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

**January 31, 2017**

**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 31, 2017 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Joan Eddy, PA-C, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Joan Eddy, PA-C, Chairperson  
CaShawnda Range, PA-C, Vice Chairperson  
Sara Basso, JD, Public Member  
Lara Davis, PA-C  
Pamela Gnodtke, Public Member  
Susan Laham, PA-C  
William Palazzolo, PA-C

**Members Absent:** Vicki Anton-Athens, DPM  
Megan Dietrich, PA-C  
Dennis Dobritt, D.O  
Maryam Komejan, Public Member  
James Rogers, M.D.

**Staff Present:** Nakisha Bayes, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section  
Patricia Leary, Analyst, Boards & Committees Section  
Laury Brown, Analyst, Compliance Section  
Dawn Gage, Manager, Licensing Division  
Forrest Pasanski, Manager, Drug Monitoring Section

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Palazzolo, seconded by Basso, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2016 meeting as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **John Eric Roberts, P.A. – Petition for Reinstatement**

MOTION by Basso, seconded by Palazzolo, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Basso, Davis, Gnodtke, Laham, Palazzolo,  
  Range, Eddy  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Elections**

Leary ran the elections for Chair.

MOTION by Palazzolo, seconded by Davis, to re-elect Joan Eddy as Chair.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Basso, Davis, Gnodtke, Laham, Palazzolo,  
  Range  
  Nays: None  
  Abstain: Eddy

MOTION PREVAILED

Eddy ran the elections for Vice-Chair.

MOTION by Laham, seconded by Gnodtke, to re-elect Cashawnda Range as Vice-Chair.

A roll call vote was taken:                   Yeas: Basso, Davis, Gnodtke, Laham, Palazzolo,  
  Eddy  
  Nays: None  
  Abstain: Range

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Assignments**

Laham volunteered to join the Disciplinary Subcommittee as an alternate.

Eddy appointed Laham as an alternate to the Disciplinary Subcommittee. All other committee assignments remain the same.

Leary requested the formation of a Rules Committee for preparation for any upcoming rule changes.

Eddy formed a Rules Committee. She appointed Basso, Laham, Palazzolo, and herself to the Rules Committee.

### **HB 5533 Discussion**

Dawn Gage introduced herself as the Manager for Health Licensing, Section 3. She explained that house bill 5533 will go into effect on March 22, 2017. The bill outlines that Physician's Assistants will need to sign a practice agreement in order to practice. Physician's Assistants will be able to obtain a Controlled Substance License (CSL) under their practice agreement, the practice agreement must outline a CSL within the document. Gage explained that email blasts are being sent out to notify practices and licensees of the law's passing.

Palazzolo inquired about the cost of the CSL and if the renewal cycle will run in line with Physician's Assistants licenses.

Gage explained the cost is \$85.85 annually and the CSL is on a separate renewal cycle from the Physician's Assistants licenses, they will need to be renewed separately. She also explained that applications for CSLs can be received prior to March 22. The applications will be held until March 22 and issued after.

Gnodtke inquired how the public will be aware if a Physician's Assistant holds a CSL, will there be a master list.

Gage explained there will not be a master list to reference. She explained that the public can look up licenses via the Michigan.gov website. The information updates daily.

Pharmacies will also be doing due diligence to verify incoming requests from Physician's Assistants are coming from those possessing a CSL. Licensees will receive a wall certificate to post once they've received their license as well.

Palazzolo inquired about if in-patient orders will need to hold a CSL.

Leary explained the law as it relates to in-patient orders has not changed. The CSL is a State license and a law, the specific details are still in process.

## **MAPS Discussion**

Forrest Pasanski introduced himself as the manager of the Drug Monitoring Section. He explained that the Bureau Director, Kim Gaedeke had hoped to be present at the meeting to provide the MAPS update to the Board. Unfortunately, she has been called away to participate in Appriss training.

Pasanski explained that the State of Michigan received appropriation in 2016 to replace the MAPS system. The software replacement for MAPS is Appriss. The Appriss software is already being utilized by 40 other states for their monitoring systems. The MAPS replacement project kicked off in October 2016, the anticipated launch date for Appriss is April 4, 2017. Communications will be sent out to the public starting in February to notify of the transition. Pasanski summarized several of the changes that will be seen as a result the Appriss software.

Palazzolo inquired if the software will allow for prescriber information to be available state to state.

Pasanski explained this will vary based to the laws of the other states using Appriss. They currently have access information with over 20 other states.

Eddy inquired if users will still be able to perform a reverse MAPS in the event they suspect someone else has been prescribing under their name.

Pasanski verified that, users will still be able to perform a reverse MAPS to check the status of what they have been prescribing.

## **Chair Report**

None

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Leary notified the Board that Cheryl Pezon, the Manager for the Boards and Committees Section, has been promoted to Deputy Director. Her position is currently unfilled.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 25, 2017 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 Palazzolo, seconded by Laham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on July 25, 2017.

Prepared by:  
Nakisha Bayes, Board Support

January 31, 2017