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## **MICHIGAN TASK FORCE ON PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS MAY 11, 2010 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 May 11, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### ***CALL TO ORDER***

Bernard O'Brien, PA-C, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

***Members Present:*** Bernard O'Brien, PA-C, Chairperson  
Michael A. Davis, PA-C, Vice Chairperson  
Rene L. Hernandez, PA-C  
Thomas Siemaszko, Public Member  
Karl G. Wagner, Jr., PA-C

***Members Absent:*** Steven A. Acker, DO  
Sherry L. Lepird, Public Member  
David S. Weingarden, MD

***Staff Present:*** Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Amy Shell, Policy Administration Manager, Health Regulatory Division

***Others Present:*** John Roberts, PA

### ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

***MOTION*** by Wagner, seconded by Davis, to approve the February 2, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

***MOTION PREVAILED***

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Hernandez, seconded by Davis, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Consideration by NCCPA of Possible Modifications to PA-C Competencies**

O'Brien directed the members to the information that has been issued by the NCCPA regarding modifications to PA-C competencies. He indicated that the most substantive change is that NCCPA is proposing an extension of the recertification cycle from six years to ten years. The current board rules state that an applicant for relicensure must pass the NCCPA examination within six years immediately preceding the application. Shell stated that this rule may be maintained even if the certification cycle is expanded to ten years. However, the Department will need to confirm that the NCCPA will allow an applicant for relicensure to take the exam mid-certification cycle for relicensure purposes.

*MOTION* by Davis, seconded by Wagner, to request the Department to contact NCCPA and express the Board's desire that the exam continue to be offered to individuals for reinstatement or relicensure purposes, upon request of the Board, regardless of whether or not the time frame falls within the recertification cycle.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Rules Committee Update**

Davis reported that discussions will continue following today's meeting. The Department will provide additional information for the Committee's review.

### **Department Update**

None

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

None

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION* by Davis, seconded by Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
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Bernard O'Brien, PA-C, Chairperson

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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary

May 13, 2010  
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Date Minutes Prepared