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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, December 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES APPROVED: January 15, 2019

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

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Patricia Davis, Deputy Attorney General
Devashree Singh, Executive Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph Parise, M.D., Physician Member
Hooshang Shanehsaz R.Ph, Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Theresa Rohrs
Elizabeth Zubuea
Geoff Christ
Justin Geurin

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Paul called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Dr. Madden moved, seconded by Ms Downing, to approve the October 2, 2018 Council minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review and Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule

The Council reviewed the 2019 meeting schedule and approved it as written.

PAs Prescribing for Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) Programs

Ms. Paul informed the Council that she completed the training to acquire an X-waiver that is required for the prescribing and ordering MAT medications. Ms. Paul provided information about the federal training, that it is a free training and it is approximately 24 hours long. The Council discussed MAT treatment programs and PAs working with their supervising physicians. Ms. Davey stated that currently the law does not permit PAs to independently prescribe buprenorphine unless the PA's supervising physician also holds an x-waiver. The Council discussed different models where the PA could treat MAT patients even if their supervising physician did not hold the x-waiver. Ms. Davey was not in support of the scenario where the PA could independently order or prescribe MAT medications if their supervising physician did not also hold the waiver because of the way the law is currently written and the nature of the relationship between supervising physician and physician assistant.

NEW BUSINESS

Approved Applications for Registration and Licensure

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

Controlled Substances Registration Process for PAs

Ms. Paul discussed with the Council the application for acquiring a controlled substance registration (CSR). The Council invited the Executive Director for the Office of Controlled Substances, Geoff Christ to discuss the application process and requirements. There was discussion about the requirement to list all of the PA's supervising physician and to update the Division with any changes to that list. Ms. Paul described various scenarios where it can be difficult to maintain an exhaustive list of a PA's supervising physician especially in a large practice where physician turnover is prevalent. As a regulatory requirement, Ms. Davis advised that the information was required from whatever physician was supervising that PA. The practice or office setting could determine how they wanted to provide that information to the Division.

Ms. Paul inquired about DEA numbers and if a PA could practice under a hospital's DEA number. Dr. Madden stated that only training licensees (interns, residents and fellows) work

under a hospital's DEA others typically acquire their own DEA number. Ms. Davis will look into the inquiry further for the Council's next meeting.

Other Business before the Council

There was no other business before the Council.

Public Comment

Theresa Rohrs addressed the Council with questions about the CSR application and felt the information was duplicative since PAs had to identify their supervising physician on their licensure application for prescriptive authority. Mr. Christ advised that the Division is working to streamline their processes with the help of technology to eliminate the request for duplicative information.

Justin Geurin addressed the Council with a question of pronouncement of death by a PA if that duty was delegated by their supervising physician. Ms. Davis advised she would gather more information on the pronouncement of death duty for the Council's next meeting.

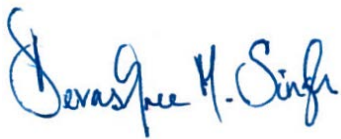
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 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 Ms. Downing to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Devashree M. Singh, MBA
Executive Director