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

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

FINAL

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

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The Committee reviewed the Executive Session Minutes for June 21, 2013. **On a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the Minutes were approved as submitted.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Rachel Wolfe, Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery Associates**, inquiring as to whether as a physician assistant working in an outpatient setting can do consults in an in-patient nursing home.

The Committee determined that a Nursing Home is considered an outpatient setting and there is no independent practice in the State of New Jersey.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B. 10 (a) and (b) 1 and 2 Supervision. A physician assistant shall engage in practice only under the direct supervision of a physician.

- (b) *The physician assistant shall not render care unless the following conditions are met:*
1. *In an inpatient setting, the supervising physician or physician-designee is continuously or intermittently present on-site with constant availability through electronic communications for consultation or recall;*
 2. *In an outpatient setting, the supervising physician or physician-designee is constantly available through electronic communications for consultation or recall.*

b. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Barbara Stinchcomb, Corporate Administrator, Trenton Anesthesiology Associates**, inquiring as to whether a physician who does not employ a physician assistant can be his/her supervising physician of record. He further inquired as to whether a physician who works for a totally separate entity and works under a different tax ID number can be the supervising physician of record for that physician assistant.

The Committee determined that more information and clarification is needed as to who is employing the physician assistants and that hypothetical facts are required. Therefore, the Committee is unable to provide an answer at this time until more information have been received.

c. The Committee reviewed a fax from **Linda Norris, Meadows Surgery Center**, inquiring as to whether a physician assistant can work under the supervision of a physician in a free standing, one room Ambulatory Surgery Center and whether the physician assistant may have privileges at a hospital. **REAGENDIZED**

d. **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.**

e. Proposed Meeting Dates For 2014

January 17, 2014	July 19, 2014
February 21, 2014	August 15, 2014
March 21, 2014	September 19, 2014
April 15, 2014	October 17, 2014
May 16, 2014	November 21, 2014
June 20, 2014	December 19, 2014

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2014. **On a motion by Claire O’Connell, seconded by Jeffrey Maas, the proposed meeting dates were approved.**

IV. REVIEW OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES AND AGENDA

a. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for June 12, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

b. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary Matters for June 12, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

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

d. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters for July 10, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

e. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda for August 14, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

f. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Agenda Disciplinary-Matters for August 14, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

g. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Minutes for May 8, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

h. The Committee reviewed the **Open Board Minutes Disciplinary-Matters for May 8, 2013, of the Board of Medical Examiners, as informational.**

I. The Committee reviewed the **August 2013 Ratified Committee Minutes as informational.**

V. LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

a. PL 2013 Chapter 49 Rules for Veterans with substantially equivalent training with template for proposal.

Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst informed the Committee that the Governor signed into law P.L. 2013, c49 requiring each of the professional and occupational licensing Boards/Committee to give credit towards its licensure requirements for education, training and experience received while in the military that is substantially equivalent to its licensure requirements. Regulatory Analyst Glasgow also explained to the Committee that to implement this law the Committee needs to adopt regulations.

The regulatory Analyst will modify the Division's draft language to tailor it to the Physician Assistant regulations and the Committee will consider the draft regulations at a future meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Committee in Public Session , on a motion by 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 one (1) investigative inquiry, to review eight (8) items of old business, six (6) items of new business and sixteen (16) applications.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. The next scheduled meeting is October 17, 2013. There being no other business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Todd Newman, seconded by Claire O'Connell, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted
Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director

