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ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Board of Medicine
February 2, 2017, 1:00 PM
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Richmond, VA
Training Room 2

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Potter, MD
Portia Tomlinson, PA-C, Vice Chair
The Citizen Member Seat is vacant

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

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, VAPA
Lauren Bates-Rowe, MSV

Call to Order

Mr. Parish called the meeting to order and announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions.

Roll Call

Roll was called. A quorum was not established.

Approval of Minutes June 9, 2016

The minutes were deferred until the next scheduled meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

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Adoption of Agenda

The agenda could not be adopted due to the lack of a quorum.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Falkenstein of the Virginia Academy of Physician Assistants discussed proposals for the elimination of certain regulatory language regarding supervision and to authorize physician assistants to perform the initial examination of patients who are treated with pharmacotherapy for weight loss.

1. Legislative Report

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board about bills of interest from the 2017 session of the General Assembly. No action was required.

2. Regulatory Panel on Opioid Regulations

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the draft regulations *Governing Prescribing for Pain and Prescribing of Buprenorphine* with the Advisory Board. She particularly noted Part II: Management of Acute Pain and Part III: Management of Chronic Pain.

3. Draft Regulations for Invasive Procedures

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the draft regulation which would eliminate the submission of the document currently required for prior Board approval for the performance of invasive procedures without direct supervision.

4. Procurement of Botox by Physician Assistants

Ms. Carlson sought guidance in determining whether physician assistants could procure Botox. Dr. Harp said that Botox is a schedule VI drug, and if the ability to purchase Botox was included in the practice agreement, then a physician assistant was authorized to do so.

Announcements

Mr. Heaberlin stated there were currently 3524 physician assistants with active licenses and 26 with inactive licenses.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 8, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Thomas Parish, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist