

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES - FINAL  
JUNE 16, 2006**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

Also in attendance: Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, Kathleen Griffith, staff.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. On a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the Public Session Minutes for May 19, 2006 were deferred.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items of old business.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from Aaron Block, PA-C, who asked whether physician assistants in New Jersey are permitted to pronounce death in a hospital setting. The Committee determined that Mr. Block be referred to the Department of Health, which has jurisdiction over hospitals. Mr. Block will be so advised.

b. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from Sally Shumaker, PA-C, who asked:

- 1) May prescriptions may be written when delegated by a physician according to specific direction or protocol?
- 2) If they may, are there examples of appropriate protocols that may be used?
- 3) When a supervising physician is traveling or on an extended vacation and does not have another physician available to delegate the countersigning of charts, is another provision for countersigning charts permissible, such as a review charts over the phone or via electronic communication?

The Committee determined they could not answer hypothetical questions and would need Ms. Shumaker to provide specific facts as to the plenary physician, the duration of his unavailability, and why there would be no coverage. Ms. Shumaker will be so advised.

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

The committee reviewed as informational the:

- a. Ratified Open Public Session Minutes of April 19, 2006
- b. Ratified Open Disciplinary Minutes of April 19, 2006
- c. Open Board Agenda of June 14, 2006
- d. Open Board Disciplinary Agenda of June 14, 2006

## **V. LICENSURE ACTION**

a. The Committee reviewed the Summary Report of Licensure Action taken from May 12, 2006 to June 8, 2006 as informational.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Christopher Hanifin, PA-C, President of the N.J. State Society of Physician Assistants, advised that, as answers to questions are not immediately available at Committee meetings, he will be submitting questions to the committee in writing rather than attending meetings in future. Hanifin reported that the Society believes the Board of Medical Examiners is promulgating regulations regarding physician assistants' involvement with Botox injections and laser hair removal. The Society will be submitting an OPRA request for a listing of all supervising physicians in New Jersey.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Todd Newman, the Public Session was adjourned and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to conduct one investigative inquiry, to review eight items of old business, one statistical report and 22 applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session and announced the following licensure actions approved in Executive Session.

### **APPROVED (PERMANENT)**

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.

Angelitis, David  
Costa, Jennifer  
Yang, Heather

### **APPROVED (TEMPORARY)**

The Committee certifies that the following persons have applied for temporary licensure, that each application has been reviewed in detail, and that all statutory requirements have been met with the exception of passing the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) examination. The Committee recommends each applicant for temporary licensure. A permanent license may be issued only upon successful completion of the NCCPA examination. In the event of an unsuccessful result, the temporary license shall expire immediately upon notification to the licensee, and practice as a physician assistant must cease.

Albrigo, Andrea  
Auerbach, Max  
Lorenc, Christopher  
Perry, David

### **PROVISIONAL APPROVAL**

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)**

Karaptis, John  
Kupersmidt, Elenna

**PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)**

Adolfi, Samantha  
Cronin, Meredith  
Fosuhene, Charles  
Freet, Jonathan  
Minkus, Kimberly  
Rogaski, Krista  
Spronk, Ginger  
Tajii, Rebeca  
Tatevosyan, Lusine  
Wernham, Mark  
Zebrak, Seth

**DEFERRED APPLICATIONS**

The Committee deferred the following applications that lacked specific documents required by law. All deferred permanent and temporary applications must return to the Committee for review.

**DEFERRED (PERMANENT)**

Miller, David

**DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)**

Tandon, Priti

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held on July 21, 2006. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal  
Executive Director