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ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

October 5, 2017, 1:00 PM
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Richmond, VA
Training Room 2

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, October 5, 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
Portia Tomlinson, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Rachel Carlson, PA-C

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Potter, MD
Citizen member-vacant

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

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, VAPA
Robert Glasgow, PA-C, VAPA
W. Scott Johnson, MSV
Jeremy Welsh, VAPA

Call to Order

Mr. Parish called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Mr. Heaberlin provided the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

Ms. Clanton called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

Approval of the Minutes from June 8, 2017

Ms. Tomlinson moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

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Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Tomlinson moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Falkenstein discussed actions to amend 18VAC85-50-10, 18VAC85-50-101 and 18VAC50-110.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Advisory Board discussed revising the different types of supervision as currently defined in the regulations. It recommended removing Direct Supervision, General Supervision and Personal Supervision from Section 18VAC85-50-10. Revisions were recommended in Section 18VAC85-50-101(B) to remove (i.e. “direct,” “personal,” or “general”), and in Section 18VAC85-50-110(2)(a) “Under general supervision”, and in Section (2)(b), edits were recommended regarding direct supervision of invasive procedures.

Ms. Carlson moved to approve the recommended amendments. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. The Advisory Board reviewed 18VAC85-50-181 and recommended revision, noting that not all pharmacies are filling prescriptions written by physician assistants for weight loss. The Advisory Board recommended adding “*C. If specifically authorized in his practice agreement with a supervising or collaborating physician, a physician assistant or nurse practitioner may perform the physical examination, review tests, and prescribe Schedules III through VI controlled substances for treatment of obesity, as specified in subsection B of this section*”, basically the language from 18VAC85-20-90 of the Medicine and Surgery Regulations. It was thought that adding this would remove any confusion pharmacists might have regarding physician assistants writing prescriptions for weight loss medications.

Ms. Tomlinson moved to approve importing subsection C from the Medicine and Surgery Regulations with the exception of “or nurse practitioner” to 18VAC85-50-181 of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants.

The motion was seconded and carried.

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3. Discussion of Student Exemption and License Applicant Status-Dr. Harp

Dr. Harp reviewed the student exemption and license applicant status for respiratory therapy and occupational therapy. The Advisory Board did not think a change was necessary for physician assistants. No action was taken.

4. Approval of 2018 Meeting Calendar-Alan Heaberlin

Ms. Tomlinson moved to accept the dates. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

5. Election of Officers-Thomas Parish, PA-C

Mr. Parish moved to appoint Portia Tomlinson as Chair and Rachel Carlson as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 3,596 active and 51 inactive Physician Assistants. The members were informed of the \$50.00 per diem that is now being paid to those advisory board members who are not state employees.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 1, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Thomas Parish, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist