

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**NOTICE OF THE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

**Thursday, December 12, 2013
9:30 a.m.**

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

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Item	Document(s)	Staff Contact(s)
9:30 a.m.	I.	Call to Order Determination of Quorum		
	II.	Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	
	III.	Approval of Minutes A. November 14, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Draft Minutes	
	IV.	Adjudicatory Session	Closed Session	
	V.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session	Closed Session	MC/PB/IH
	VI.	Executive Session (Roll call vote)	Closed Session	IH
	VII.	Initial License Application Review None		

	VIII.	Staff Assignments None		
	IX.	Complaints None		
	X.	Scope of Practice Inquiries None		
	XI.	Other Business/Announcements A. <u>Discussion</u> : Review of sample of facility Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines for Physician Assistants; proposed Fluoroscopic Guidelines Checklist for use by authorized PAs, facilities, and Radiation Control Program B. <u>Update</u> : ARRT Fluoroscopy Examination C. <u>Discussion</u> : MAPA Action Alert: Proposed EHS regulations exclude PAs as Primary Care Providers		IH
12:00 p.m.	XII.	Adjournment		

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BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2013
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members
Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair
Edward Glinski, MD, Board Member
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Board Member
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Board Member
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, Physician Assistant Educator

Board Member
Not Present: Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member
Jessica Britnell, PA-C, Member

Staff Present: Ichelle Herbu, Assistant Executive Director, DHPL
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant, DHPL
Mary Strachan, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
Marjorie Campbell, Nursing Investigator Supervisor, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
Philip Beattie, Board Investigator, Office of Public Protection, DHPL
Jodi Greenburg, Chief Prosecutor, Office of Public Protection, DHPL

Staff Not Present: Annette O'Brien, Interim Executive Director, DHPL
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, Office of General Counsel, DPH

Guest: Ariel Shagory, Student at Regis College – Health Policy Class

- I. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
A quorum of the Board was present. Ms. Patel-Junankar, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
The Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Ms. Hilf made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: November 14, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the November 14, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

The Minutes of the November 14, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed.

The Minutes of the November 14, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed. Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Patel-Junankar and Ms. Hilf voting in favor. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart abstained from voting as she was not present at the November meeting.

Document: November 14, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

None.

V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

[Ms. Meregian made a motion to go into the § 65C Session at 9:49 a.m.; Dr. Glinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

[The Board adjourned the Section 65C Session at 11:07 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VI. Executive Session (closed session)

(Roll call vote)

[Dr. Glinski made a motion to go into the Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

[The Board adjourned the Section Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VII. Initial License Application Review

None.

VIII. License Reactivation Application Review

None.

IX. Staff Assignments

None.

X. Complaints

None.

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries

None.

XII. Other Business/Announcements

- A. Discussion: Review of sample of facility Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines for Physician Assistants; proposed Fluoroscopic Guidelines Checklist for use by authorized PAs, facilities, and Radiation Control Program (“RCP”).

Ms. Herbu informed the Board that Ms. Beverly Anderson, Interim Director, RCP, requested that the Board review a sample Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines received from PAs applying for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (“ARRT”) to determine its compliance with the Board regulations at 263 CMR 5.08 (3). In response to RCP’s concerns, Board staff drafted a checklist as a guide for licensees and authorized supervising physician to use when developing Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines. The document is being presented to the Board for review and approval. Dr. Glinski made a motion to defer discussion of this item on the agenda to the next scheduled Board Meeting agenda; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Sample Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines for Physician Assistants and proposed Fluoroscopic Practice Guidelines Checklist

- B. Update: ARRT Fluoroscopy Examination

Ms. Herbu informed the Board that at this point RCP staff reports seventeen (17) PAs applied to take the ARRT examination and RCP has not received any test scores from ARRT. Ms. Meregian informed the Board that it is her understanding that PAs who are approved to take the examination maybe waiting until the new year to take the examination.

- C. Discussion: The Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants (“MAPA”) Action Alert: Proposed EHS regulations exclude PAs as Primary Care Providers

Ms. Herbu informed the Board that on November 27, 2013, Board staff received an email alert from MAPA that a public hearing was being held on December 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Worcester Public Library for proposed EHS regulations that excludes PAs as Primary Care Providers. The proposed regulations implement the categorical requirements for the Masshealth programs authorized by the Affordable Care Act and amends the list of eligible healthcare providers considered to be Primary Care Clinicians participating in the Primary Care Clinical Plan, and PAs are excluded from this list. MAPA opposes the proposed regulations and encourages PAs to attend the hearing or submit comments.

After a discussion, the Board requested that Board staff contact MAPA to obtain the result of the hearing and update the Board of the results at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Documents: Email Alert from MAPA regarding proposed EHS regulations; Copy of proposed regulations, 130 CMR 450.118; and Copy of Memorandum to the Board from Ms. Stein regarding Chapter 224 of the Acts of 1012: Changes in Massachusetts General Laws Affecting Physician Assistants dated September 7, 2012

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Hilf made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:

Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C
Chair

Date