

**NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2018**

A Public Session meeting of the New Jersey Physician Assistant Advisory Committee was held on January 19, 2018 at 9:00am at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ in the 7th floor Essex Conference Room.

I. ROLL CALL

Claire O’Connell, PA-C (*Present*)
Jeffrey A. Berman, MD (*Present*)
Todd Newman, PA-C (*Present*)
Jeffrey Maas, Public Member (*Excused*)

Joshua Bengal, Deputy Attorney General (*Present*)
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (*Present*)
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (*Present*)
Karen Day-Burr, Assistant to the Executive Director (*Present*)

Due to time constraints regarding Board member availability, some matters were taken out of order and addressed while a quorum was present. The members listed as “Present” in these minutes were present for all matters voted upon. All matters still outstanding at the time the quorum was lost are listed as “tabled.”

II. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Public Session meeting minutes from November 17, 2017.

UPON MOTION BY MR. NEWMAN AND SECOND BY DR. BERMAN, THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY RATIFIED THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2017.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Question-Dr. Connolly

In follow-up to Dr. Connolly’s request in September 2017 for permission to supervise additional Physician Assistant’s the administrative office has received correspondence and supporting documents for the Committee’s review and consideration.

DUE TO THE LACK OF QUORUM THIS MATTER HAS BEEN TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.

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B. Public Question-Patricia McAndrew, BSN, RN

Ms. Peterson inquiring as to Supervising Physician's responsibilities of Physician Assistant's specifically Ms. Peterson would like to know:

1. Are physicians required to sign a delegation agreement with each Physician Assistant they are supervising? If not, when will the change go into effect?

AFTER A MOTION BY MR. NEWMAN AND SECOND BY DR. BERMAN THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY DETERMINED THAT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A SEPARATE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS WITH EACH PHYSICIAN WHO WILL DELEGATE MEDICAL SERVICES IF THEY ARE NOT IN A SINGLE-SPECIALTY PRACTICE. THEREFORE, THE PHYSICIAN MUST SIGN A DELEGATION AGREEMENT WITH EACH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT THEY ARE SUPERVISING.

2. "If the PA is listed under the physician's policy as an additional insured, are they now required to maintain their own separate professional liability coverage in the amounts of \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million per policy year, or does the PA solely need to provide proof of coverage, or certificate of insurance, to the Medical and PA Licensing Boards?"

UPON MOTION BY DR. BERMAN AND SECOND BY MR. NEWMAN, UNANIMOUSLY DETERMINED THAT A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY BE ENSURED UNDER A PHYSICIAN'S POLICY SO LONG AS THE \$1/3 MILLION ANNUAL COVERAGE AMOUNT IS NOT DISTRIBUTED AMONG MULTIPLE INSUREDS.

C. Public Question-Els Sincebaugh, PA-C/Randy Klein, M.D.

Ms. Sincebaugh has inquired if the Committee could provide "recommendations for the legal language that would allow us to reduce the amount of time the MDs spend signing notes for PA's." Ms. Sincebaugh would like to know if the Board has prepared a standard form for the "new cosigning requirement?"

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D. Public Question- Alicia Andaloro, PA-C

Ms. Andaloro has inquired if it is appropriate for her to operate equipment in a Med Spa which would be used for fat removal, laser hair removal, scar and tattoo removal and injections. Ms. Andaloro specifically would like "list of things that a Physician Assistant can do/operate on their own without the physician present in the office."

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E. Public Question – Bethann Mercanti, PA-C

Ms. Mercanti has written to the administrative office seeking clarity regarding the prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. Ms. Mercanti would like to know “whether or not the supervising physician whose name is on the script needs to be the particular supervising physician for that day, who is not always on site? Or can it be any of the supervising physicians who have signed on to the Physician Assistant’s practice agreement?”

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F. Public Question – Josh Ginsberg

Mr. Ginsberg has written to the administrative office seeking the Committee’s understanding of the NJ Regulations as it pertains to Physician Assistant’s ability to perform the following procedures in a physician’s office, while the physician is present.

-Phlebectomy- “a mini-surgical treatment for superficial varicose veins and so-called side branches”

-Sclerotherapy- “procedure used to treat blood vessels or blood vessel malformations and also those of the lymphatic system. A medicine is injected into the vessels, which makes them shrink.”

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Question follow-up– Ashley Signorile, PA-C

At its November 17, 2017 meeting, the administrative office provided correspondence from Ms. Signorile seeking clarity regarding Physician Assistant’s ability to administer Botox/Xeomin injections. The Committee requested the administrative office to obtain further information from Ms. Signorile as to the certification she

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averred was obtained from the State of NJ and the specialty of her supervising physician.

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V. OFF AGENDA ITEMS

A. PA Modernization Act Rule Proposal

In August, the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee's rule proposal implementing the PA Modernization Act, was published in the New Jersey Register. The comment period expired October 20, 2017. Attached for consideration, is a draft adoption notice for the Physician Assistant's scope of practice rule proposal and copies of the comments that have been received, to date.

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE COMMENTS RECEIVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. UPON MOTION BY MR. NEWMAN AND SECOND BY MS. O'CONNELL THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ADOPTION NOTICE.

B. Continuing Education on Opioids

13:35-2B.8 Credit-hour requirements

UPON MOTION BY MS. O'CONNELL AND SECOND BY MR. NEWMAN THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.8 TO REQUIRE LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO COMPLETE ONE CREDIT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PROGRAMS OR TOPICS CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DRUGS EVERY BIENNIAL RENEWAL PERIOD IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE P.L. 2017, c. 28. THESE PROGRAMS OR TOPICS WOULD INCLUDE RESPONSIBLE PRESCRIBING PRACTICES, ALTERNATIVES TO OPIOIDS FOR MANAGING AND TREATING PAIN, AND THE RISKS AND SIGNS OF OPIOID ABUSE, ADDICTION, AND DIVERSION.

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Continuing Medical Education

a. Hold/Alert Reports

1. Other Board Actions and Crime Offense letters

UPON MOTION BY MR. NEWMAN AND SECOND BY DR. BERMAN, THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY DIRECTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE MATTERS AND PROVIDE THEM TO THE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW.

2. Continuing Medical Education- during the last renewal cycle there were 171 licensees who reported deficient CME.

UPON MOTION BY MR. NEWMAN AND SECOND BY DR. BERMAN, THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY DIRECTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO SEND OUT LETTERS TO THE LICENSEES WITH REPORTED DEFICIENT CME'S. THE LICENSEE IS TO PRODUCE PROOF OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDITS AND IF THE LICENSEE DID NOT COMPLETE THE HOURS THEY ARE TO HAVE THEM COMPLETED WITHIN 3 MONTHS UNLESS A WAIVER IS SOUGHT FOR EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION BY DR. BERMAN AND SECOND BY MR. NEWMAN, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE PUBLIC SESSION IS ADJOURNED AND THE COMMITTEE ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION.