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ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Board of Medicine\
June 8, 2017, 1:00 PM
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Richmond, VA
Training Room 2

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, 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 Director, Licensure
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, VAPA
Robert Glasgow, PA-C, VAPA
W. Scott Johnson-MSV
Hassan Shah, MD-VCU
Srinivasa Punyala, MD-VCU

Call to Order

Mr. Parish called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Alan Heaberlin provided the emergency evacuation instructions.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes June 9, 2016 & February 2, 2017

Ms. Carlson moved to approve the minutes from June 9, 2016 and February 2, 2017. The motion was seconded and carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Yeatts requested the addition of a NOIRA for laser hair removal as an item on the agenda. A motion was made by Rachel Carlson, PA-C to approve the amended agenda; it was seconded and carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Falkenstein discussed a proposal to amend the levels of supervision in the regulations for PA's. He also discussed amending 18VAC85-50-181 to clarify that PA's can do pharmacotherapy for weight loss.

Mr. Johnson provided websites from MSV to help with opioid prescribing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Advisory Board discussed a request to consider amending 18VAC85-50-10, 18VAC85-50-101 and 18VAC85-50-110 by the removing definitions and requirements for direct, general and personal supervision. Mr. Parish asked to table this item until the next meeting of the Advisory Board which was agreed to by acclamation.
2. Review of Amendments effective June 29, 2017

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the amendments affecting 18VAC85-50-110 by noting that PA's will no longer need to seek Board approval to perform invasive procedures under continuous or general supervision. Ms. Yeatts further recommended a NOIRA to amend 18VAC85-50-181 by including the language from subsection C of Section 18VAC85-20-90 of the Regulations Governing the Medicine, Osteopathy, Podiatry and Chiropractic to clarify the authority of PA's in the pharmacotherapy of weight loss.

3. Review of Regulations for Prescribing Opioids and Buprenorphine effective March 15, 2017

Mrs. Yeatts provided an overview of new requirements pertaining to PA's prescribing opioids.

4. Notice of Intended Regulatory Action for Laser Hair Removal

Ms. Yeatts suggested a Notice of Intent for Regulatory Action in order to promulgate regulations for Code Section 54.1-2973.1 which takes effect on July 1, 2017. Of importance will be the definition of supervision.

Rachel Carlson moved to recommend a NOIRA to amend 18VAC85-50-181 by including the language from subsection C of Section 18VAC85-20-90 and to recommend a NOIRA to create regulations required by Section 54.1-2973.1 of the Code of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried.

Announcements

Mr. Heaberlin gave the current license stats for PA's. There were 3512 with active licenses, 2732 with Virginia addresses, 775 out-of-state, and 25 with inactive licenses.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 5, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Parish adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

Thomas Parish, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist