

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

**Public Session Minutes**

**May 21, 2004**

Final

The May 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 to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes.

**PRESENT:**

Kevin Walsh  
Mary Kral

**ABSENT:**

Dr. Mary Ibrahim

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for April 16, 2004. **On a motion by Kevin Walsh, seconded by Mary Kral the Committee approved the minutes as submitted.**

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items of old business.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

a. The Committee reviewed a letter from Erin Hall, PA-C inquiring as to whether in an outpatient setting, orders for medications which are given on a Friday evening and the office is closed on weekends can be signed on the following Monday; as to whether the guidelines requesting prescription orders by a physician assistant in an outpatient setting must be signed within 48 hours and as to whether the supervising physicians signatures must be dated or is only the signature required. **It was the consensus of the Committee that** the regulations allow for the period of weekends/ holidays when the office will be closed and licensees should comply consistent with the regulations, in a reasonable time to avoid delay in countersignature.

**Additionally, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 (a)(b)** a physician assistant shall engage in practice only under the direct supervision of a physician. 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. In an outpatient setting, the supervising physician or physician designee is constantly available through electronic communications for consultation or recall.

As to whether the date and counter signature are required, **the Committee determined that only the countersignature is required. A letter will be sent to Ms. Hall so advising.**

b. The Committee reviewed a letter from D. P. Stevenson, PA-C, inquiring as to whether physician assistants in New Jersey can perform MRI scans and whether a physician assistant may act as first assistant. **It was the consensus of the Committee that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4(b)6. (i)(ii),** A licensee who complied with the provisions of **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B. 3, Practice Requirmenents** 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.

6. Performing other procedures for diagnostic, therapeutic or interventional purposes such as, but not limited to, introduction of contrast material for radiologic studies, use of endoscopic instruments and aspiration of fluid from joints and body cavities, collection of cerbrosppinal fluid, biopsy of tissues, placement of central venous catheters or chest tubes, and endotracheal intubation.

i. The supervising physician or physician designee shall be available on premises for those procedures requiring intravenous or intra- arterial injection of contrast material, endoscopic biopsy of tissue, and elective endotracheal intubation.

ii. The supervising physician shall maintain documentation, or ensure that documentation is maintained, evidencing that the physician assistant has the training, experience and the proficiency to perform such procedures.

As to being a first assistant, pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 13:35-4.1(b) and (c), Major Surgery; qualified first assistants**, in addition to those individuals listed in (b) (of this section) who may act as qualified first assistants, a duly qualified registered nurse (RNFA) or a duly qualified physician assistant may so act. **A letter will be sent to Mr. Stevenson, so advising and a copy of the statutes and regulations.**

#### **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 March 10, 2004, as informational.**

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

c. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for May 12, 2004, as informational.**

d. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Minutes-Disciplinary Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners.**

#### **V. LICENSURE ACTION**

a. The Committee reviewed the **Summary Report of Licensure Action taken from April 8, 2004 to May 12, 2004, as informational.**

#### **VI. FOR YOUR INFORMATION(FYI)**

a. The Committee reviewed the **Spring, 2004 Newsletter from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)** as it relates to "New Certificate Better Reflects Value of PA-C", as

**informational.**

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Kevin Walsh, seconded by Mary Kral, the Public Session was adjourned, and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to hold an investigative inquiry, to review two statistical reports and to review 19 applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The following action were 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)**

Beninghof, Eric  
Carlucci, Robert **Pending malpractice certification**  
Garcia, Sandra **Pending Criminal Background Check**  
Hilinski, Brian **Pending Criminal Background Check**  
Jose, Nancy **Pending Criminal Background Check**  
Luu, BaoTram **Pending Criminal Background Check**

Maximos, Nabil  
Polynice, Janice  
Powazinik, Tricia  
Quinones, Edwin  
Ryan, Lucas  
Witsotsky, Joanna  
Zahler, Gideon

**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)**

Simons, Wendy  
Fbel, Andrew  
Rosenthal, Diane

**PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)**

Williams, Herbert

**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)**

Patel, Niral

**DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)**

Harduby, Monica

The next scheduled meeting is June 18, 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

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