

**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF ;MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2007**

FINAL

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

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

PRESENT:

George Argast
Todd Newman
Dr. Jeffrey Berman
Jeffrey Maas

ABSENT: Claire O'Connell

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for September 21, 2007. On a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from Teri Wumser, PhD, MPH, RN, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant licensed in another State (and not in New Jersey) who comes to a hospital in New Jersey to receive training from one of the physicians, can assist in surgery and if not, whether a physician can bring the physician assistant in for an observership. The Committee determined that the Board of Medical Examiners has a policy on observership which must be part of a program. Therefore, a physician assistant licensed in another State may not participate as an observer, unless he or she is a participant or part of a program. Ms. Wumser will be so advised.

b. Eligibility requirements For Licensure N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.5 was reauthorized

c. The Committee reviewed and approved the meeting dates for 2008 as follow:

January 18, 2008 July 18, 2008
February 15, 2008 August 15, 2008
March 21, 2008 September 19, 2008
April 18, 2008 October 17, 2008
May 16, 2008 November 21, 2008
June 20, 2008 December 19, 2008

d. The Committee reviewed a letter from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), advising that the risk of fraudulent usage of paper documentation is increasing. To help safeguard the

integrity and security of NCCPA's certification credential, the Commission is eliminating the paper certificates it has issued to physician assistants every two years when they complete the certification maintenance process, as informational.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Notes of Recommended Changes to the application package was reagendaized.
- b. The Committee reviewed the "Physician Assistant Operational Policies and Procedures of the Federation Credentials Verification Service" from the Federation Of State Medical Boards Of The U.S., Inc., Federation Credentials Verification Service.

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to the Federation advising that the Committee may accept verification but will not mandate the service.

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

- a. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes of July 11, 2007, from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.
- b. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary- Matters of July 11, 2007, from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.
- c. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes of August 8, 2007, from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.
- d. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary- Matters of August 8, 2007, from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.
- e. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda September 26, 2007, from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.
- f. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda October 10, 2007, from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.
- g. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters October 10, 2007, as informational.
- h. The Committee reviewed the Ratified Committee Minutes of October 10, 2007, from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

V. REVENUE REPORT

- a. The Committee reviewed the Revenue Report for September 2007, as informational.

VI. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

- a. Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.12 Prescriptive Authority (CDS) Proposal - Summary of Comments. The Committee reviewed the Summary of Comments relative to the Proposed Amendments. On a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the Committee unanimously voted to adopt the amendments as proposed.
- b. The Committee reviewed the Proposed Readoption: N.J.A.C. 13:44B - Per Diem Compensation for Members of Professional and Occupational Boards, as informational.

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 (1) investigative inquiry, to review one (1) item of new

business, four (4) items of old business and to review four applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is December 14, 2007. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
Executive Director