

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2005**

Final

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

Vice President Newman 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: Todd Newman

ABSENT: George Argast
Claire O'Connell
Jeffrey Maas
Dr. Mary Ibrahim

Also in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director, Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Griffith, Bernadette Bercrombie, Staff and Alicia Edmond, Summer Intern.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes of July 15, 2005. On a motion made and seconded the Public Session Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed the fax from Dr. Coyle Connolly, requesting an exemption to hire one or two additional physician assistants. On June 17, 2005, the Committee determined that the area was not underserved and denied the request for exemption to hire four additional physician assistants. On July 28, 2005, a letter was sent to Ktherine Layman, Counsel, so advising.

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to Dr. Connolly requesting the following information.

- 1) Average number of patients seen per day;
- 2) Average wait period (i.e, someone coming in with a mole);
- 3) Number of treatment rooms;
- 4) Regular office hours;
- 5) Statistical treatment data from January 2005 to September 2005;
- 6) Percentage of medicaid patients ;
- 7) Percentage of practice that is cosmetic versus medical screening and medical diagnosing;
- 8) Percentage of practice that is clinically based;
- 9) Number of patients seen presently with the two physician assistants, and
- 10) Whether there is an increase in appointments seasonally.

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the request for information. Upon receipt of the information this matter will be reagendaized.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from Gwen A. Urs, Ms, PA-C , inquiring as to whether an outpatient facility has the right to refuse a prescription signed by a physician assistant for physical therapy (the patient has medicare insurance).

The Committee determined that physician assistants may write orders for physical therapy. Further, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee has no jurisdiction over physical therapists and insurance companies. Ms. Urs will be advised to contact Medicare and the Department of Health at (609) 292-5960. On a motion made and seconded the Committee unanimously affirmed the determination.

IV. REVIEW OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners for May, 11, 2005, as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes Disciplinary- Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for May 11, 2005, as informational.

c. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners for June 8, 2005, as informational.

d. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes Disciplinary- Matters for June 8, 2005 as informational.

e. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for July 13, 2005, as informational.

f. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for July 13, 2005, as informational.

g. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for August 10, 2005, as informational.

h. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for August 10, 2005, as informational.

V. LICENSURE ACTION

a. The Committee reviewed the Summary Report for Licensure Action taken from June 3, 2005 to July 7, 2005, as informational.

VI. LEGISLATION/REGULATION PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR (CDS)

a. The Committee reviewed N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.12 (DRAFT) - Requirements for issuing the prescriptions for medications; memorialization of verbal orders for CDS given by physicians. Redactions were as follow.

On Page 1, Under (d) ii, Line 3, Capitalize "f".

Under (d) ii, Line 3, Capitalize "a".

On Page 2, Under 5, iii. Delete "A statement indicating whether the prescription is written pursuant to protocol or specific physician direction. Acceptable abbreviations are "prt" for protocol and "spd" for specific physician direction;)

On Page 3, Under xi, End at "DEA number".

On Page 4, Delete "7".

Further, the Committee unanimously determined that N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.8, Continuing Medical Education Credits in Category I Courses is sufficient and will cover controlled dangerous substances (CDS).

Upon motion made and seconded, the Committee approved the proposed regulations as amended. The proposed regulation will be published in the New Jersey Register upon final approval.

b. NEW JERSEY PRESCRIPTION BLANK (NJPB) - Robert Elker from the Enforcement Bureau presented the revised prescription blanks and controlled dangerous substance (CDS) registration application for physician assistants.

VII. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

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 application have been approved by the Committee for licensure.

APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Berstock, Avi
Bruschi, Patrizia
deOliveira, Michele

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)

Bensch, Michael
Black, Julie
Corrente, Daniella
Edwards, Wayne
Donnelly, Kerri
Friumecaldo, Pamela
Gould, Laurence
Holley, Glen
Janicelli, Jason
Priano, Thomas
Scherb, Jill
Slota, Jennifer
Spidle, Liljana
Stengel, Alisja
Vendemia, Christina

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)

Ellender, Claire
Marrazzo, Nancy

Moore, Daryl
MacGregor, Michael
Rivkin, Yuliya
Silfen, Shelley
Winzelberg, Jay
Yuster, Yvonne

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Cavaliere, Nicole
Dodd, Suzanne
Naini, Snab
Rodzen, Beata
Stamm, Ryan
Titova, Jenya
Wanner, Gregory

DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)

Battiato, Jennifer
Kraus, Ewa
Sheth, Manoj

The next scheduled meeting is August is September 16, 2005. There being not other business to come be the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
Dorcas K. O'Neal