

P. A. ADVISORY BOARD

January 10, 2003

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

The Physician Assistant Advisory Board met on January 10, 2003, 1 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director 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: Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Colanitha Morton, P. A. Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2002

Erwin Fender moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2002. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Erwin Fender requested the addition of a discussion of Physician Assistants consulting in emergency rooms. Dr. Elwood moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no public or written comment.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO ERWN FENDER, PA

An award plaque was presented to Erwin Fender, PA for his tenure as a member of the Advisory Committee on Physician Assistants from May 5, 1999 to June 30, 2002.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Regulatory chart: A copy of the regulatory chart of the Board of Medicine's regulatory actions was included in the packet. Ms. Powers explained the periodic review of regulations.

Proposed regulations: Ms. Powers reviewed the amendments to regulations to replace emergency regulations.

Proposed legislation for the 2003 Session of the General Assembly: Proposed legislation was reviewed. Ms. Powers briefly explained how this legislation could affect the board.

Impact of 2002 House Bill 217 on the Advisory Board: Ms. Powers acknowledged that this bill allowed the change from Advisory Committee to Advisory Board. She stated that a board member could now sit on a disciplinary panel and have the power to vote and make decisions.

Board member orientation dates: Ms. Powers advised the Board that plans for new board member orientation are underway to be scheduled in February or April. She asked for possible available dates.

PA's consulting in the emergency rooms: Mr. Fender expressed concern that Physician Assistants are not allowed to evaluate a patient in the emergency room without a supervisor in the building. He would like to see a regulation change if possible. Ms. Powers advised that a law change was in order. After discussion, the Board agreed to draft language for review by the Senior Regulatory Analyst for the Department.

Election of officers: Dr. Ellwood moved to elect Erwin Fender as chair. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Diana Houle volunteered to serve as vice-chair. She was elected by acclamation.

Announcements: The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2003.

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

Erwin E. Fender, PA-C., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.

Colanthis D. Morton, PA Recording Secretary