

P. A. ADVISORY BOARD

September 12, 2003

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
6603 WEST BROAD STREET, 5TH FLOOR
RICHMOND, VA 23230-1712

The Physician Assistant Advisory Board met on September 12, 2003, 1 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Erwin Fender, PA-C, Chair called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erwin Fender, PA-C
Diana A. Houle, PA-C
Leslie C. Ellwood, MD
Pamela Bailey, PA-C
Delia T. Zisman

OTHERS PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Colanthia Morton, P. A. Recording Secretary

GUESTS: David Falkenstein, VAPA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2003

Delia Zisman moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2003. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Diana Houle moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include DNR signatures, and a letter from NCCPA. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no public or written comment.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Follow up on PA Advisory Legislative Proposal: Ms. Yeatts explained the process and Dr. Harp provided a copy of the current proposal as accepted by the full Board on June 5, 2003.

NOIRA on Ethics: Ms. Yeatts explained to the Advisory Board the need to promulgate ethics for all licensees of the Board of Medicine, including physician assistants. The members reviewed the code of ethics provided and prepared their recommendations for Dr. Harp.

Foreign-trained Physician Assistants and state licensure: David Falkenstein discussed the rising occurrence of foreign-trained physician assistants entering the States and asked the board

to consider ways of providing an avenue for state licensure. After discussion, the board decided not to take any action at this time.

Specialty Residency Training of Graduate PA's and limited licensure: David Falkenstein discussed the specialty residency training program at UVA for physician assistants. It was decided that this issue may be reopened for discussion after further review.

Chart Co-Signature Consideration: David Falkenstein asked the board for clarification regarding the issue of chart co-signatures. This issue was discussed. No action was necessary.

DNR Signatures: David Falkenstein asked that the board consider regulations that would allow Physician Assistants to sign do not resuscitate papers. Ms. Yeatts advised of code section §54.1-2987 and also suggested contacting the Department of Health for additional laws. No further action was taken.

Review of the Bylaws by Dr. Harp: A review of the bylaws resulted in several changes that will be incorporated and brought back to the Advisory Board at their next meeting for approval.

NCCPA: Erwin Fender advised the board of NCCPA's offer to come in and address the board regarding their process. Delia Zisman moved to accept the offer. The motion was seconded and carried.

Erwin Fender also addressed NCCPA's inquiry on the board's interest in using a secured website for downloading Virginia applicant scores. Leslie Ellwood moved to accept this option. The motion was seconded and carried.

Announcements: Dr. Harp advised that the board was informed of DEA's action to rescind schedule IV drugs for all PA's in Virginia. He stated that he would follow up with DEA for an explanation and would disseminate the information as it became available.

The next Advisory Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2004.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Erwin E. Fender, PA-C., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.

Colanthia D. Morton, PA Recording Secretary