and the number of practice sites. A letter will be sent to Ms. Layman so advising.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from Patrick D'Arco, PA-C, inquiring as to whether as a licensed physician assistant in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, can assist in the operating room and whether New Jersey allows Pennsylvania physician supervising privileges for traveling to affiliated Children Hospital of Pennsylvania

(CHOP) sites in New Jersey to assist in cardiothoracic surgical procedures.

It was the consensus of the Committee that a licensed physician assistant in the State of New Jersey may assist in the operating room. Further, a physician working in the State of New Jersey must be a licensed plenary physician, in New Jersey. A letter will be sent to Mr. D'Arco so advising.

b. The Committee reviewed a fax from Sheldon Gertel, Billing Manager, Comprehensive Neurological Services, 1460 Morris Avenue, Suite 1B, Union, NJ 07083, inquiring as to whether a New Jersey licensed physician assistant can perform a medical evaluation and needle EMG under the supervisory rules of the Medical Board.

The Committee determined that a response be sent indicating that the fax dated January 10, 2005 was reviewed. Further, the Committee is aware that Comprehensive Neurological Service is a chiropractic office. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.2 Definitions "Direct supervision" means supervision by a plenary licensed physician which shall meet all of the conditions established in N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10(b) or N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.15, as applicable. Therefore, a physician assistant in the State of New Jersey may not work under the supervision of a chiropractor. A physician assistant may perform services under the supervision of a licensed plenary physician.

Additionally, physician assistants can only perform duties pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:35-2B.4(b), Scope of Practice, which states a licensee who has complied with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.3, Practice Requirements, may perform . . . the procedures (which) are within the training and experience of both the supervising physician and the physician assistant, only when the supervising physician directs the licensee to perform the procedures, or orders or prescribes the procedures, or the procedures are specified in a written protocol approved by the Board.

This matter will be reagendaized at the February 18, 2005 meeting for further discussion.

IV. REVIEW OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners for November 10, 2004, as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes-Disciplinary Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for November 10, 2004, as informational.

c. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda for January 12, 2005, as informational.

d. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda-Disciplinary Matters for January 10, 2005, as informational.

V. LICENSURE ACTION

a. The Committee reviewed the Summary Report of Licensure Action taken from December 10, 2004 to January 11, 2005, as informational.

VI. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

a. The Committee reviewed Senate Bill No: 685, which permits physician assistants to prescribe controlled dangerous substances dated October 14, 2004, as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill No: 1985, which permits assistants to prescribe controlled dangerous substances (First Reprint) dated October 14, 2004, as informational.

c. The Committee reviewed Senate Bill No: 1930, which revises procedures for suspension or revocation of licenses for overdue child support, as informational.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion made by Dr. Mary Ibrahim, seconded by Mary Kral, the Public Session was adjourned, and the Committee convened in Executive

Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review two statistical reports and to review 21 applications.

The Committee re-convened in Public Session. The following licensure action was taken in Executive Session.

The Committee certifies that the following persons have applied for licensure; that the applications have been reviewed in detail; that all statutory requirements have been met; and that the applicants have been approved by the Committee for licensure.

APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Benante-Hawkins, Jennifer
Chrzastowska, Maria
Dave, Amy
Mathew, Sheeba
Russo, James
Sarpong, Amelia

The Committee certifies that the following applications have been reviewed and were provisionally approved pending receipt of certain information. Upon receipt of the requested information, the Committee has authorized the Executive Director to review the documents for compliance with statutory requirements and approve for licensure.

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Alwani, Amita
Carbon, Kathleen
Davis, Eileen
Farag, David
Kawash, Daniel
Park, Eunjin
McLaughlin, Thomas

The Committee reviewed the following applications which were deferred due to lack of specific documents required by law. All deferred permanent and temporary applications must return to the Committee for review.

DEFERRED (PERMANENT)

Bruessow, Diane
Dominski, Jamie
D'Adamo, Tsui
George, Katrina
Lachs, Stacy
Pagliano, Gina

DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)

Bhutta, Saima
Kalin, Marc

The next scheduled meeting is February 18, 2005. There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal

Executive Director