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**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MINUTES**

June 28, 2012

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 10:15 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair
Thomas Parish, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Paul Marino, PA-C

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Potter, MD
Kishore Thota

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
R. Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, VAPA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Carlson called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Carlson announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2011

Mr. Parish moved to approve the minutes dated February 3, 2011. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Parrish moved to approve the adoption of the agenda. Ms. Yeatts asked that the Status of Proposed Regulations be added. The motion to adopt with Ms. Yeatts' addition was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Falkenstein, representing VAPA, addressed the Advisory Board regarding the requirements for the use of fluoroscopy by PA's and provided the Advisory with the document on training agreed to by the AAPA and the ARRT. He further requested that the clause "within one hour" be removed from the definition of "General Supervision" being considered in the draft regulations. He addressed the authority of physician assistants to write Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR Orders). He noted that nurse practitioners can write DNR orders and that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine describe this authority in a guidance document. He requested that the Board of Medicine create a guidance document that addresses the authority of physician assistants to write DNR orders.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative Report from the 2012 General Assembly

Mrs. Yeatts reviewed bills from the 2012 Session of the General Assembly relevant to the profession of physician assisting.

2. Physician Assistants signing DNR papers

The authority for a PA to write DNR orders must be included in the written protocol as a delegated act by the supervising physician and must be performed in consultation with the physician. Guidance Document 85-8 was reviewed.

3. Definition of General Supervision

Dr. Harp discussed the definitions of general supervision and continuous supervision in the proposed regulations. The concept of continuous supervision was deemed to mean that the

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supervisor was continuously available, either in-person or electronically, for routine and rapid consultation.

4. Adoption of Amended Regulations for Physician Assistants

Mrs. Yeatts reviewed the proposed regulations as presented including Authorization to use Fluoroscopy written as a new section, 18VAC85-50-117. Paul Marino moved to recommend the Adoption of Amended Regulations for Physician Assistants to the Executive Committee on August 3, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Carlson announced the proposed changes coming into effect in 2014 concerning NCCPA certification with the general examination moving to every 10 years; however, PA's will be required to maintain certification with 100 hours of CME every 2 years.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 4, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Parish moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist