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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: REGULATORY COUNCIL FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 1:15 p.m.

**PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Second Floor Conference Room A
Dover, Delaware**

MINUTES APPROVED (October 1, 2013)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregory Adams, M.D., Chair, Presiding
Lauren Davey, PA-C, Council Member
Pamela Manzi, PA-C, Council Member
Sandra Robinson, R. Ph., Council Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General
David Dryden, Executive Director
Gayle L. MacAfee, Executive Director
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Cooper, M.D., Physician Member
Nicole Fisher, PA-C, Council Member
John Sullivan, PA-C, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT

Paula Paul, Delaware Academy of Physician Assistants

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Adams called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Suggested Changes to the Prescriptive Authority Application from David Dryden

Mr. Dryden addressed the council and presented his suggested changes to the prescriptive authority application. Mr. Dryden suggested removing questions six and seven from the application as they cause confusion to the applicants.

Mr. Dryden also briefed the council on recent statutory changes which included: a 72 hour dispensing of controlled substances supply limit for practitioners; as of 2014 all practitioners are required to be registered with the Prescription Monitoring Program; and the Pharmacy Internet Act.

Ms. Paul asked Mr. Dryden about the application process for Controlled Substance Registration. Ms. Paul stated that new applications require actual signatures of the supervising physicians, which can be burdensome on the applicant when they work in a group practice. Mr. Dryden advised Ms. Paul that signatures have been required for the past seven years for all new applications. Mr. Dryden also advised Ms. Paul that the Office of Controlled Substances would follow any suggestions from the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. Ms. Paul suggested that two physician signatures be required for the application and a supplemental listing of all other supervisors be attached with the application. Ms. MacAfee advised the council that no changes have been made by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at this time. Any recommendations that the council has can be submitted to the board for consideration. Ms. Davis-Oliva suggested that if one person is required to sign the application, then the person would have to be a Delaware physician with a CSR.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Ms. Manzi moved, seconded by Ms. Davey, that the April 2, 2013 minutes be approved as written. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Manzi moved, seconded by Ms. Davey to amend the agenda to add Rachel Hobbs and Patrick Leadbitter to the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Physician Assistant Licensure for James Moles

The council reviewed the application of James Moles, to determine if he would meet the conditions to be granted a waiver. Ms. Manzi moved, seconded by Ms. Davey, to grant a waiver for Mr. Moles. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Manzi moved, seconded by Ms. Davey, to grant licensure for Mr. Moles. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Physician Assistant Licensure for Rachel Hobbs

The council reviewed the application of Rachel Hobbs. Ms. Davey moved, seconded by Ms. Robinson to approve the application for licensure for Ms. Hobbs, contingent upon a council member reviewing her explanation to Question 18 on the application. Ms. Hobbs had indicated that she had not been actively practicing as a licensed physician assistant; even though, she was issued a license in Pennsylvania on April 22, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Physician Assistant Licensure for Patrick Leadbitter

The council reviewed the application for Patrick Leadbitter. Ms. Manzi moved, seconded by Ms. Davey to approve the application for licensure for Mr. Leadbitter. Motion unanimously carried.

Select Percentage of Licensees for Post-Renewal Audit

Ms. Davey moved, seconded by Ms. Robinson to select 1% of licensees for the post-renewal audit. Motion unanimously carried.

Election of Officers

The council discussed if there was a need for an election of officers and felt as though there was no need for elections at this time, as the president of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline normally chairs the council meetings.

Other Business before the Council

There was no other business before the council.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

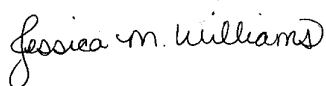
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room "A", Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, Ms. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Manzi, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II