

FINAL APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Board of Medicine

Thursday, May 26, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Scarbalis, PA-C, Chair
James B. Carr, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Frazier W. Frantz, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Portia Tomlinson, PA-C
Tracy Dunn, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director for Licensing
Erin Barrett, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Director for Administration
ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Robert Glasson, PA, VAPA
Jenna Rolfs
Sara Nicely, Virginia Academy of Physician Assistants
Jonathan Williams, Lobbyist, VAPA
Laura Hart, PA
A. Rutherford

Call to Order

Ms. Scarbalis called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp provided the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

Roll was called with all Advisory Board members present. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes October 7, 2021

Dr. Frantz moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and the motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Carr moved to adopt the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Frantz and carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 minutes)

Ms. Nicely said that she would like to present proposed legislation for the 2023 Session to the full Board in October, which among other things would no longer require practice agreements in certain facilities.

2021 Workforce Data Presentation-Yetty Shobo, PhD

Dr. Shobo did her usual comprehensive presentation of statistics on the physician assistant workforce and answered questions from the Advisory Board members, staff and guests.

New Business

1. Legislative Update from the 2022 General Assembly

Erin Barrett presented an overview of the legislation from the 2022 Session. She noted HB145 which removed the practice agreement when PA's serve as local medical examiners. She also spoke to SB317 and its 90-day authorization to practice in Virginia for out-of-state PA's without holding a Virginia license.

2. Report of Regulatory Actions

Erin Barrett presented the new regulatory requirements for licensure by endorsement, pointing out that only verification of licensure from the most recent state will be required.

3. Review of the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Ms. Scarbalis provided an update on the progress with the PA Compact, including a PA Licensure Compact Fact Sheet. The PA Compact is similar to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

4. Correspondence: Review of VAPA Proposal for 2023 General Assembly

Ms. Nicely and Mr. Williams spoke to proposed 2023 Legislation which would remove the PA/physician ratio, as well as the requirement for a practice agreement in certain institutional settings.

5. Discussion of the License Reinstatement Process for Physician Assistants

Mr. Sobowale explained that there has been no fee, application or regulations for PA's to reinstate from a license lapsed over two years. This needs to be corrected, so that PA's do not have to file another initial application if their license requires reinstatement.

6. Review of Bylaws for the Advisory Board on Physician Assistants

Ms. Barrett spoke to the proposal that a uniform bylaws document be memorialized in a Board of Medicine guidance document for all 11 Advisory Boards. The Advisory agreed.

Announcements

Stats were announced:

- License Count for Virginia PA's - Current Active 3,898 & Current Inactive 19
- PA's Out-of-State - Current Active 1,490 & Current Inactive 40
- Licenses Issued between 1/1/2022 & 5/26/2022 - 316

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 22, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Kathleen Scarbalis, PA-C, Chair

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

ShaRon Clanton, Licensing Specialist