

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2006**

FINAL

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

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

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 January 20, 2006. On a motion made and seconded, the Public Session Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. I/M/O RACHEL WHITE, PA-C - Paul G. Orlando, Chief, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Radiological Health, responded to the inquiry relative to whether Ms. White can perform NUCLEAR Stress Tests and Persantine stress tests. Mr. Orlando determined that physician assistants are not permitted to prepare or administer radiopharmaceuticals or otherwise engage in the practice of nuclear medicine technology unless they are an authorized medical user or a New Jersey licensed Nuclear Medicine Technologist. An authorized medical user is defined as a licensed physician who is identified as an authorized user on either a New Jersey DEP radioactive materials license or an Federal NRC license. Mr. Orlando advised Ms. White of the determination.

The Committee determined that Ms. White be sent a letter advising that her letter of inquiry was also referred to the Board of Medical Examiners relative to the other aspects of practice which do not fall under the Committee's jurisdiction. Ms. White will be so advised.

b. I/M/O DR. LAWRENCE EARL - Dr. Earl requested an adjustment in the ratio of physician assistants to physician. Dr. Earl responded to additional questions from the Committee sent by e-mail on February 1, 2006.

The Committee determined that this matter be forwarded to the Board of Medical Examiners for review by the Executive Committee, so that the physician body may have an opportunity to review this practice model. A letter will be sent to Dr. Larry Earl advising that this matter is still under review by the Board of Medical Examiners, that if additional information is required he will be contacted and that he will be advised when the review is concluded.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. A letter from Heidi Stout, Coding and Reimbursement Manager requesting clarification on an aspect of the supervision regulations, specifically, as to whether the supervising physician countersigns all physician assistants entries in the medical record, including daily hospital visits, or whether the supervising physician is required to countersign only those entries related to orders for diagnostic testing or medications.

The Committee determined that this matter be forwarded to the Board of Medical Examiners with a request that it be placed on its next Executive Committee agenda; that the members of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee be invited to participate in the discussion of this matter and that Committee members be contacted as to the date, time and place of the next Executive Committee meeting.

b. Christopher Hanifin, PA-C, President of the New Jersey State Society of Physician Assistants. (NJSSPA), submitted questions and answers for Committee review, to be placed on the New Jersey State Society of Physician Assistants website. The Committee determined that it cannot endorse the (FAQ) concept. Mr. Hanifin will be so advised.

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners, for November 9, 2005, as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for November 9, 2005, as informational.

c. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for February 8, 2006, as informational.

d. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda, Disciplinary-Matters for February 8, 2006, as informational.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the Public Session was adjourned, and the Committee convened in Executive for the purpose of of receiving counsel, to review two statistical reports and to review 16 applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The following licensure action was taken in Executive Session.

V. LICENSURE ACTION

a. The Committee reviewed the Summary Report Licensure Action taken from January 13, 2006 to February 8 2006, as informational.

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

APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Niestepski, Diane
Chiavaro, Courtney

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)

De La Barca, Reina
Gray, Ian
Kaplan, Jessica
Lachman, Judith
Lanzisera, Michael

O'Brien, Janet
Patel, Pinal
Stewart, Alexandra

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Burdo, Danielle
Lynch, Melissa
Sheldon, Bryan

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)

Danishanko-Horan, Joann
Haenn, Mindy

DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)

Fadoju, Olufunke

The next scheduled meeting is March 17, 2006. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director