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**MICHIGAN TASK FORCE ON PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS  
MEETING**

**April 26, 2016**

**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 April 26, 2016 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

**CALL TO ORDER**

William Palazzolo, PA-C, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** William Palazzolo, PA-C, Chairperson  
Vicki Anton-Athens, DPM  
Lara Davis, PA-C  
Dennis Dobritt, D.O  
Joan Eddy, PA-C  
Pamela Gnodtke, Public Member  
CaShawnda Range, PA-C  
James Rogers, M.D.

**Members Absent:** Sara Basso, JD, Public Member, Vice Chairperson  
Megan Dietrich, PA-C  
Maryam Komejan, Public Member  
Susan Laham, PA-C

**Staff Present:** LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section  
Michael Siracuse, Policy Analyst, Boards & Committees Section  
Karen Carpenter, Policy Analyst, Boards & Committees Section  
Virginia Abdo, Compliance Manager, Enforcement Section

Palazzolo introduced and welcomed Lara Davis to the Board.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Rogers, seconded by Anton-Athens, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Rogers, seconded by Eddy to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting, as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Disciplinary Subcommittee**

Gnodtke gave a verbal report on the work the DSC has done in 2015.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Discussion on HPRC oversight at the request of Task Force**

Siracuse informed the Board that the HPRC oversees and sets policy for the HPRP. There is no assigned entity that oversees the HPRC. The HPRC is constructed of a health professional appointed by each board, and two public members appointed by the Department Director.

### **Update on costs associated with investigations**

Abdo reported the Bureau is looking into how to determine costs associated with investigations. It is not likely they will be able to determine the costs due to all that is involved in investigating; it is very difficult to track.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

Carpenter ran the elections for Chairperson.

MOTION by Rogers, seconded by Palazzolo, to nominate Eddy as Chairperson.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Palazzolo ran elections for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Anton-Athens, seconded by Gnodtke, to nominate Range as Vice Chairperson.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Assignments**

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Palazzolo  
Basso  
Gnodtke  
Range  
Anton-Athens – Alternate

Allegations

Eddy  
Dobritt  
Komejan  
Dietrich – Alternate

### **ACPSM**

Palazzolo recommended the Board appoint Heather N. Klopp, PA-C to the ACPSM committee.

MOTION by Gnodtke, seconded by Anton-Athens to nominate Heather N. Klopp to the ACPSM committee.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Siracuse informed the Board that a representative is needed for the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) to represent the PA Task Force. Any interested and eligible individual may send their letter of interest and curriculum vitae to Karen Carpenter at [carpenterk@michigan.gov](mailto:carpenterk@michigan.gov). Current Board members cannot serve on the HPRC.

Carpenter informed the Board that the rule for training in identifying victims of human trafficking was finalized last week. This is a one-time training requirement. There are many opportunities to find free training online; an Internet search on "Human Trafficking" can provide many free resources.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael DeGrow from the Michigan Academy of Physician's Assistants gave the Board an update on bill 5533.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 26, 2016 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 Anton-Athens, seconded by Range, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on October 25, 2016.

Prepared by:  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support

April 26, 2016