

**New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
Somerset Conference Room 6th Floor**

Public Session Minutes

February 27, 2004

Final

The February 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 Courier Post and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

President Walsh called the meeting 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, Kathleen Griffith, Nermin Ibrahim, Staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for December 19, 2003. On a motion by Dr. Mary Ibrahim, seconded by Mary Kral the Committee accepted the minutes as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS/FOR YOUR INFORMATION

a. The Committee reviewed the correspondence from LaNelle McKay, PA-C, past member of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed a letter and fax from Ginny Barker, Vice President, Neurodiagnostics, One Call Medical Inc., 20 Winterview Boulevard, P. O. Box 614, Parsippany, NJ 070054-0614, indicating that One Call Medical has developed a national network of physicians who provide EMG and nerve conduction studies for injured workers and inquiring as to certification of providers in New Jersey who are approved to do the needle EMG portion of the test. It was the consensus of the Committee that this question be forwarded to the Board of Medical Examiners.

c. The Committee reviewed a letter from Melissa Loudermilk/DataMart, Choice Point, 1000 Alderman Drive 70-K, Alpharetta, GA, 30005, inquiring as to the number of public disciplinary actions against physician assistants for the year 1998. It was the consensus of the Committee that the office provide the requested information.

d. The Committee reviewed a letter from Danielle Ferrer, PA-C, inquiring as to whether physician assistants in New Jersey are allowed to obtain consents. It was the consensus of the Committee that physician assistants in New Jersey may obtain consents, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4, Scope of Practice, it falls under the statutes and regulations which govern physician assistants in the State of New Jersey. Ms. Ferrer must check with the Department of Health (DOH) for the hospital protocol. The Committee has no jurisdiction over hospitals or hospital protocol in New Jersey. A letter will be sent to Ms. Ferrer so advising.

e. The Committee reviewed a fax from Rebecca Keenan, PA-C, indicating that she works for a Family Practice physician and a pediatrician in separate offices. The pediatrician approached her about seeing adult patients in his pediatrics office. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Board of Medical Examiners grants plenary licenses to pediatricians to perform all functions, and there is nothing to preclude a pediatrician from seeing adult patients.

Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4(b) A licensee who has complied with provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.3, Practice Requirements may perform the following procedures, provided the procedures 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. Also, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10(a) A physician assistant shall engage in practice only under the direct supervision of a physician.

(b) The physician assistant shall not render care unless the following conditions are met:

1. In an inpatient setting, the supervising physician or designee is continuously or intermittently present on-site with constant availability through electronic communications for consultation or recall.

2. 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. Keenan so advising, along with a copy of the statutes and regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey.

IV. REVIEW OF THE BOARD MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners for November 12, 2003 as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes-Disciplinary Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for November 12, 2003 as informational.

c. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for January 14, 2004 as informational.

d. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Disciplinary-Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for January 14, 2004 as informational.

e. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes of the Board of the Board of Medical Examiners for December 2003, as informational.

f. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes-Disciplinary Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for December, 2003 as informational.

g. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for February 11, 2004 as informational.

h. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Disciplinary - Matters of the Board of Medical

Examiners for February 27, 2004 as informational.

i. The Committee reviewed the Notice of Conference for Solicitation of Informal Public Input on Medical Malpractice Coverage Requirements from William Roeder, Executive Director of the Board of Medical Examiners as informational.

V. LICENSURE ACTION

a. The Committee reviewed the Summary Report of Licensure Action taken from December 12, 2003 to February 19, 2004.

VI. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

a. The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill No. 1913 and iterated that the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee concurs with the position taken by the Board of Medical Examiners. Also, the Committee request that a representative from the physician assistant community be appointed to the Committee.

IN FURTHER DISCUSSION regarding Senate Bill No. 2773 which permits physician assistants to prescribe controlled dangerous substances - The Committee is awaiting an update from Eugene Brenycz, Regulatory Analyst, relative to protocols utilized by certified nurse midwives, certified nurse practitioners in New Jersey and other States which allow prescriptive authority for controlled dangerous substances (CDS) for physician assistants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Walsh called for the comments from the Public. Scott MacDonald stated his complaint against an unnamed physician assistant relative to casting a fractured arm . In a previous session, the Committee considered his complaint and found no cause for action.

There being no other business to come before the committee in Public Session, on a motion by Mary Kral, seconded by Dr. Mary Ibrahim, the Public Session was adjourned, and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review four statistical reports and to review 43 applications.

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

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 and is being submitted to the Board of Medical Examiners for final approval.

APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Adox, Rosalie
Anselmo, Joseph
Arias-Borreo, Michelle
Cassa, Richard
Dolocemascolo, Philip
Kletsman, Elaine
Nischal, Anant
Patel, Mona
Rosenberg, Rachel
Shah, Rupali
Soltys, Jean
Stuti, Naik

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)

Dazio, Francesca
Dwyer, Jennifer
Grinberg, Svetlana
Hamded, Anthony
Lichardi, Michael
McKim, Susan
Parisi, Linda
Rispo, James

PROVISIONALLY approved (TEMPORARY)

Lederman, Valerie

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)

Bosco, Santo
Drezin Yevgeniya
Epstein, Austin
Faltas, Darlene
Gardocki, Michael
Gutierrez, Elvira
Javier, Russell
Lantz, Amy
Levin, Jennifer
Perchik, Edward
Powazinik, Tricia
Quinones, Edwin
Redmond, Geraldine
Sabsels, Michelle
McClain, Scott
McLaughlin, Katherine
Smith, Twyla
Szitanko, Rena
Yaish, Efrat

DEFERRED (PERMANENT) SENT TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Maximos, Nabil

DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)

Coles, Raymond
Nichols, Kristina

The next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2004. There being no other business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director
