

**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.

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)

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.

Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist