

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2006**

FINAL

The November meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee was 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 provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Argast.

PRESENT: George Argast Todd Newman Claire O'Connell

ABSENT: Jeffrey Maas Dr. Jeffrey Berman

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Committee reviewed the minutes of October 20, 2006 Minutes and deferred approval because the quorum present at this meeting was not present at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from Mark A. Mazak, PA-C, Chairman of the Judicial Affairs Committee, Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant can perform cosmetic procedures (Botox, collagen injections, microdermabrasion, intense pulsed light treatment, peels, etc.) while working under the supervision of a pain management physician and whether a physician assistant who works under the supervision of a non-dermatologist may practice general and surgical dermatology for a dermatology practice with multiple physician assistants and physicians, in which one of the physicians is a board certified/eligible dermatologist and the other is a physician trained in family practice.

The Committee determined that, consistent with the determination made by the Board of Medical Examiners, physician assistants may not perform laser treatments as these procedures are deemed the practice of medicine and may not be delegated to a nurse or any other licensed healthcare professional other than a physician. However, the Board of Medical Examiners is investigating this latter issue and obtaining opinions from appropriate expert professionals. If the Board promulgates a regulation in this regard, it will be published in the New Jersey Register. Mr. Mazak will be so advised.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Principe contacted the office stating that she believed that the questions were not addressed individually and would appreciate that each question be addressed.

The Committee reaffirms its response of September 22, 2006 and recommends that Ms. Principe seek private legal counsel with regards to her questions.

REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDAS

The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes for September 13, 2006 from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

The Committee reviewed the Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for September 13, 2006 from the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.

The Committee reviewed the November 8, 2006 Open Board Agenda from the Board of Medical Examiners as informational.

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LICENSURE ACTION

The Committee reviewed the Summary Report Licensure Action taken from October 15, 2006 to November 9, 2006, as informational.

LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

ASSEMBLY BILL NO: 3623 - This bill establishes certificate of rehabilitation for certain persons with criminal records. The Committee reviewed the Bill and made the following comments.

The Committee sees this bill as a disservice to the consumers if the crime is one of moral turpitude. The Committee wants the discretion to protect the public and does take into account the Rehabilitation Conviction Act. On a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Claire O'Connell the Committee unanimously agreed to the above comments.

REGULATORY REVIEW/CLARIFICATION CHANGES

The Committee at its next meeting will begin discussing possible rule changes relative to verbal orders, direct supervision and other frequently asked questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

CDS/DEA NUMBERS

Claire O'Connell, Committee member spoke with Christopher Hanifin, President, New Jersey State Society of Physician Assistants - There are concerns that pharmacies are not filling scripts if there is not a DEA number on the prescription blank. Chairman Argast and Claire O'Connell had the same experience. The Committee determined that a letter be sent to the Board of Pharmacy advising that the law does not require that all physician assistants have a CDS or DEA certification, unless they write for controlled dangerous substances. To the extent possible, please communicate this to the Pharmacy community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Claire O'Connell, the Public Session was adjourned and the committee convened in Executive Session to review one (1) item of new business, two (2) items of old business, one (1) statistical report and 20 applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. 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.

Peccerelli, Cosme

APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

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 the 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 to 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.

Ryker, Stacy

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (PERMANENT)

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.

Antonio, Eduardo McGee, Michele
Cathcart, Kathryn Moodie. Carla
DiSandro, Lisa Philip, Benson
Embry, Rachel Rabbitt, Catherine
Hutman, Mindy Senzel, Carrie
Khanshab, AliAsgher Stevenson, Keshea
Leong, Kam Peng Thomas, Sophy
Lewis, Michael Wippel, Lisa

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Abad, Matthew

DEFERRED (PERMANENT)

The Committee certifies that the following applications have been reviewed and were deferred 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.

Patten, Anthony

The next scheduled meeting is January 19, 2007. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director