

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MINUTES**

MAY 10, 2002

The Advisory Committee on Physicians Assistants met on May 10, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Joseph Leming, M.D., called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph A. Leming, M.D., Chair
David Falkenstein, P.A.-C
Erwin E. Fender, P.A.-C, Vice-Chair
John P. Kowalski, M.D.
David S. Snyder, P.A.-C

MEMBERS ABSENT: James F. Allen, M.D.
Robert J. Alpino
Christie L. Meek, P.A.-C

STAFF PRESENT: Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2002

Mr. Falkenstein moved to approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Physician Assistants dated January 11, 2002. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Falkenstein moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

#1. Regulatory Update

Ms. Yeatts brought to the committee's attention the chart on status of regulations and the items pertaining to physician assistants. The committee reviewed the final regulations to be effective

July 31, 2002. Mr. Falkenstein moved to accept the final regulations. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried unanimously. The recommendation for an emergency regulation for volunteer practice in a nonprofit setting required by HB1318, Chapter 740, was reviewed and discussed. The language presented was amended to add, "under 54.1-2901(27)", after the work practice in the second sentence of 18 VAC 85-50-59. The committee also reviewed the recommendation on emergency regulation for supervision by physicians required by HB 687. It was suggested to remove the word "telephone" under 18 VAC 85-50-10(3) and to add to 18 VAC 85-50-101(A), the last sentence, "The protocol shall also provide an evaluation process for the physician assistant's performance, including a requirement specifying the time period, proportionate to the acuity of care and practice setting, within which the supervising physician shall review the record of services rendered by the physician assistant." and to delete number 2 under 18 VAC 85-50-110. Mr. Fender moved to accept the recommendations for emergency regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#2. Wrap-up report from the 2002 Session of the General Assembly.

Information was reviewed. No action necessary.

#3. Discussion on HB 217 and implications for advisory boards – composition, disciplinary panels.

The bill was discussed and the members were advised of the impact affecting their committee.

#4. Review of application forms.

Licensure applications were provided for the committee's review and comments. Ms. Powers informed the committee that a suggestion had been made to create an expanded website specific for each advisory board to include regulations, applications, and any other information pertinent to their profession. Mr. Falkenstein inquired about Virginia code section 54.1-2953 and the possible conflict with regulations regarding renewal. Ms. Yeatts stated that the issue should come before the Legislative Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Physician Assistants was adjourned.

Joseph A. Leming, M.D.
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Ola Powers,
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing