

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

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**APRIL 19, 2013**

**FINAL**

The April meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee was convened in accordance with its notice to the Lt. Governor, the Bergen Record, the Trenton Times, the Star Ledger and the Courier Post and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Meeting Act.

President Argast convened the meeting 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  
Todd Newman

**EXCUSED:** Dr. Jeffrey Berman  
Jeffrey Maas

**Also in attendance:** Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director, Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, Joshua Bengal, Deputy Attorney General, (Prosecution), Rachael Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst and Kathleen Griffith, Staff.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a.** The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for March 15, 2013.

**On a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Claire O'Connell the Minutes were approved as submitted.**

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

There are no items of old business.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** The Committee a letter from **Nancy G. Geist, Administrator, Integrated Medicine Alliance, P.A.**, inquiring as to the process to obtain approval of a protocol and the requirements of recordkeeping.

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Geist advising that:

- (1) there are no sample copies of approved protocols. Requests for protocols may be submitted in writing to the Committee for approval.
- (2) As to **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.11 7(ii) Recordkeeping**, "spd" applies to all procedures listed under **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2b.4** and "prt" would apply to a written protocol approved by the Board.
- (3) As to **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.12, (b) and (g) Requirements for Issuing Prescriptions for Medications**, the regulation was adopted prior to electronic prescribing, however, it does not prohibit a physician assistant from electronically prescribing, so long as the requirements of **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.11 Recordkeeping** are met. **Ms. Geist will be so advised.**

b. The Committee reviewed a letter from **Sarah Monchar, PA-C, who works in trauma/critical care, Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC)**. Ms. Monchar states that physician assistants are not allowed to order restraints at **Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC)** and is inquiring as to whether physician assistants are permitted to order restraints for patients.

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Monchar advising that this matter has been reagendaized and that upon completion of its deliberation, she will be advised in writing of its determination.

c. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Steve Roseman**, inquiring as to how to replace a physician assistant who is going out on maternity leave of absence three to five months.

The Committee determined that a letter and a copy of the regulations be sent to Mr. Roseman referring him to **N.J.A.C 13:35-2B. 4 (5) Scope of Practice** which was adopted July 5, 2011 which states that the supervisory ratio shall be no more than four physician assistants to one physician at any one time. **Mr. Roseman will be so advised.**

#### **IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA**

a. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for March 13, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-**

**Matters for March 13, 2013 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

c. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for April 10, 2013 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

d. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes of February 13, 2013 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

e. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes of January 9, 2013, as informational.**

f. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes for February 2013, as informational.**

## **V. LEGISLATION/REGULATION**

a. **SENATE BILL NO: 2678** - This bill revises requirements for licensure and creates physician-delegated scope of practice for physician-assistants. The Committee needed more time to review the entire bill. Rachael Glasgow, regulatory analyst, advised the Committee that if the Bill is moving quickly for comment before the May 17, 2013 meeting, the Committee members will be notified so they can have their comments submitted. **REAGENDIZED**

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Todd Newman, the Public Session was adjourned and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to conduct one (1) investigative inquiry, to review five (5) items of old business, three (3) items of new business and six (6) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is May 17, 2013. There being other business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Claire O'Connell, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Physician Assistant Advisory Committee*

Dorcas K. O'Neal  
Executive Director