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## MICHIGAN TASK FORCE ON PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

### FEBRUARY 9, 2012 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 February 9, 2012 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

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

Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### ***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:*** April Adado, PA-C  
Sara Basso, Public Member  
Pamela Gnodtke, Public Member  
John Lopes, Jr., PA-C  
John McGinnity, PA-C  
Christopher Noth, PA-C  
William Palazzolo, PA-C

***Members Absent:*** Steven Acker, DO  
Michael Claussen, PA-C  
Louis Geller, DPM  
Joel Kutz, PA-C

***Staff Present:*** Christine Hanson, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Susan Affholter, Pain Management & Palliative Care Coordinator  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

*Others Present:* Jim Rogers, M.D., Michigan Board of Medicine  
Mike DeGrow, MAPA

## ***INTRODUCTIONS***

Lind welcomed new Task Force members and asked Task Force members and staff to introduce themselves.

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by McGinnity, seconded by Gnodtke, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

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

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***ELECTIONS***

Lind directed the Task Force members to the handout regarding the roles and responsibilities of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. She opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Noth nominated McGinnity. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed.

*MOTION* by Noth, seconded by Palazzolo, to nominate McGinnity as Chairperson. A voice vote was held. McGinnity was elected as Chairperson.

Lind opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. McGinnity nominated Noth. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed.

*MOTION* by McGinnity, seconded by Adado, to nominate Noth as Vice-Chairperson. A voice vote was held. Noth was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

None

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

None

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Health Professional Recovery Committee Representative**

Lind explained that the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) is responsible for the oversight of the Health Professional Recovery Program and for establishing policies and procedures for the program contractor to follow. She also informed the Task Force members that Joan M. Westbrook, M.S., PA-C, R.D., is seeking reappointment.

Discussion was held.

*MOTION* by Lopes, seconded by Gnodtke, to reappoint Joan M. Westbrook, M.S., PA-C, R.D., as the Physician's Assistants Task Force representative to the Health Professional Recovery Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

**Resolutions Honoring Michael Davis, PA-C, Rene Hernandez, M.S., PA-C, Sherry Lepird, Bernard O'Brien, PA-C, Thomas Siemaszko, Karl Wagner, Jr., PA-C, and David Weingarden, M.D.**

The Task Force members recognized the past members for their outstanding service to the Task Force.

*MOTION* by Palazzolo, seconded by Adado, to approve the Resolutions for Michael Davis, PA-C, Rene Hernandez, M.S., PA-C, Sherry Lepird, Bernard O'Brien, PA-C, Thomas Siemaszko, Karl Wagner, Jr., PA-C and David Weingarden, M.D.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **DSC Committee Appointment**

Lind informed that the Disciplinary Subcommittee has regulatory cases to be considered following the full Task Force meeting. She asked that members be appointed to the Committee. McGinnity asked for volunteers to serve on this Committee. Lopes, Gnodtke, Adado, Noth and Basso agreed to serve as Committee members with Gnodtke serving as the Chairperson. Palazzolo agreed to serve as an alternate Committee member.

Discussion was held amongst the Task Force members and staff regarding the role of a Conferee and the allegation process.

### **Department Update**

Mitchell distributed a draft of the proposed Administrative Rules and provided an overview of same. He stated that the draft will update and clarify rule language regarding supervision, delegation, accreditation standards and licensure requirements. He asked that Task Force members review the proposed draft and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

Lind provided a brief overview of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention as well as the rule making process.

### **Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management Appointments**

Susan Affholter, Pain Management and Palliative Care Coordinator for the Bureau, introduced herself and provided a brief history of the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management (ACPSM). She also informed the Task Force members that there are two candidates for consideration to the ACPSM; Stephanie Gilkey, M.S., PA-C and Karel Schram, PA-C.

McGinnity recused himself from this matter as he personally knows one of the candidates.

Discussion was held.

*MOTION* by Lopes, seconded by Noth, to appoint Karel Schram, PA-C, as the Physician's Assistants Task Force representative to the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management for a term to expire on June 30, 2013.

McGinnity inquired if an orientation for new Task Force members could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Basso inquired if the July 3, 2012 meeting will be rescheduled. Hanson will explore room availability for July 10, 2012 and will notify Task Force members.

### ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

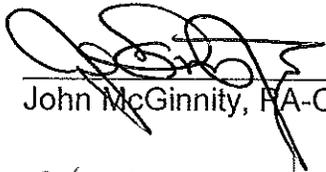
Mike DeGrow introduced himself. He informed that MAPA is offering a CME conference in the spring.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION* by Noth, seconded by Palazzolo, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.



John McGinnity, PA-C, Chairperson



Christine Hanson, Board Secretary

4/3/2012

Date Minutes Signed

February 14, 2012

Date Minutes Prepare