

**APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
MINUTES**

**June 5, 2014**

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** James Potter, MD  
Kishore Thota  
Paul Marino, PA-C

**STAFF PRESENT:** 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.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Ms. Carlson announced the Emergency Egress Procedures

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called. A quorum of the Advisory Board was not present.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

Due to no quorum being present, approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Due to no quorum being present, the agenda was not adopted. However, the meeting proceeded.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Physician Assistant Work Force Report-Elizabeth Carter PhD.**

Dr. Carter reviewed scope and history of the Healthcare Data Workforce Center and reviewed its March 2014 report entitled, "Virginia's Physician Assistant Workforce: 2013".

#### **2. Virginia Physician Workforce Shortage-For Information Only**

This Information was provided to the Advisory Board for their review and possible future discussion.

#### **3. Assistant Physicians-Rachel Carlson**

The Advisory Board discussed the pros and cons of a possible new mid-level profession "Assistant Physicians." Elaine Yeatts noted that the Department of Health Professions shall convene a workgroup to consider the advisability of, and if advisable, the additional education or training requirements to establish a mid-level provider license. Ms. Yeatts noted that among those represented in the workgroup would be physician assistants and nurse practitioners, but that invitations to be a part of the work group had not yet been sent.

#### **4. Review of Bylaws-Rachel Carlson**

The bylaws were reviewed and no changes were recommended by those in attendance. It was noted that Ms. Carlson was not eligible for another term as Advisory Board Chairperson.

#### **5. Further Clarification regarding NOIRA to revise 18VAC845-50-160(A)**

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Elaine Yeatts discussed with the Advisory Board their rationale for requesting a revision of this Code section. She noted that she would discuss the regulation with Board Counsel to determine if a guidance document would be more appropriate than changing the regulation.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heaberlin noted that as of this date there have been no physician assistants to qualify to perform fluoroscopy.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

October 9, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Carlson adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

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Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair

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

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ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist