

New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Public Session Minutes
September 19, 2003
Hudson Conference Room 6th Floor

Final

The September 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 the 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

ABSENT: Dr. Mary Ibrahim Mary Kral

Also in attendance: Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, Eugene Brenycz, Regulatory Analyst, Kathleen Griffith and Nermin Ibrahim, Staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session minutes of July 18, 2003. **On a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mary Kral the Public Session Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

INQUIRY FROM MICHAEL KNOX, PA-C

a. The Committee reviewed a letter from **Paul G. Orlando, Chief Bureau of Radiological Health** in response to a question from **Michael Knox, PA-C**, inquiring as to whether physician assistants in New Jersey can conduct a bone density test on a patient including the actual push of the button. Mr. Orlando advised that there are two types of bone density units (densitometers) currently to screen and diagnose osteoporosis. The first type of densitometer emits ultrasound wave and the second type emits x-ray. He stated that a physician assistant may operate the type of densitometer which emits ultrasound wave.

As to the type of densitometer which emits x-rays, only a licensed physician or a licensed diagnostic radiologic technologist is permitted to operate x-ray equipment in New Jersey, pursuant to the Radiologic Technologist Act.

Further, based on the Radiologic Technologist Act, a licensed physician assistant is not permitted to operate densitometers that emit x-rays. However, if a licensed physician assistant is also a licensed diagnostic radiologic technologist in New Jersey, the physician assistant would be permitted to operate x-ray densitometers and perform bone density procedures provided that the physician assistant@s diagnostic radiologic technology license is current and in good standing. **Mr. Knox will be so advised.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Kim-Vu, PA-C**, inquiring as to whether her full name and license number should be (printed or stamped) on the patient's charts and whether signature, full name and PA-C is required on all the charts.

It was the consensus of the Committee as to question 1, When ordering treatments, **pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.11(a)8. i-iv and (b)**, Licensees shall make contemporaneous, permanent entries into professional treatment records which shall accurately reflect the treatment or services rendered ... 8. Treatment ordered. If medications are ordered, the patient record shall include:

- i. Specific dosages, quantities and strengths of medications;
- ii. A statement indicating whether the medication order is written pursuant to protocol or specific physician direction. Acceptable abbreviations are "prt" for protocol and "spd" for specific physician direction;
- iii. The physician assistant's full name, printed or stamped, and the license number; and
- iv. The supervising physician's full name, printed or stamped.

(b) If the information required pursuant to (a) 8iii and iv appears at least once in the patient record, it need not be repeated each time a medication order is entered in the patient record.

As to question 2, **pursuant to N. J. A .C. 13:35-2B.11(c)**, the physician assistant shall sign each entry in the patient record and record the designation "PA-C" following his or her signature.

Ms. Vu will be so advised.

b. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Allan Hollander, PA-C**, inquiring as to the meaning of the letters "**prt**" on the prescription blank. **It was the consensus of the Committee that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2b.12(a) 2iii**, *A physician assistant may issue prescriptions only in accordance with the following conditions: ... Acceptable abbreviations are "**prt**" for protocol and "**spd**" for specific e physician direction,," **Mr. Hollander will be so advised.**

c. The Committee reviewed a fax **from Bryan A. Manhardt, PA-C, Allergy Asthma & Sinus Center, Somerville, NJ 08876**, inquiring as to whether procedures for Microderm abrasion, Laser hair removal, IPL photofacial, Botox injections and Collagen injections can be performed under the supervision of a physician. **The Committee determined**, as to Laser hair removal and Botox Injections, consistent with the determination made by the Board of Medical Examiners, physician assistants **may not** perform these treatments as these are deemed the practice of medicine and **may not** be delegated to a nurse or any other licensed health care professional other than a "**physician**".

As to procedures Microderm abrasion, IPL photofacial and Collagen injections there is no policy statement from the Board of Medical Examiners at this time. **A letter will be sent to Mr. Manhardt so advising, along with a copy of the draft proposal as it relates to these procedures which is not yet law.**

d. The Committee reviewed a letter from **Dr. Edwin P. Schulhafer, Allergy, Asthma & Sinus Center**, inquiring as to whether nurses, physician assistants or nurse practitioners in the State of New Jersey can perform the following procedures: Laser hair removal; Laser skin rejuvenation; Endomology; Intense Pulse Light (not a laser but a visible light); Botox injections; Collagen injections and Microdermabrasion.

It was the consensus of the Committee that, as to Laser hair removal and Botox Injections consistent with the determination made by the Board of Medical Examiners, physician assistants may not perform these treatments as these are deemed the practice of medicine and may not be delegated to a nurse health care professional other that a "**physician**". **The Committee has no jurisdiction over nurses and nurse practitioners. This inquiry will be referred to the Board of Nursing.**

As to laser skin rejuvenation, Endomology, Intense pulse light (not a lser but a visible light), Collagen injections and Microdermabrasion, there is no policy statement from the Board of Medical Examiners at this time. **A letter will be sent to Dr. Schulhafer so advising along with a copy of the draft proposal as it relates to these**

procedures which is not yet law.

e. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Barbara Sheppard, Quality Improvement Manager, Samaritan Hospice, Marlton, NJ 08053**, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant can obtain physicians' orders, provides instruction and direction to families and patients over the phone and dispatch nurses for home visits when needed. **The Committee determined that a nurse cannot supervise a physician assistant. 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.

Further, as to physician assistants working in hospice, the Committee does not maintain those statistics and M. Sheppard should direct the question to the **New Jersey State Society of Physician Assistants at 760 Alexander Road, P. O. Box 1, Princeton, NJ 08543-0001 or telephone 619-275-4123.**

f. The Committee reviewed a fax from Beth Probola, inquiring as to the course work study for a physician assistant would be appropriate for a position of Chief Medical Technologist.

The Committee determined that in the State of New Jersey there are specific requirements for licensure as a physician assistant and that it is unable to give an opinion regarding education and licensure requirements for physician assistants in Russia.

Further, **pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.5 (a)** An applicant for licensure shall submit to the Board, with the completed application form and the required fee, evidence that the applicant:

3. Is at least 18 years of age.
4. Is of good moral character, evidence of which shall require the applicant for licensure to respond to such inquiry as the Board deems appropriate regarding past and present fitness to practice, and issues pertinent thereto;
5. Has successfully completed an education program for physician assistants which is approved by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or its successor; and
4. Has passed the examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), except as set forth in (b) below.

(b) An applicant who submits satisfactory proof that he or she holds a current license, certification or registration to practice as a physician assistant in a state which has standards

(c) substantially equivalent to those of this State shall be deemed to satisfy the examination requirement set forth in (a)4 above.

Additionally, it is prohibited by law to present oneself as a physician assistant without benefit of licensure. **Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9.27.12** No person shall practice as a physician assistant or present, call or represent himself as a physician assistant unless that person is licensed pursuant to section 4 of this act. **A letter will be sent to Ms. Probola so advising along with a copy of the statutes and regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey.**

g. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Wayne D. Johnson**, inquiring as to whether his criminal status would result in denial of licensure. **The Committee determined that if a felony conviction is a crime of moral turpitude or a crime that adversely affects the profession, then it is grounds for denial of licensure pursuant N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (f).** However, the Committee cannot make a determination, at this time, without the submission of an application and any and all relevant documents including but not limited to transcript of sentencing, judgment or conviction and all other documentation. **A letter will be sent to Mr. Johnson so advising.**

h. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Matthew McQuillan, PA-C, to William Roeder, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners and Kevin Walsh, PA-C, President, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee** inquiring as to the inactive status, reinstatement and applicable fees. **It was the consensus of the Committee that this matter be reagendaized to the October 17, 2003 meeting. Eugene Brenycz, Regulatory Analyst will**

discuss the inactive status and applicable fees with Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director and will apprise the Committee.

