

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2011

FINAL

The March 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.

President 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
Claire O'Connell
Dr. Jeffrey Berman
Jeffrey Maas

EXCUSED: Todd Newman

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 of December 17, 2010. **On a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Jeffrey Berman, the Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.**

b. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes of February 18, 2011. **On a by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes as submitted.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Dara Quinn, Senior Compliance Officer, University Hospital, Office of Ethics Compliance & Corporate Integrity, UMDNJ**, inquiring as to whether the attending physician's signature is required on an order for physical and occupational therapy that is written by a physician assistant; whether the order itself requires the signature or if the progress note from the office visit where the decision was made to order therapy, is sufficient; whether the physician's countersignature is required on either the order or the note. Finally, whether a patient can begin therapy without the countersignature of the physician on an order and whether therapists are required to check for the countersignature in a physician's note.

The Committee determined that in an inpatient or outpatient setting the chart must be signed by the supervising physician. The actual prescription does not require co-signature but the chart requires co-signature. **Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 (b) 4. i and ii Supervision The supervising physician or physician-designee personally reviews all charts and patient records and countersigns all medical orders as follows:**

- i. *In an inpatient 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 assistant'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.*

The physical and occupational therapists do not have to follow up, as it is not within their purview.

b. The Committee reviewed a letter from **Mitchell H. Kizner, Esq., of Flaster Greenberg, P.C.**, who represents a dermatology practice, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant can administer XTRAC Laser and whether physician assistants can administer certain physical modalities including ultraviolet (B and C bands) and electromagnetic rays.

The Committee determined that the Policy Statement of the Board of Medical Examiners as it relates to Botox, Laser and Microdermabrasion/Glycolic Acid Peels be sent to Mitchell H. Kizner, Esq.

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for March 9, 2011 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary for March 9, 2011 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

c. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes for September 2010, as informational.**

d. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes for October 2010, as informational.**

V. REVENUE REPORT

a. The Committee reviewed the **Revenue Report for February, 2011, as informational.**

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Dr. 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 conduct two (2) investigative inquiries, to review six (6) items of old business, five (5) items of new business and six (6) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is April 15, 2011. There being no other business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

