

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, G.L. c. 30A, § 20

Thursday, March 14, 2013

9:30 a.m.

239 Causeway Street – 4th floor, Room 417A

Boston, MA 02114

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. February 14, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
 - B. February 14, 2013 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
- IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
PA-2012-005 In the Matter of Scott F. Pladel, PA-C PA1003
- V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
None
- VI. License Application Review
None
- VII. License Reactivation Application Review
None
- VIII. License Reinstatement Request
 - A. PA-2010-003 Delmonico, Nicole PA1933 (expired 3-1-2011 while surrendered)
Request for license reinstatement
- IX. Staff Assignments
 - A. SA-INV-2987 Olivieri, Heather PA1671 (expires 3-1-2015)
Allegation: Practice beyond the scope of practice
 - B. SA-INV-2893 LoRiccio, Rocco PA551 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Patient Abandonment, quality of care provided

X. Complaints
None

XI. Physician Assistant Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. PAs, satellite EDs and MD supervision: review response to query submitted by Chris DeFazio, MD, January 7, 2013)

XII. Other Business/Announcements

A. Vote on Final Approval: Proposed Regulations at 263 CMR 5.00 (fluoroscopic practice)

B. MAPA Proposed Amendment to M.G.L. c. 112, § 9I

C. Renewal 2013 Update

D. Staff Transition: Executive Director Retirement

XIII. Adjourn

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2013
239 Causeway Street, Room 417
Boston, MA 02114

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C, Chair
Miguel Valdez, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Laura Hilf, RN, MS, Public Member
Edward Glinski, MD, Public Member
Frieda Cohen, Public Member
Nicole Meregian, PA-C, Board Member (left at 11:55 a.m.)
Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, PA-C, PA Education Program Member (left at 11:55 a.m.)

Board Members Not Present: Richard Baum, MD, MMS Member

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH

Paul Moore, Esq., Prosecutor, Office of Public Protection (left at 10:15 a.m.)
Curtis Jackson, MPRS Coordinator
Ichelle Herbu, Investigator, Office of Public Protection (left at 10:40 a.m. and returned at 11 a.m.)
Joel Kanter, Consultant, DPH (arrived at 10:40 a.m. and left at 11 a.m.)

Public: Rebecca Tynning, Paralegal, Krokidas & Bluestein

I. Call to Order

Ms. Patel-Junankar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting Agenda was reviewed. Dr. Glinski made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; Ms. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: March 14, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

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

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

Ms. Cohen made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Patel-Junankar, Mr. Valdez, Ms. Hilf, Ms. Cohen, and Dr. Glinski voting in favor. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart did not vote as she was not present at the February 14, 2013 Board meeting.

B. Minutes of the February 14, 2013 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

The Minutes of the February 14, 2013 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed.

Mr. Valdez made a motion to approve Item I/A to I/D as presented; Ms. Hilf seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Valdez, Ms. Hilf, Ms. Patel-Junankar, Dr. Glinski, Ms. Cohen and Ms. Meregian voting in favor. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart did not vote as she was not present at the February 14, 2013 Board Meeting.

Mr. Valdez made a motion to approve Item I/E as presented; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Valdez, Ms. Meregian, Ms. Hilf and Ms. Cohen voting in favor. Ms. Sheridan-Geldart did not vote as she was not present at the February 12, 2013 Board Meeting. Ms. Patel-Junankar and Dr. Glinski did not vote as they had recused themselves from the discussion of Item I/E at the February 14, 2013 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session.

Documents: Minutes of the February 14, 2013 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes of the February 14, 2013 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)

[Mr. Valdez made a motion to go into the Adjudicatory Session at 9:38 a.m.; Ms. Meregian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.]

PA-2012-005

In the Matter of Scott F. Pladel, PA-C

PA1003

[The Board adjourned the Adjudicatory Session at 10:18 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

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

None.

VI. License Application Review

None.

VII. License Reactivation Application Review

None.

VIII. License Reinstatement Request

- A. PA-2010-003 Delmonico, Nicole PA1933 (expired 3-1-2011
Request for license reinstatement while surrendered)

After discussion, Dr. Glinski made a motion to notify Ms. Delmonico that she may submit a petition for license reinstatement and other documentation as described in Board Policy No. PA-10-01 for Board consideration; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Board Policy No. PA-10-01

IX. Staff Assignments

- A. SA-INV-2987 Olivieri, Heather PA1671 (expires 3-1-2015)
Allegation: Practice beyond the scope of practice

Ms. Merejian made a motion to close the Staff Assignment as there is insufficient Evidence to support the allegation that the licensee violated Board regulations; Ms. Sheridan-Geldart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Staff Assignment investigation-related materials

- B. SA-INV-2893 LoRiccio, Rocco PA551 (expires 3-1-2013)
Allegation: Patient abandonment, quality of care provided

Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to close the Staff Assignment as there is Insufficient evidence to support the allegation that the licensee violated Board regulations; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Staff Assignment investigation-related materials

X. Complaints

None.

XI. Physician Assistant Scope of Practice Inquiries

- A. Physician Assistants, Satellite Urgent Care Clinic, and Physician Supervision
Review of response drafted by Board staff to query submitted by Chris DeFazio, MD, January 7, 2013

Ms. Graham provided the Board with a copy of the letter that was sent to Dr. DeFazio in response to his inquiry about PAs working in a satellite urgent care clinic. The Board reviewed the letter and will provide suggestions and comments to Board staff.

Document: Response to Scope of Practice Inquiry

XII. Other Business/Announcements

- A. Vote: Final Approval of Proposed Regulations at 263 CMR 5.00 (fluoroscopic practice)

Ms. Sheridan-Geldart made a motion to adopt the proposed regulations at 263 CMR 5.00 governing fluoroscopic practice by Physician Assistants authorized to use fluoroscopic x-ray systems with the deletion of the last sentence in 263 CMR 5.08(3)(b) as M.G. L. c. 112, § 9E, regarding the number of Physician Assistants who may be supervised by a supervising physician, was amended to delete the PA/supervising physician ratio.

Document: Final draft of 263 CMR 5.00, Scope of Practice and Employment of Physician Assistants (final draft for Board approval)

B. Proposed Amendment to M.G.L. c. 112, § 9I

The Board reviewed two documents: a letter from the Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants (MAPA) to the Board dated December 13, 2012 requesting that the regulatory requirement that applicants for licensure provide documentation of a Bachelor's degree be amended; and proposed legislation (Senate No. 1009) filed by Senator Eldridge that would amend the statutory requirement in M.G. L. c. 112, § 9I, that requires license applicants to have a Bachelor's degree. After discussion, the Board requested that MAPA representatives be invited to attend a Board meeting to discuss the issue further.

Documents: December 13, 2013 letter from MAPA to the Board
Language of proposed amendment to M.G.L. c. 112, § 9I

C. 2013 License Renewal Update

Ms. Graham informed the Board that the 2013 license renewal period closed on March 1, 2013. Approximately 2,200 licensees renewed their licenses on or before the expiration date.

D. Staff Transition: Executive Director Retirement

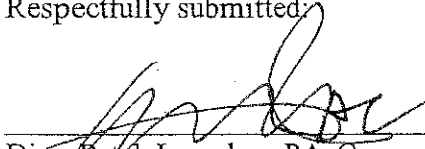
Ms. Graham informed the Board that she is retiring March 31, 2013. The Division is developing a transition plan to provide coverage until her successor is identified.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Glinski made a motion to adjourn the Meeting; Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted:



Dipu Patel-Junankar, PA-C
Chair

Date 4/11/13