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MICHIGAN TASK FORCE ON PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS JULY 30, 2013 MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Task Force on Physician's Assistants met in regular session on July 30, 2013 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Noth, PA-C, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Christopher Noth, PA-C, Chairperson
William Palazzolo, PA-C, Vice-Chairperson
Sara Basso, Public Member
Pamela Gnodtke, Public Member
John Lopes, Jr., PA-C
April Adado, PA-C
Dennis Dobritt, D.O. (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)
John McGinnity, PA-C

Members Absent:

Lisa Hadden, Public Member
Michael Claussen, PA-C
Louis Geller, DPM
James D. Rogers, M.D.
Joel Kutz, PA-C

Staff Present:

Shellayne Grimes, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Lidia McGee, Analyst, Enforcement Division
Susan Affholter, Pain Management and Palliative Care Coordinator
Bruce Johnson, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Mike DeGrow, MAPA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Gnodtke, seconded by McGinnity, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2013 meeting with the following corrections: under "Members Present", William Palazzolo, PA-C, Vice Chairperson and under "Members Absent", Christopher North, PA-C, Chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by McGinnity, seconded by Palazzolo, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management - Appointment

Susan Affholter, Pain Management and Palliative Care Coordinator, explained that every two (2) years, appointments or reappointments are made to the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management (ACPSM.) She asked the Board to consider reappointing Karel S. Schram, PA-C to the ACPSM, who has served the committee well for the past two (2) years.

MOTION by Basso, seconded by Lopes, to appoint Dr. Karel S. Schram to the ACPSM.

A voice vote was held:

MOTION PREVAILED

Affholter provided updates from the Pain Management and Palliative Care Program. Several handouts were available for board members to take with them.

Affholter announced several upcoming conferences/trainings covering topics such as improving pain management, opioid prescribing, using the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS), addressing the disease of addiction through thorough patient assessment, and the use of risk management tools. Anyone interested in additional information may email the Department.

HPRC Appointment

Lind referenced a Memorandum dated July 5, 2013 from Susan M. Bushong, Contract Administrator for the Health Professional Recovery Program. Joan Westbrook, PA-C is the current representative for the Physician Assistant Task Force, whose two-year term expires on December 31, 2013. Westbrook is not eligible for re-appointment to the HPRC. Interested candidates may submit their curriculum vitae and a letter to Susan Bushong, Bureau of Health Care Services, 611 W. Ottawa St., 1st floor, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909. Her email address is BushongS@michigan.gov and her telephone number is (517) 335-1760.

Department Update

Lind informed that the Michigan Public Health Code is undergoing a makeover. A committee appointed by the Michigan Department of Community Health named Lawrence Burns, a Grand Rapids attorney, to review the 1978 document to see if revisions are needed. The committee will provide its recommendations to the DCH by late January, 2014.

The composition of the committee was questioned by Board members who noted the absence of physician assistant representation. Lind explained that the Code is a very large document that impacts a large number and variety of stakeholders. She will ask DCH representative, Melanie Brim, how members of the PA Task Force will be able to communicate their comments to DCH, especially regarding amendments to the portion of the Code that relates to physician assistants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike DeGrow, from the MAPA, commented that the applications of two (2) physician assistants, Ron Savali and Mark Moot, were submitted to serve on the PHC revision committee, but were not selected. He suspects there will be a method whereby members of the profession will be able to share their input.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

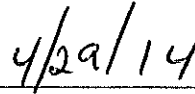
The next meeting will be held on October 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

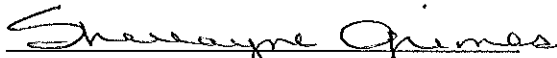
MOTION by McGinnity, seconded by, Gnodtke, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m.



Christopher Noth, PA-C, Chairperson



Date Minutes Signed



Shellayne Grimes, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared