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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, October 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Second Floor Conference Room A Dover, Delaware
MINUTES APPROVED:	December 4, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula Paul, PA-C, Council Member, Chair
Greg Morris, PA-C, Council Member, Vice Chair
Lauren Davey, PA-C
Kyra Downing, PA-C, Council Member
John Madden, M.D., Physician Member
Joseph Parise, M.D., Physician Member
Hooshang Shanehsaz R.Ph, Council Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis, Deputy Attorney General
Devashree Singh, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathryn Rankin
Deborah Hamilton

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Paul called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Shanehsaz moved, seconded by Dr. Madden, to approve the July 17, 2018 Council minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Approved Applications for Registration and Licensure

The Council reviewed the list of physician assistants licensed since the Council's last meeting.

Review and Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule

The Council reviewed the 2019 meeting schedule as presented but did not accept it. Ms. Paul suggested the Council consider moving their meetings to the months of December, March, June and September. The Council agreed to change the meeting month. Ms. Singh will draft a 2019 meeting schedule for the months of December, March, June and September. The Council will review and approve their 2019 meeting schedule at their next meeting on December 4, 2018.

FSMB (Federation of State Medical Boards,) Presentation Update

Ms. Singh advised the Council that Michael Dugan, MBA, CIO, Senior VP for FSMB's Operations and Dr. Cheryl Walker-McGill, who participate via phone, made a presentation before the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. Mr. Dugan spoke about FSMB's history, their mission and their current initiatives some of which include the uniform application and the interstate medical licensure compact. FSMB represents the 70 state medical and osteopathic regulatory boards referred to as state medical boards within the US, its territories and the District of Columbia. It supports the member boards as the boards fulfill their mandate of protecting the public's health, safety and welfare through the proper licensing, disciplining, and regulation of physicians and other health care professionals.

Other Business before the Council

Mr. Shanehsaz discussed the possibility of physician assistant's administering medication-assisted treatment (MAT) drugs such as buprenorphine and methadone for the treatment of opioid addiction. Mr. Shanehsaz stated there was a mandatory federal course that had to be completed before one could be certified to administer MAT drugs. He will bring back additional information on the certification process and Delaware specific requirements for those professionals interested in becoming certified in MAT drug administration. This matter is tabled until the Council's next meeting.

Ms. Paul requested that the Executive Director for the Board of Pharmacy and Office of Controlled Substances, Mr. Geoff Christ attend a Council meeting in order to get clarification on the Controlled Substance Registration application process for physician assistants. Mr. Shanehsaz suggested that questions to Mr. Christ be provided to him ahead of time in order to allow him to prepare for the meeting before the Council. Ms. Singh will extend the invitation to Mr. Christ to attend the Council's next meeting in December.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., 2nd floor in Conference Room "A", Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Dr. Madden moved, seconded by Mr. Morris to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Devashree M. Singh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Devashree M. Singh, MBA
Executive Director