

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Felix Koo, M.D., PhD, and Richard Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C.

Agenda Item 2 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

Applicant #1280 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Following discussion, **Dr. Rahr moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice, subject to the following restrictions: that the applicant work full time, only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the applicant be restricted from prescribing controlled substances; the supervising physician shall submit, quarterly reports regarding the applicants work performance; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked regarding the applicants work performance; if the evaluations are favorable, the applicants name may be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting; if the evaluations are unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application. The motion failed due to lack of a second.**

After further discussion, **Dr. Rahr moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be determined ineligible for licensure but recommended that the applicant shadow a physician for at least 20 hours a week for 40 weeks in a twelve month period, with quarterly reports submitted regarding the applicants performance, and then may reapply for licensure. If the evaluations are favorable, staff may issue a 12-month supervised temporary license upon reapplication.** This recommendation is due to applicants being out of

practice since October of 1993. **Dr. Koo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #1113 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Rahr moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 20 hours a week supervised practice for at least 40 weeks in a 12-month period, subject to the following restrictions: that the applicant work full time, only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the applicant be restricted from prescribing controlled substances; the supervising physician shall submit, quarterly reports regarding the applicants work performance; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked regarding the applicants work performance; if the evaluations are favorable, the applicants name may be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting; if the evaluation is unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.** This recommendation is due to applicant being out of the practice of medicine since 1981. Mitigating factors include that the applicant has shadowed eight physicians for a total of 757.5 hours between April 2011 and July 2012. **Dr. Koo seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Applicant #1118 reappeared before the Committee, with counsel after referral by the Executive Director, and to request an extension of her application and 12-month supervised temporary license granted by the Committee in December 2011. Following discussion, **Dr. Koo moved to recommend to the full Board that the 11 weeks the applicant worked under the supervised temporary license be credited, and the applicants physician assistant supervised temporary license be extended for twelve months to allow the applicant time to obtain continuous employment and work at least 20 hours a week for at least 29 weeks within a 9 month period, with the same conditions as outlined in the December 2011 Licensure Committee minutes.** This recommendation is due to the Committees previous determination, the applicants performance during her brief employment under the supervised temporary license and the

applicants difficulty finding subsequent employment. **Dr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Applicant #1287 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Following discussion, **Dr. Rahr moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be determined ineligible for licensure but recommended that the applicant shadow a physician for at least 20 hours a week for 40 weeks in a 12-month period, with quarterly reports submitted regarding the applicants performance, and then may reapply for licensure. If the evaluations are favorable, staff may issue a 12-month supervised temporary license upon reapplication.** This recommendation is due to applicant being out of practice since January of 1993. **Dr.Koo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

The Committee authorized the Executive Director to determine applicants who have been out of active practice for over ten years ineligible, but recommend that they shadow a physician for at least 20 hours a week for at least 40 weeks in a 12 month period, and collect quarterly evaluations, then reapply. If the evaluations are favorable, staff may issue a 12 month supervised temporary license upon reapplication. Applicants with active practice issues of fewer than 10 years may continue to be evaluated by the Executive Director in consultation with the Chair of the Licensure Committee for a determination regarding the issuance of a supervised temporary license.

Agenda Item 3- Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 177 applicants and 6 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Rahr moved to recommend to the full board that all 177 applicants and 6 relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Dr. Koo seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director. Ms. Knight reported on two orders offered by the Executive

Director and accepted by applicants. **Dr. Rahr moved to recommend to the full Board that both orders be approved. Dr. Koo seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed**

Agenda Item 5 - Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics Ms. Knight reported that the applications processed in Quarter 4 so far were completed in an estimated average of 33 days.

Agenda Item 5 - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.