

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’
Committee on Physician Assistants
April 20, 2007**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’ Committee on Physician Assistants was held at 227 French Landing, Ste. 300 Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

Members Present: Glen Alexander, PA; William Blalock, PA; Johnny Presley, PA
Jonathan White, PA; Janet Johnson, OPA; and Anne Arney,
Consumer Member

Staff Present: LaTonya Shelton, Administrator; Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager;
Robert Kraemer, Deputy General Counsel and Jerry Kosten, Rules
Coordinator

Members Absent: Johnny Nowlin, PA and Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director

Glen Alexander, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The Chairman determined that a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Jonathan White made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2007 meeting. William Blalock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager of the Medical Board, stated that the financial report indicated a surplus of \$196,240.54.

Disciplinary Report

The Committee reviewed the written report submitted by the disciplinary coordinator which indicated five licensees are being monitored and are in compliance.

Investigations Report

In the absence of Denise Moran, Director of the Bureau of Investigations Michael Sobowale informed the committee that there were eleven open complaints in the Bureau of Investigations regarding physician assistants. Mr. Sobowale also informed the Committee that if they had any detailed questions that Mrs. Moran could be called to the meeting.

Manager's Report

Marsha Arnold reported on the activities that have transpired in the administrative office between January 1, 2007 and March 31, 2007 concerning Physician Assistants. The report read as follows:

13 new applications, 22 new licenses, 146 mailed out renewals and 3 licensure reinstatements. The actual processing time of renewals in our office is 4.4 days. The actual processing time for new applications in our office is 61.6 days. The number of active licensees as of March 31, 2007 is 897.

Ratification of New Licenses, Temporary Permits and Reinstatements

Mr. Jonathan White made a motion to ratify the new licenses, temporary permits, and retirements. Mr. Johnny Presley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tennessee Professional Assistant Program (TNPAP)

Mr. Mike Harkreader discussed the TNPAP report with the Committee. For the period of July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 TNPAP had a total of five (5) participants referred from different sources and one (1) has been turned over to the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Harkreader also informed the Committee that one participant was discharged for successful completion.

OGC Report

Mr. Robert Kraemer, Deputy Assistant General Counsel, informed the Committee that the Stays, Reconsideration and PLLC & PC Amendments- (05-1529) went to rulemaking hearing on December 20, 2005. The amendments were adopted by the Committee on January 13, 2006 and the Board on January 24, 2006, and were sent to the Attorney General on January 27, 2006. They are still there. The Advertising rule-(06-1009) amendments went to rulemaking hearing on April 6, 2006. The amendments were adopted by the Committee on April 22, 2006 and the Board on July 25, 2006, and were sent to the Attorney General on July 27, 2006. They were signed by the Attorney General

and subsequently filed with the Secretary of State on March 22, 2007. They will become effective on June 5, 2007. Prescribing Continuing Education- (06-1422) amendments went to rulemaking hearing on December 18, 2006. The amendments were adopted by the Committee on January 12, 2007 and the Board on January 25, 2007, and were sent to the Attorney General on January 29, 2007. They are still there. Mr. Kraemer also stated that there were three cases open in the Office of General Council pertaining to the Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants.

General Discussion

Mr. Glen Alexander informed the Committee that there wasn't anything to report on Allied Health Commission.

"Noteworthy" on the Internet.

Nothing to report at this time.

This meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is July 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Approved this 6th day of July, 2007 by the Committee on Physician Assistants