

**NEW BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM (6TH FLOOR)**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Final

DECEMBER 17, 2004

The December 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
Dr. Mary Ibrahim
Mary Kral

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: None

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes of November 19, 2004. Redaction was made as follow: Page II, Item I (b), line 1, change last name to "Ferrer" instead of "Angel".

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Public Session Minutes were approved as redacted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from Gregory Ewing, PA-C, inquiring as to whether physicians or physician assistant may in fact incorporate or form duly qualified legal entities, where the physician assistant is a stockholder or a member to provide medical services in the State of New Jersey.

The Committee determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.16 (a) (1) and (2) "A licensee of the Board of Medical Examiners shall engage in professional practice in this State only when in possession of a current biennial registration issued by the Board. The term "Professional practice" is deemed to include the offering by a Medical Board licensee of opinions on matters of professional practice (including testimony and professional review organization service), whether or not the offeror has provided direct patient care, where the holding of a professional board license is significant component or foundation for the offering of the professional opinion. The name of the professional practice entity shall be composed of the actual last names of one or more of the owning licensees, partners or shareholders or composed of a phrase or words reasonably descriptive of the type of professional practice. A letter will be sent to Gregory Ewing, PA-C so advising along with a copy of the act, which contains more explicit details.

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 October 13, 2004 as informational.
- b. The Committee reviewed the (Ratified) Open Board Minutes-Disciplinary Matters of Medical Examiners for October 13, 2004 as informational.
- c. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda for December 8, 2004 as informational.
- d. The Committee reviewed the Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters for December 8, 2004 as informational.

V. LICENSURE ACTION

- a. The Committee reviewed the Summary Report of Licensure Action taken from November 18, 2004 to December 6, 2004 as informational.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Mary Kral, seconded by Dr. Mary Ibrahim, the Public Session was adjourned, and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review two statistical reports and to review 20 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 the applications have 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)

Kauffman, Michelle
Micik, Lisa
Pascucci, Kim Marie

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)

Browarek, Tara
Gibson, Janai
Gonzalez, Katrina
Merkel, Ann
McGinn, Heather

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (TEMPORARY)

Hendershot, Jon

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)

Alwani, Amrita

Benante-Hawkins, Jennifer
Elzomor, Walid
Frag, David
Feliciano, Pier Joanne
Fields, Traci
Huo, Gan
Koch, Wendy
Lea, Robert
Pagliaro, Gina
Rivera, Bridget

The next scheduled meeting is January 21, 2005. There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director
