

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2006**

FINAL

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Argast.

PRESENT:

George Argast, Jeffrey Maas, and Todd Newman

EXCUSED OR ABSENT: Jeffrey Berman, M.D., Claire O'Connell, Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director

Also in attendance: Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Griffith and Bonnie Sheppard, Staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the Public Session minutes for September 15, 2006 and on a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Todd Newman, approved the minutes as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2007 MEETING DATES On a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Todd Newman, the Committee approved Committee meeting dates for 2007 as follows:

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

I/M/O ROBERT J. REMSTEIN, D.O.

The Committee reviewed a fax from Dr. Robert Remstein, Vice President for Medical Affairs at Capital Health System in Trenton, inquiring as to whether the physician assistant is allowed to give a verbal order in a hospital setting; as to whether the collaborating physician's name must be appended to any order given by a physician assistant in a hospital setting and as to whether nurses may receive orders from physician assistants.

It was the consensus of the Committee that physician assistants may give verbal orders pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4 and N.J.A.C 13:35-2B.10, so long as they follow the requirements set forth in the regulations. The name of the supervising physician does not have to be appended to verbal orders and that "licensed nurses" may implement patient care orders by a physician assistant who has statutory authority to write verbal orders as

referenced by the Board of Nursing Policy Statement.

The Committee stated, however, that an individual hospital may have established hospital protocols that limit physician assistants from giving verbal orders. A copy of the determination by the Board of Nursing corroborates the Committee's position.

Dr. Remstein will be so advised and a copy of the Board of Nursing Policy Statement will be enclosed.

I/M/O HEIDI ZOBERMAN, PA-C

The Committee reviewed the fax from Heidi Zoberman inquiring as to whether orders from a physician assistant must be countersigned by the (supervising) physician immediately in an emergency room setting, in "treat and release." It was the consensus of the Committee that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 Supervision 4. i and ii, the supervising physician personally reviews all charts and patient records and countersigns all medical orders as follows:

- i. In an outpatient setting, within 24 hours of the physician assistant's entry of the order in the patient record; and
- ii. In an outpatient setting, within a maximum of seven days of the physician's entry of the order in the patient record, except that in the case of any medical order prescribing or administering medication, a physician shall review and countersign the order within 48 hours of its entry by the physician assistant.

Ms. Zoberman will be so advised.

REGULATORY REVIEW/CLARIFICATION/CHANGES

Requesting review will be placed on November 17, 2006 agenda.

REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDAS

The Committee reviewed as informational the:

- Open Board Minutes of August 9, 2006
- Open Board Disciplinary Matters of August 9, 2006
- Open Board Agenda of October 11, 2006
- Open Board Agenda Disciplinary Matters of October 11, 2006

LICENSURE ACTION

The Committee reviewed as informational the Summary Report of Licensure Actions taken from September 8, 2006 to October 13, 2006.

LEGISLATION/REGULATION

The Committee reviewed as informational a draft letter from Dr. Mary S. Blanks, Board of Medical Examiners' Medical Education Director, concerning implementation of N.J.S.A. 26:2-176. The letter, when final, will delineate responsibilities of health care professionals in conducting screening and providing post partum depression education as part of pre- and post-natal care.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 the meeting was adjourned and the Committee convened in Executive Session to review one item of old business, two items of new business and 30 applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session and the following licensure actions were taken:

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.

Akerman, Ester Law, Matthew
Alvarez, John Tandon, Priti
Ariyan, Wendy Twombly, Laura Boursiquot, Yanick Zaynas, Jaime
Lane, Jeanean

PROVISIONAL APPROVALS

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 to approve for licensure

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (PERMANENT)

Barbara, Sharon Kofod, Denyse
Demarest, Michael Kolstad, Kristen
DeLima, Susan Matsouk, Roman
Dienstag, Bill Morgenstern, Lynn
DosSantos, Jason Moylan, Courtney
Eaton-Bruce, Sara Pinto, Andrea
Gothi, Mona Ruddy, Sara
Gray, Jamie Reynaldo, Jennifer
Jones, Rosa Smith, Georgeine

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Patel, Krupa Rao, Harini

DEFERRED

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)

Peccerelli, Cosme

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held on November 17, 2006. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

