

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners'
Committee on Physician Assistants
January 14, 2011**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants was held in the Iris Room at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

Members Present: Jonathan White, PA-C; Johnny Nowlin, PA-C; James Montag, PA-C; Johnny Presley, PA-C; Omar Nava, PA-C; Gary Tauxe, OPA-C and Anne Arney, Public Member

Staff Present: LaTonya Shelton, Administrator; Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager; Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Assistant General Counsel and Libby Miller, Director, Health Related Boards

Mr. Johnny Presley, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Chairman determined that a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Jonathan White made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2010 meeting. Mr. James Montag seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Ratification of New Licenses, Temporary Permits Reinstatements and Failure to Renew

Mr. Jonathan White made a motion to ratify the new licenses, temporary permits, retirements and failures to renew. Ms. Anne Arney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CME Audit Office

Ms. Arnold reported on the activities in the Audit Unit between the months of January through June 2010. Ms. Arnold informed the Committee that fourteen (14) licensees were audited and all were compliant making the Physician Assistants one hundred percent (100%) compliant from an audit in June of 2010. Ms. Arnold also informed the Committee that the Orthopedic Physician

Assistants (OPA) has a seventy-five percent (75%) compliance rate because one (1) out of the four (4) licensees audited was deficient in the required number of C.E. hours.

Financial Report

Ms. Miller informed the Committee the figures for June 30, 2010 fiscal years are ready except indirect expenditures. Ms. Miller compared direct expenditures from FY 2009 in the sum of \$ 64,377.90 to FY 2010 direct expenditures in the sum of \$ 67,532.54. Ms. Miller informed the Committee that the financial report will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Manager's Report

Ms. Marsha Arnold reported on the activities in the administrative office between October 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 concerning Physician Assistants. The report read as follows:

40 new applications, 83 new licenses, and the average for online renewals is fifty-three percent (53%). The number of active licensees as of December 31, 2010 is 1,184 and the total number of active licensees with a Tennessee mailing address is 1,038. The total number of active licensees with a Tennessee practice address is 709. The total number of OPA licenses as of December 31, 2010 is 23.

Disciplinary Report

The Committee reviewed the disciplinary report submitted by Ms. Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator which informed the Committee that eighteen (18) licensees are currently being monitored on probation. Two (2) licensee are currently suspended and five (5) are currently revoked or surrendered and three are (3) under some form of board order.

Investigations Report

Ms. Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator informed the Committee that the cases received in the Office of Investigations year to date total is thirty-three (33). Ms. Juanita Stone stated there were ten (10) new open complaints relative to physician assistants and three (3) are waiting for review and seven (7) are in the field. There are no open complaints against orthopedic physician assistants in the Office of Investigations.

Tennessee Professional Assistant Program (TNPAP)

Mr. Mike Harkreader reviewed the TNPAP report stating it was the same provided at the previous meeting. For the period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 TNPAP has a total of ten (10) participants being monitored.

There was one (1) referral to the program from an employer due to impairment. There was one (1) monitoring agreement signed and three (3) were discharged, one (1) was not a resident in Tennessee, one (1) successfully completed the program and one (1) rejected services which did not require reporting to the Committee.

The Committee voted to approve continuation of their contract with the TN Nurses Foundation (Physician Assistants) for an additional year. Mr. James Montag made a motion to renew the contract and Mr. Jonathan White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OGC Report

Mrs. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Assistant General Counsel, informed the Committee that the Office of General Counsel currently has four (4) open files all of which involve inappropriate prescription writing of controlled substances. Ms. Hughes-Toombs also informed the Committee that there is not any information to report regarding rules.

The hearing for Anthony Loope's licensure denial appeal will be continued to the next scheduled meeting on April 15, 2011.

