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**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MINUTES**

June 4, 2015

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 1:09 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Potter, MD
Eileen F. Davis, R.N.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, VACA
Robert Glasgow, VAPA
Tyler Cox, MSV

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Parish called the meeting to order.

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Mr. Parish moved to approve the minutes dated February 5, 2015. The motion was seconded and carried.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Parish moved to approve the adoption of the agenda with the additional item to discuss the requirements of the Fluoroscopy Educational Framework for the Physician Assistant. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Fast-Track Amendment for Physician Assistants-Elaine Yeatts

The Advisory Board revisited the issue of having a supervising physician's name on prescriptions filed electronically. A member of the Advisory Board will try to be present at the full Board of Medicine's next meeting on June 18, 2015 to address this issue.

2. Request for Comment on Petition for Rulemaking-Elaine Yeatts

The Advisory Board reviewed the Petition for Rulemaking regarding removing certification with NCCPA as a requirement for continued licensure and the comment provided during the comment period. Rachel Carlson made a motion to deny the petition. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

3. 2015 Legislation Affecting Physician Assistants-Elaine Yeatts

Mrs. Yeatts reviewed the 2015 Legislation affecting Physician Assistants. No action was required.

4. FCVS Uniform Application for Physician Assistants-Alan Heaberlin

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Board Members of the availability of the Uniform Application for Physician Assistants available from the Federation of State Medical Boards. The Advisory Board determined no action was necessary at this time. .

5. Proper Titles for Physician Assistants with Doctoral Degrees-Dr. Harp

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Dr. Harp reviewed Section 54.1-2903 of the Code of Virginia with the Advisory Board members. He noted that this statute allows licensees of the Board who have a Ph.D. to use the title Dr. as long as the profession in which they are licensed is used simultaneously.

6. Fluoroscopy Educational Framework for the Physician Assistant

The Board received an e-mail from a physician assistant applicant requesting the feasibility of using his current job training to meet the didactic and clinical requirements to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists Fluoroscopy certification exam. The Advisory Board noted that properly documented didactic and clinical training received during employment may be used to satisfy the Board of Medicine's requirement to allow applicants to sit for the exam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Board Members of the yearly license count for PA's. There are currently 3045 licensed physician assistants in the Commonwealth. The Board has licensed 296 physician assistants so far this fiscal year.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 8, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Parish moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

Thomas Parish, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist