

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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2011

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 George Argast called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A rol call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

PRESENT:	George Argast	ABSENT/EXCUSED:	Todd Newman
	Claire O'Connell		Jeffrey Maas (Absent)
	Dr. Jeffrey Berman		

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 July 22, 2011. **On a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, the Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.**

b. The Committee reviewed the Public Session Minutes of September 16, 2011. **On a motion by Claire O'Connell, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, the Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed an e-mail from **Melinda Lugo, paralegal, the law firm of Cohn, Lifland, Pearlman, Herrman & Knopf, LLC**, inquiring as to whether procedures covered under **N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.4(a) 9**, qualify as “minor surgical procedures” or whether there is a lengthier definition, specifically whether laser hair removal qualifies as a minor surgical procedure”.

The Committee determined that a copy of the Policy Statement of the Board of Medical Examiners as it relates to Botox, Laser, Microdermabrasion/Glycolic Acid Peels and a copy of the regulations which govern the practice of physician assistants in the State of New Jersey be sent to Ms. Lugo.

b. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Stephanie Cason, the law firm of Powers, Pyles, Sutter and Verville, PC**, inquiring as to whether a non-physician corporation or LLC in the State of New Jersey can employ or hire physician assistants as independent contractors.

The Committee determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Cason advising that the supervising physician must have real authority over physician assistants and a physician assistant has no independent practice.

c. **Election of Officers. Reagendaized.**

d. **PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2012**

January 20, 2012	July 20, 2011
February 17, 2012	August 17, 2012
March 16, 2012	September 21, 2012
April 20, 2012	October 19, 2012
May 18, 2012	November 16, 2012
June 15, 2012	December 21, 2012

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2012. **On a motion by Claire O’Connell, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, the proposed meeting dates were approved.**

e. A fax from **Rosemary DeCicco, physician assistant**, stating that she will be starting in a group practice with Kennedy Health Alliance, which has multiple locations, all practicing under the same group. She works in Stratford, New Jersey which has two (2) physicians who will not supervise her. Kennedy Alliance has chosen a family practice physician from Voorhees location to be her supervising physician who will go to the Stratford office to sign her charts and manage her patient care. The supervising physician will always be telephonically available.

Ms. DeCicco is inquiring as to whether a supervising physician from her office has to be designated as her supervising physician and whether the Stratford or Voorhees address should be documented on the Verification of Supervision/Employment Form.

The Committee determined that the Stratford office address should be documented on the Verification of Supervision/Employment form. Further, if the supervising physician is not available **pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.10 (d) A supervising physician may assign physician assistants under his or her supervision to a physician designee, who shall be responsible for the practice of the physician assistant during the assignment . Ms. DeCicco will be so advised.**

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for July 13, 2011 of the Board of Medical Examiners , as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Disciplinary-Matters for July 13, 2011 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

c. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Open Board Minutes for July 13, 2011 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

d. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for September 14, 2011 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

e. **The Committee reviewed the Open Board Disciplinary-Matters for September 14, 2011, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

f. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for October 12, 2011 of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

g. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes for July 13, 2011 meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

h. The Committee reviewed the **Ratified Committee Minutes for July 13, 2011 meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session, on a motion by Claire O'Connell, 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 one (1) investigative inquiry, to review two (2) items of old business, two (2) items of new business and four (4) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is December 16, 2011. There being no other business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Dr. Jeffrey Berman, seconded by Claire O'Connell, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director