Applicant Interview

Ms. Demetria Davis, PA, Raeford, NC was present with no legal representation. Ms. Davis was brought before the Committee because Mr. Presley had questions regarding a recommendation letter written by Jim Mergy, M.D., which questioned Ms. Davis's ability to manage complicated patients and patients on narcotics. Dr. Mergy had also suggested that she needed close supervision. After discussion Mr. Jonathan White made a motion to grant Ms. Davis a license and Mr. Omar Nava seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marc Sellers, PA, Knoxville, TN was present with no legal representation. Mr. Sellers was brought before the Committee because he has not practiced in a clinical setting since September, 2004 Mr. Sellers had an evaluation in 2001 with North Carolina Physician Assistant Program which resulted in a 90 day in-patient treatment program at Pine Grove Next Step in Hattiesburg, MS. Both consultants for the Medical Board and the Committee recommended that Mr. Sellers seek advocacy from TNPAP and fulfill the re-entry of clinical training policy. The requirements are as follows:

ABSENCE FROM PRACTICE FOR FIVE (5) TO SEVEN (7) YEARS

- (A) Twelve (12) weeks of clinical rotation in primary care.
The course content shall be determined by the institution

(B) Six (6) weeks of classroom pharmacology training. The course content shall be determined by the institution

Mr. James Montag made a motion to grant licensure with the above conditions and seek advocacy from TNPAP, if necessary and fulfill the re-entry of clinical training policy that is outlined for Physician Assistants that have been away from practice for five (5) to seven (7) years. Mr. Sellers' application will be held open until he fulfills the requirements and has all supporting documentation forwarded to the administrative office where a license will be issued. Ms. Anne Arney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Order of Compliance

Kristen Colby, PA-C Nashville, TN was present and represented by legal counsel, Ms. Robbie Bell. Ms. Colby appeared before the Committee regarding an Order of Compliance that was filed on November 15, 2010 to reinstate her authority to prescribe controlled substances. The Committee found that Ms. Colby has proven to the satisfaction of the Committee and the Board she has complied with all provisions of the September 16, 2009 Agreed Order and that, therefore Ms. Colby's authority to prescribe controlled substances should be restored. Ms. Colby's license shall remain on probation for the duration of the previous Order issued on September 16, 2009. Ms. Anne Arney made the motion to approve the Order of Compliance and Ms. Johnny Nowlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

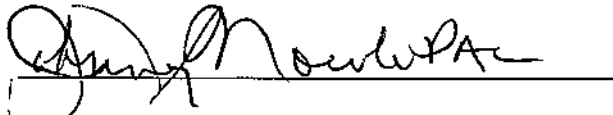
General Discussion

Criminal Background Check Policy: Ms. Arnold submitted a policy for the Committee to review that requires if an applicant has fingerprint cards that are unreadable, that the applicant shall be required to come to the state of Tennessee and submit to a FBI/TBI fingerprint **scan** through the State of Tennessee' approved vendor or its equivalent as determined by the board. For applicants with unreadable electronic scans, the Committee shall accept criminal background checks on an applicant's name, social security number and other vital statistics when an individual has unreadable prints after the applicant has made at least two (2) attempts complying with the Committee's policy. Mr. James Montag made a motion to adopt the Criminal Background Check Policy and Ms. Anne Arney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Medical Education Policy: The Committee was unclear regarding whether or not a violation of the Continuing Medical Education Policy was a reportable disciplinary action that will appear on the National Practitioner Databank. Mr. James Montag made a motion to table the adoption of the Continuing Medical Education Policy to the April 15, 2011 meeting and Mr. Jonathan White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

This meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. The next meeting is April 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Approved this 15th day of April, 2011 by the Committee on Physician Assistants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Nowlin PA-C", written over a horizontal line.

Johnny Nowlin, PA-C
Secretary

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Licenses Issued from 10/01/2010 To 12/31/2010

