

FINAL APPROVED
ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
Minutes
January 28, 2021
Electronic Meeting

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants held a virtual meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021 hosted at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Scarbalis, PA-C, Chair
James B. Carr, PA-C, Vice Chair
Portia Tomlinson, PA-C
Tracey Dunn, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frazier W. Frantz, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist
Tearia Davis, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT: Valentina Vega, Public
Tim Faerber, Public

Call to Order

Ms. Scarbalis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp provided the emergency egress instructions for individuals who may be attending the virtual meeting in the Perimeter Center.

Roll Call

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2020

Ms. Tomlinson moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr. By roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Scarbalis moved to adopt the meeting agenda with the addition of an update on the physician assistant licensure compact under 'old business' on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr. By roll call vote, the revised agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 minutes)

None

Old Business

Ms. Scarbalis is part of a work group convened by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) to draft a physician assistant licensure compact. There was discussion of a mutual recognition model for license portability. Draft model legislation may be ready for presentation at the 2022 General Assembly session.

New Business

1. Report of the 2021 General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of bills of interest to the Advisory Board. She also mentioned that permanent regulations for collaborative practice for physician assistants with patient care team physicians/podiatrists will go into effect on March 16, 2021.

2. Physician Assistant Participation in the Virginia Newborn Screening Program

Kathleen Scarbalis led the discussion. A physician assistant had contacted expressing difficulty with accessing the data in the Virginia Newborn Screening Program. Dr. Harp said he researched the issue and that physician assistants will be added to the list of health care providers with access to the data in the Program.

Announcements

Ms. Clanton reported that there are 3,602 current active licensees as of today.

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 27, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Kathleen Scarbalis, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist