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MICHIGAN TASK FORCE ON PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2008

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 January 29, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by William Fenn, PA-C, Vice Chairperson.

Members Present: Steven A. Acker, D.O.
Michael A. Davis, PA-C
William H. Fenn, PA-C, Chairperson
Bernard O'Brien, PA-C, Vice Chairperson
David S. Weingarden, M.D.

Members Absent: Mahmoud Awad, Public Member
James W. Levy, PA-C

Staff Present: Brooke Parmalee, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Acker, seconded by Davis, to approve the April 24, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Weingarden, seconded by O'Brien, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Rae Ramsdell took over elections.

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Acker, to nominate Bernard O'Brien for vice chairperson.

Discussion followed.

MOTION by Acker, seconded by Weingarden, to withdraw previous motion.

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Weingarden, to nominate William H. Fenn for chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Davis, seconded by Weingarden, to nominate Bernard O'Brien for vice chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

B. Health Professional Recovery Committee Representative - Ray Garza

The board reviewed a memo from Ray Garza. Lynda Vivian has been nominated for reappointment as the Physician's Assistant Representative to the committee. Discussion followed.

The board requested that periodic written reports from Vivian regarding HPRP be made available.

MOTION by Weingarden, seconded by Davis to approve Lynda Vivian as the HPRC Representative for a second term.

MOTION PREVAILED

C. Department Update

Currently there are more public members than professional members on the board. Language has been drafted for legislation to have the composition of the board changed.

The governor's office is allowing the department to prioritize some of the boards that do not have enough public members. Appointments are expected in the near future.

The task force members asked if the department will try to get the name updated to say "Physician" instead of "Physician's."

A suggestion was made by Weingarden to hold telephone conferences instead of meetings onsite. Ramsdell stated that that would cause problems because the meetings are public. Video conferencing is being looked into as well as a variety of other options.

Davis asked if there was any word on the Physician's Assistants having to name their supervisor in order to renew their license. Ramsdell stated that it could be taken off the future renewals if the board would like, although Physician's Assistants are required to work with a supervisor. Fenn asked if a letter could be included in the renewal packet reminding people that they do need a supervisor instead of asking for the name of the supervisor.

Davis sees a problem with the supervisor question on the renewals. Fenn feels that something should be included in the rules that Physician's Assistants need to be able to prove who their supervisor was at any given time. Record keeping should be a part of the rules for Physician's Assistants in order to "close the circle." In a malpractice situation if something occurred against a Physician's Assistant, everyone involved would be sued, and it could all come back on the Physician's Assistant if everyone else could prove they were not involved.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 22, 2008, at 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level Parking, Conference Room 1, Lansing, MI.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Weingarden, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

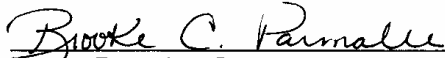
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William F. Fenn, PA-C, Chairperson

4/22/08

Date Minutes Approved



Brooke Parmalee, Secretary

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Date Minutes Prepared