File Number	License Number	Date Issued	Name	Expiry Date
1914	1914	11/20/2010	SHIRLEY THACKER BAUMAN PA-C	03/31/2012
1874	1874	12/06/2010	ROGER BYRON BLAIR PA-C	11/30/2011
1804	1804	11/16/2010	GORDON ALAN BRITTON PA	11/30/2011
1900	1900	11/12/2010	MICHELLE DENISE COOK-BECKER PA-C	07/31/2012
1920	1920	12/17/2010	SHANE WESLEY COUGHLIN PA-C	04/30/2012
1901	1901	11/20/2010	MIRIAM CAROLINE EDWARDS	03/31/2013
1921	1921	12/17/2010	MADISON ELIZABETH ELLIS PA-C	03/31/2012
1902	1902	11/18/2010	THOMAS VINCENT GOCKE III	03/31/2012
1916	1916	11/20/2010	KATHRYN J. GUNN PA-C	05/31/2013
1904	1904	10/18/2010	TROY EARL HIGDON JR	10/31/2011
1889	1889	11/15/2010	AMANDA MARIE HULLETT	11/30/2012
1909	1909	11/12/2010	JULIE ANN HUTCHISON PA-C	12/31/2011
1893	1893	11/02/2010	KRISTEN ANN JENSEN PA-C	01/31/2012
1922	1922	12/17/2010	AMY MARIE JOHNSON PA-C	07/31/2013
1898	1898	11/01/2010	TOLLY BROOK JOHNSON PA-C	01/31/2012
1896	1896	10/07/2010	JEFFREY GLEN KELLEY PA-C	04/30/2012
1872	1872	11/02/2010	KRISTEN RENEE NEVEL PA	09/30/2013
1905	1905	11/15/2010	JANINE NOBLE	02/28/2013
1862	1862	11/20/2010	MELISSA ANNE NOEL PA	05/31/2013
1906	1906	11/15/2010	JOHN ANTHONY NOVAK	09/30/2013
1891	1891	11/01/2010	TARA NICOLE ROGERS	07/31/2013
1913	1913	12/15/2010	AMANDA RUTH SEAGRAVES PA-C	09/30/2012
1907	1907	11/10/2010	JESSICA LYNN SEYMOUR	05/31/2012

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10/06/2010 LORI ANN SHERRY

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Licenses Issued from 10/01/2010 To 12/31/2010

File Number	License Number	Date Issued	Name	Expiry Date
1924	1924	12/06/2010	AMANDA R. THOMPSON PA-C	08/31/2012
1894	1894	10/14/2010	IVEYLEE BECK TRUMP	08/31/2012
1899	1899	10/06/2010	JEREMY BRANDON WADDELL PA-C	12/31/2012
1816	1816	11/05/2010	MICHAEL DWAYNE WALL PA	01/31/2012
1925	1925	12/17/2010	NAOMI D. WATSON PA-C	11/30/2011
1910	1910	12/01/2010	JESSICA ANN WEIGAND PA-C	09/30/2012
1817	1817	10/08/2010	ROBERT E. WHITE III, PA	01/31/2013

Total Number of Licensees:

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Licensee Listing
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Profession: 3628 Physician Assistants

Report : Volunt Retired

Selection: From Status Date 10/01/2010 To 12/31/2010 And License Status 51

Sorted : ALPHABETICALLY

Date	Name	City	ST	Licensure Category
10/13/2010	SHAWNNA JANE GRECO P.A.	NASHVILLE	TN	Volunt Retired
	File # : 978	License # : 978		

Number Of Records Selected: 1

Profession: 3629 Orthopaedic Physician Assistants

Report : Volunt Retired

Selection: From Status Date 10/01/2010 To 12/31/2010 And License Status 51

Sorted : ALPHABETICALLY

Date	Name	City	ST	Licensure Category
11/24/2010	ROBERT W. HAWKINS	KNOXVILLE	TN	Volunt Retired
	File # : 679	License # : 679		
10/28/2010	JEAN MARJORIE VAUGHAN OPA	KNOXVILLE	TN	Volunt Retired
	File # : 657	License # : 657		

Number Of Records Selected: 2

Profession: 3628 Physician Assistants

Report : Failed to Renew

Selection: From Status Date 10/01/2010 To 12/31/2010 And License Status 55

Sorted : ALPHABETICALLY

Date	Name	City	ST	Licensure Category
12/07/2010	FIGRELLA ELIZABETH ARREDONDO PA-C	ATLANTA	GA	Failed to Renew
	File # : 1645	License # : 1645		
10/07/2010	EVERETT LEE CARROLL PA-C	FORT STEWART	GA	Failed to Renew
	File # : 1287	License # : 1287		
12/07/2010	AMY JO GABLE PA	ST.CHARLES	MO	Failed to Renew
	File # : 1094	License # : 1094		
12/07/2010	GREYARD ROBERT LAMM PA-C	FAYETTEVILLE	NC	Failed to Renew
	File # : 1725	License # : 1725		
12/07/2010	DIRK L. TANNER PA-C	LAKE COMORANT	MS	Failed to Renew
	File # : 1573	License # : 1573		

Number Of Records Selected: 5