i. The Committee reviewed a request from **Janet J. Lathrop, President & CEO of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants** to appear before the Committee to discuss PANCE certification process, exam development process and certain other services and resources offered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. **The Committee determined that its interest is related to the web portal only. A letter will be sent thanking Ms. Lathrop for the information and advising that the Committee will contact Tiffany Flick regarding the web portal.**

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 June 11, 2003 as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the **(Ratified) Open Board Minutes-Disciplinary Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for June 11, 2003 as informational.**

c. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for August 13, 2003 as informational.**

d. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for August 13, 2003 as informational.**

e. The Committee reviewed the **(Ratified) Open Board Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners for July 9, 2003as informational.**

f. The Committee reviewed the **(Ratified) Open Board Minutes-Disciplinary\ Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for July 9, 2003 as informational.**

g. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda of the Board of Medical Examiners for September 10, 2003 as informational.**

h. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda-Disciplinary Matters of the Board of Medical Examiners for September 10, 2003 as informational.**

V. LICENSURE ACTION

a. The Committee reviewed the **Summary Report of Licensure Action taken from July 11, 2003 to September 11, 2003 as informational.**

VI. STATUTE/REGULATION

a. Eugene Brenycz, Regulatory Analyst attended the meeting. The Committee continued reviewing the regulations at **SUBCHAPTER N. J. A. C. 13:35-2b.18 Sexual Misconduct which is the final Subchapter for physician assistants.**

Changes were made as follow:

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18 (a) No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B. 18 (b) No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B. 18 (c) No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18 (c) 1. No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18 (c) 2. No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(d). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(e). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(f). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(g). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(h). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(i). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(j). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(k). No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(k) 1. No change.

N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.18(k) 2. No change.

VII. FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)

a. The Committee reviewed the thank you letter from LaNelle McKay, professional member as informational.

b. The Committee reviewed the Bergen Record, "State to review operations of the medical discipline board" as informational.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed the final draft of the Verbal Order Policy, after dialogue between Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director and Eugene Brenycz, Regulatory Analyst. On a motion by Mary Kral, seconded by Kevin Walsh, the final draft was accepted. This will be considered as a separate proposal from the Sunset of the Regulations.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Mary Kral, seconded by Kevin Walsh, the Public Session was adjourned, and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, and to review one statistical report and to review 39 applications.

The Committee re-convened in Public Session. The following licensure action was taken in Executive Session.

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 applicants have been approved by the Committee for licensure.

APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Amendola, Angela
Coleman, Billie-Jo
Early, Joseph

Espinoza, Helena
Francis, Marjorie
Franco, Lauren
Gentile, Christine
McGowan, Anne
Norris, Joseph
Parekh, Kunal
Sheth, Hetal
Stinelli, Joseph
Thomas, Robert
Varghese, Daji
Zhang, Zhen

The Committee certifies that these persons have applied for temporary licensure; that each application has been reviewed in detail; that all statutory requirements have been met, with the exception of passing of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) examination; that the Committee recommends each applicant for temporary license with a permanent license issue only upon successful completion of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) examination; that, 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.

APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Blumenthal, Susan
Clancy, Anne

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)

Aumack, Jason
Criss, Charlene
Ghirlanda, Barbara
Mazin, Bracha

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Gillin, Karen
Parmley, Jeremy

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)

Cossaro, Kimberly
Crone, Linda
Dean, Raekeisha
Gates, Gemina
Grooms, Michael

Hemmer, Linda
Hunter, I. Marino
Indictor, Helen
Khashab, Janet
Klinoff, Natalie
Madlock, Maybelle
McCarthy, Brian
Roche, Kathleen

DEFERRED (TEMPORARY)

Peachacek, Ann
Rao, Sheila
Thomas, Ajay

The next scheduled meeting is October 17, 2003. There being no other business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director
