

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

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 16, 2009**

**FINAL**

The October 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                      Jeffrey Maas  
                  Todd Newman                     Dr. Jeffrey Berman  
                  Claire O'Connell

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a.** The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes for August 21, 2009. **On a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded by Claire O'Connell, 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 final approval.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** The Committee reviewed a fax from **Patricia McCurdy, Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center**, inquiring as to whether physician assistants in the State of New Jersey can prescribe/write discharge script for controlled dangerous substances.

The Committee determined that a copy of the regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey be sent to Ms. McCurdy.

**b.** The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Joseph Fable, PA-C**, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant can have his/her own practice (e.g. LLC) and work as an independent contractor for physicians and the physician assistant would file the appropriate verification of supervision form for each supervising physician for whom he provides services.

The Committee determined that such an arrangement as presented is not the intended practice model for physician assistants. Further, the regulations do not imply that this professional issue rests with physician assistants. A letter be sent to Mr. Fable advising that based on the limited facts presented, the Committee would like clarification and specifics on the following subject areas: 1) Who has control over the working relationship? 2) what is the exact business arrangement? 3) Is the physician assistant paying a fee to the physician to act as a supervisor or is the physician assistant working with multiple supervisors in different settings who compensate the physician assistant on a per diem basis? 4) Who exercises control over professional discretion and 5) Who holds the malpractice insurance. **Mr. Fable will be so advised.**

This matter will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners to opine on the matter and advise the Committee.

**c.** The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Brian Jacobson, Practice Manager, Orthopaedic Institute, Central Jersey** inquiring as to charting/recordkeeping which is covered at **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.11.**

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to Mr. Jacobson along with a copy of the regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey and referring him specifically, to **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B10 Supervision and N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.11 Recordkeeping.**

**d.** The Committee reviewed the list of meeting dates for the year 2010. **On a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Maas the meeting dates for 2010 were unanimously approved.**

**e. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Executive Director, O'Neal opened the floor for nomination of President. George Argast was nominated by Claire O'Connell. Executive Director O'Neal, asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. **George Argast was unanimously elected President.**

Executive Director, O'Neal opened the floor for nomination of Vice President. Todd Newman was nominated by Jeffrey Maas. Executive Director O'Neal, asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. **Todd Newman was unanimously elected Vice President.**

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

a. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for July 8, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for July 8, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

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

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

e. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes, as informational.**

f. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for August 12, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

g. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for August 12, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

h. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for October 14, 2009 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

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#### **V. REVENUE REPORT**

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

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

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Jeffrey Maas, seconded Claire O'Connell, 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 two (2) items of old business, two (2) items of new business and eight (8) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is November 20, 2009. 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*

Dorcas K. O'Neal  
Executive Director

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Public Session Agenda  
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