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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, September 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Second Floor Conference Room A Dover, Delaware
MINUTES APPROVED:	December 3, 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
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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Zubaca, Hamilton Goodman Partners
Stephanie Carlino, DAPA
Daniella Benson, PA, DAPA
Edward Woodford, PA, DAPA
Scott Roberts, PA
Damon Carey, D.O.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Paul called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Dr. Madden moved seconded by Mr. Shanehsaz to approve the June 4, 2019. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

House Bill 169- Amending Title 24 Relating to Physician Assistants

The Council discussed House Bill 169's language content in detail. Daniella Benson, Stephanie Carlino and Edward Woodford of DAPA (Delaware Academy of Physician Assistants) were present and participated in the Council's discussion of the bill's proposed language. Dr. Parise requested clarification from DAPA on the reasoning behind changing the word "supervision" or "supervisor" to "collaboration". Ms. Benson replied that the bill's language reflects the current work model between PAs and their supervising physician. Dr. Parise inquired if the change in language was financially driven versus addressing a barrier to care. Ms. Benson replied the language change would assist PAs to be recognized by insurance carriers as an available practitioner to the public. Further, the bill proposes to redefine the ratio limitation between physicians and physician assistants. It would allow PAs to participate as uncompensated volunteers without a collaborating physician and finally it proposes increase the number of Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (BOMLD) members from 16 to 18, to include 2 physician assistant members appointed by the PA Council.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Dr. Madden to accept the bill as written. Ms. Davey, Ms. Paul and Ms. Downing were also in support of the bill. Dr. Parise and Mr. Shanehsaz opposed the bill as written. The motion passed.

Ms. Paul suggested that the BOMLD form a subcommittee to discuss the bill. Dr. Madden moved, seconded by Mr. Morris to request the BOMLD consider forming a subcommittee to discuss the purpose of the proposed legislation regarding the practice of PAs. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The request for a subcommittee will be placed on the Board's next meeting agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Approved Applications for Registration and Licensure

The Council reviewed the list of physician assistants licensed since the Council's last meeting. There are currently 785 licensed physician assistants in the State of Delaware.

Review Application for Scott Roberts, PA-C

The Council reviewed the application for Scott Roberts, PA-C. Dr. Madden moved, seconded by Mr. Shanehsaz to grant Mr. Roberts the license to practice. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Other Business before the Council

Article- New Law Replaces Reference to Supervisor with Collaboration

The article was provided to the Council for their information.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 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, Ms. Paul moved seconded by Dr. Parise to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 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