

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

JULY 20, 2012

FINAL

The July 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 was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Meeting Act.

Claire O'Connell convened the meeting at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

PRESENT: Claire O'Connell	EXCUSED: George Argast
Dr. Jeffrey Berman	Todd Newman
Jeffrey Maas	

Public Attendees: Christopher Hanifin, Director, Physician Assistant Program, Seton Hall University and Barbara Lopez, physician assistant.

Also in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director, Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, Kiran Cheema, (Intern) Division of Law and Kathleen Griffith, Staff.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes of March 16, 2012. **On a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, the Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.**

b. The June 15, 2012 Public Session Minutes were approved as redacted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Robin Vogel**, inquiring as to whether physician assistants in New Jersey can order Prothrombin time (PT), International Normalized Ratio (INR's) and other labs without the physician's signature.

The Committee determined that based upon the limited facts presented, physician assistants in New Jersey may order Prothrombin Time (PT) and International Normalized Ratio (INR's) in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.S.A. 45:9-27.18 Direct supervision by a physician and N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4 (b) Scope of Practice**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 (4) Supervision *The supervising physician or physician-designee personally reviews all charts and patient records and countersign 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.*

Querist will be so advised.

b. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Jeremy Man**, inquiring as to whether physician assistants can perform botulinum toxin (Botox) injections; filler injections for soft tissue augmentation; ultrasound based cosmetic skin tightening, intense pulsed light treatments; sclerotherapy, radiofrequency based cosmetic treatments and microdermabrasion.

The Committee determined that these procedures are not delegable. A copy of the Board of Medical Examiners Policy Statement will be sent to Mr. Man.

c. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **David P. Borghardt**, inquiring as to whether **N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.17(c)1** Anti -Kickback law applies to physician assistants.

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to Mr. Borghardt advising that, ***pursuant to, N.J.A.C. 13:35.6-17***, the New Jersey Anti-Kickback law applies to physician assistants within the definition of a "licensed individual".

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

- a.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for March 14, 2012 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- b.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for April 11, 2012 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- c.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda, Disciplinary-Matters for April 11, 2012 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational**
- d.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- e.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for March 14, 2012 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- f.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for April 11, 2012 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- g.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for May 9, 2012 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- h.** The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for June 13, 2012 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**
- I.** The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

V. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

- a.** **N.J.A.C. 13:45C-2 and 3** to waive compliance with, or relax, a specific regulatory requirement upon request of a license effective April 16, 2012. **The Committee concurs with the position taken by the Board of Medical Examiners.**
- b.** **SENATE BILL NO: 1902:** - This Bill provides for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders. **The Committee concurs with the position taken by the Board of Medical Examiners.**

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, the Public Session was adjourned and the Committee convened in Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to conduct three (3) investigative inquiries, to re review five (5) items of old business, four (4) items of new business and four (4) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public session. The next scheduled meeting is August 17, 2012. There being no other business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

