

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2009

FINAL

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., by Vice President Todd Newman. The following attendance was recorded for these Minutes.

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

Also in attendance: Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst. and Kathleen Griffith, Staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for April 17, 2009. **On a motion by Jeffrey Maas the Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 5(I) and (ii) Ratios** The rule was approved by the Board of Medical Examiners June 2007. Awaiting publication in the New Jersey Register. Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst advised the Committee that he spoke with Maryann Sheehan, Regulatory Analyst and she stated that it has been at the Governor's Office for nine (9) months.

b. NEEDLE EMG - Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, presented a document from the Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division, Bergen County which permits physician assistants the perform Needle EMG. **This was reviewed as informational.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Joy G. Jansson, PA-C**, inquiring as to whether physician assistants in the State of New Jersey are permitted to practice in a Long Term Ambulatory Care setting (LTAC). She further states that this health care setting has been specifically designed for critically ill patients who are recovering and who are shortly likely to become ambulatory.

The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B10. b) 1 and 2 .
(b) a physician assistant shall not render care unless the following conditions are met:

1. In an inpatient setting, the supervising physician or physician-designee is 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. Jansson so advising along with a copy of the regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey.**

b. The Committee reviewed a fax from Heidi Schulz, PA-C, specifically inquiring as to whether physician assistants under the supervision or delegation of a supervising physician, with appropriate training and oversight, may do the following: local anesthetic blocks (for example a digital block prior to a suture repair, or a dental block for pain management), repair of nail-bed/fingertip repair and epistaxis care in an emergency department setting (for example, anterior/posterior nasal packing and cautery).

The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B. 4 (b) A licensee who has complied with the 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. The procedures delegated are addressed in the regulations. **A letter will be sent to Ms. Schulz so advising along with a copy of the regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey.**

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

- a.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for March 11, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- b.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for March 11, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- c.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for April 8, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- d.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for April 8, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- e.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for May 13, 2009 of the Board Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- f.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters for May 13, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- g.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for June 10, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- h.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary Matters for June 10, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational**

V. REVENUE REPORT

- a.** The Committee reviewed the **Revenue Report for April, 2009, as informational.**
- b.** The Committee reviewed the **Revenue Report for May, 2009, as informational.**

VI. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

- a.** **Sunset of N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B Regulations -** Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst, apprised the Committee that the review of the regulations must be completed before September 2009. **He advised the Committee that they should not do any major or controversial changes. The Committee determined that they will review the regulations to see if there are any minor changes. A date will be scheduled for the review of the regulations.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. NEEDLE EMG - Update on the meeting with the Executive Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners regarding Needle EMG. **This matter was moved from the Executive Session to the Public Session.**

The sub-committee advised that it did not attend the planned meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners.

Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General presented a document from the Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division: Bergen County, Docket Nos. BER-L-2376-09, BER-L-3524-09 and BER-L-3527-09, which permitted trained physician assistants to perform Needle EMG . **This was reviewed as informational.**

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Maas. The Public Session was adjourned and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review three (3) matters of old business, four (4) matters of new business and five (5) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is August 21, 2009. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

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Executive Director