

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2010

FINAL

The January 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, the Star Ledger and the Courier Post and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Meeting Act.

George Argast 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: George Argast
Todd Newman
Claire O'Connell
Jeffrey Maas

ABSENT: Dr. Jeffrey Berman

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for November 20, 2009.
On

a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Maas the Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 5(I) and (ii) Ratios. The rule was approved by the Board of Medical Examiners June 2007.** Awaiting approval by the Governor's Office a and until it is approved the rule changes cannot be published as a proposal.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Brenda Abrams**, stating that the physician assistant Licensing Act permits a physician assistant to be employed by a physician, health care facility, an institution or a veteran's home and inquiring as to whether employment by a physician

includes employment by a physician's professional corporation and whether a professional corporation is qualified to supervise a physician assistant.

The Committee determined that a physician assistant can be employed by a health care facility, an institution or a veteran's home or cooperation. As to question 2, a physician assistant must be supervised by a specific supervising physician and as to question 3, the verification of supervision/employment form can be found at <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pa/>. **Ms. Abrams will be so advised.**

b. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Christana Shamrock-Kmecz, PA-C**, inquiring as to whether physician assistants in the State of New Jersey are allowed to be owners of a medical business as long as there is a supervising physician/podiatric physician and whether the physician assistant can own part of the business or can be a paid entity for services.

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Shamrock-Kmecz, advising that a physician assistants must be supervised by a plenary physician. Therefore, a podiatric physician cannot supervise a physician assistant. As to the rest of the question, the Committee is unclear and need a more detailed explanation in order to make a determination.

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for September 9, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Ratified Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for September 9, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners as informational.**

c. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Agenda for December 9, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

d. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters for December 9, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners as informational.**

e. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes for November 4, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

f. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for October 14, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

g. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for November 4, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

h. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for January 13, 2010 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

i. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters for January 13, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

V. REVENUE REPORT

a. The Committee reviewed the **Revenue Report for November, 2009, as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the Revenue Report for **December, 2009, as informational.**

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the Public Session was adjourned and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to review five (5) items of old business, two (2) items of new business and three (3) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2010. There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

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Executive Director

