

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20

Thursday, July 11, 2019
9:30 a.m.

239 Causeway Street, 4th Floor, Conference Room 417 A/B
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Item	Documents	Staff Contact
9:30 a.m.	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording		Board Chair
	II	Approval of Agenda Conflict of Interest	Draft Agenda	Board Chair
	III	Approval of Minutes A. Regularly Scheduled Meeting: June 13, 2019	Draft Minutes	Board Chair
	IV	Investigations: N/A <u>Triage: None</u> <u>Staff Assignment(s): None</u> <u>Complaint(s): None</u>	N/A	
	V	Flex Session		

	VI	<p>Executive Session: The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purposes of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against an individual.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the necessity of modifying probation conditions for a Licensee. 2. Specifically, the Board will discuss complaints or charges brought against a Licensee or Licensees. 3. Finally, the Board will consider approving prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. ch.30A, § 22(a) for previous executive sessions of the Board. <p>The Board will not reconvene in public session subsequent to the closed session(s).</p>		Board Chair
	VII	65C Session: N/A	N/A	Board Counsel
	VIII	Adjudicatory Session: N/A	N/A	Board Counsel
12:00 p.m.	IX	Adjournment - next Board meeting scheduled for August 8, 2019.		

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BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2019
239 Causeway Street, Suite 500
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Physician Assistant 1, Chair

Paul Crehan, PA-C, Physician Assistant 4, Secretary

Alithia C. Monroe, PA-C, Physician Assistant 3

Robert Baginski, MD, Physician

Mary Kuzmeski, PA-C, Physician Assistant 2

Richard Baum, MD, Massachusetts Medical Society

Board Members Not Present:

Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant Educator, Vice Chair

Present by Telephone:

Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL

Staff Present:

Vita Berg, Chief Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH

Karen Geoghegan, Assistant Executive Director, MultiBoard, BHPL

Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH

Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Compliance Officer, MultiBoard, BHPL

Jonane Nicolas, Office Support Specialist, DPH

I. Call to Order- Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. The Board Chair, Ms. Patel-Junankar, called the Regular Session meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. Conflict of interest/Approval of the General Session Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed. There were no conflicts of interest.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Patel-Junankar made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: June 13, 2019 Board Meeting Agenda

Ms. Berg entered the room at 10:10 a.m.

III. Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Dr. Baginski made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Crehan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: May 09, 2019 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Inquiry

A. Scope of Practice Inquiry: Clarification of 263 CMR 5.04 Janet Blake, JD, LL.M, RN, CHC, CCP

Ms. Strachan presented the inquiry. The first question posed was is it required for the Supervising Physician to see all new patients on their first visit to a physician clinic and establish a written plan of care/protocol prior to the physician assistant seeing the patient for subsequent visit?

DISCUSSION: Board member answered “no” pursuant to Massachusetts law (M.G.L.c. 176S §§1 – 4) which recognizes physician assistants as primary care providers. Consequently, the supervising physician is not required to see a new patient on his or her first visit to the practice.

The second question posed was may the Physician Assistant see a new patient on the first visit to the clinic, initiate the new patient's plan of care, and consult with the supervising Physician (who has not initially see this new patient)?

DISCUSSION: Board member answered "yes." Ms. Kuzmeski pointed out that CMS regulations do require that a new patient be seen by a physician first and that likely causes confusion for providers. Lastly, Ms. Berg noted that while Massachusetts law and Board regulations do not require a physician to see all new patients, an individual physician assistant must consult with his or agreement with the supervising physician as well to determine the scope of supervision outlined in the agreement.

ACTION: Mr. Crehan made a motion to respond to the inquiry. Ms. Strachan will respond in writing to the inquiry. Ms. Kuzmeski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: e-mail inquiry

V. Flex Session

A. Announcements

1. Final Pain Management Task Force Report on Best Practices for Treatment of Pain

Ms. Strachan presented the report to the Board members to ensure best practices for the treatment of pain, the Task Force final report accentuates the need to address stigma, risk assessment, access to care and education. It also highlights five broad categories for pain treatment; (1) Medications, interventional procedures, (2) Restorative Therapies, (3) Behavior health, (4) Complementary and (5) Integrative health approaches. Ms. Strachan wanted to know if this study would be a great source for the PA's and if the Board should notify all of the PA's about this study via the webpage?

DISCUSSION: Board members granted approval to share this study with PA's via Board's webpage

ACTION: None

Document:

B. Topics for next agenda

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

Document: Memo

VI. Executive Session (close session)

At 9:450 a.m. Ms. Patel-Junankar announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purposes of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against an individual.

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Motion made by Mr. Crehan to enter into executive session at 9:48 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Baginski and unanimously voted to into Executive session.

VII. 65C Session: None

VIII. Adjudicatory Session: None

IX. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Chair / Vice-Chair
Dipu Patel-Junankar

Date