

FINAL APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Board of Medicine

May 23, 2019, 1:00 PM

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frazier W. Frantz, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Director, Administration
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Jonathan Williams, VAPA
Tim Faerber, Medical Society of VA

Call to Order-Portia Tomlinson, PA-C Chair

Ms. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures-William Harp, MD

Dr. Harp provided the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call-ShaRon Clanton

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

Approval of Minutes October 4, 2018

Ms. Tomlinson requested an amendment to the minutes in item #1. Periodic review of regulations – 18VAC85-50-10 to read as follows:

... and can be physically present or accessible for consultation with the physician assistant within one hour.

Ms. Scarbalis moved to adopt the amended minutes; the motion was seconded and carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Tomlinson moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 minutes)

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of the 2019 General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the Report of the 2019 General Assembly and provided historical background on the bills that were of interest to the members.

Ms. Yeatts also provided a brief update on the status of the Board's emergency regulations, APA regulatory actions, and future policy actions.

Both of these reports were for information only and did not require any action.

2. Amendment to Code Chapters 137, 664, 224, and 68

Ms. Yeatts walked the members through the amendments, and how the changes will affect the physician assistants' current practice.

This report was for information only and did not require any action.

3. E-mail from Donnie Orfield and Response

Dr. Harp discussed the questions submitted by Mr. Orfield concerning changes in the language of the regulations and the requirements for a practice agreement.

4. State-by-State Physician Assistant Licensing

Ms. Tomlinson informed the Board of AAPA use of the PA portal for multiple state verification.

5. Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants *(for reference only)*

6. Dr. Harp and Mrs. Yeatts discussed how the language in the regulations will be changed to be consistent with the Law.

Announcements

Dr. Harp informed the Board of an e-mail sent concerning fluoroscopy training. It stated that the AAPA has stopped providing the training and certification for PA's wishing to pursue fluoroscopy. Ms. Tomlinson will research this issue and get back with Board staff. She then recognized the new Advisory Board members, Mr. Carr and Ms. Scarbalis, and asked them to introduce themselves.

Dr. Harp then provided a mini-orientation to the Advisory to help acquaint the new members with the processes of the Board of Medicine.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 3, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Portia Tomlinson, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist