



TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Jason P. Cooper, PA-C, Michael D. Reis, M.D., and Blayne Rush.

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 #1563 appeared before the Committee, with counsel, after referral by the Executive Director. Following discussion, **Mr. Rush moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license.** The motion died due to lack of a second. During discussion Mr. Rush stated that he felt the applicant had already been punished by the Arizona Board and has not had any other issues in his practice. **Mr. Cooper moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license subject to the following conditions:**

- **Public Reprimand**
- **8 Hours of Continuing Medical Education in Ethics**

This recommendation is due to action taken by the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants based upon unprofessional conduct and inappropriate prescribing. **Dr. Reis seconded the motion. Mr. Cooper and Dr. Reis voted for the motion. Mr. Rush voted against the motion. The motion passed.**

Applicant #1523 appeared before the Committee, with counsel, after referral by the Executive Director. Following discussion, **Dr. Reis moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas Physician Assistant license under a non-disciplinary remedial plan with the following conditions:**

- **8 Hours of Continuing Medical Education in Ethics**

The motion died for lack of a second. During discussion Mr. Rush inquired if there was another way to require ethics CME without issuing the applicant a remedial plan or agreed order. Mr. Cooper added that the applicant's PA program already addressed the professional issue and felt that the applicant having to appear before the licensure committee was a lesson in what the consequences could be for unprofessionalism. **Mr. Cooper moved to recommend to the applicant be granted an unrestricted physician assistant license. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Rush voted for the motion. Dr. Reis voted against the motion. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 3- Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of Physician Assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 227 applicants and 8 re-licensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Mr. Cooper moved to recommend to the full board that all 227 applicants and 8 relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Dr. Reis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 – Proposed Orders Offered by the Executive Director – Ms. Robinson reported on two physician assistant licensure orders offered by the Executive Director and accepted by the applicant. **Dr. Reis moved to recommend to the full Board that both orders be approved. Mr. Rush seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 5 - Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics – Ms. Knight reported that the all-time highest number of PA applications received in a month was in August of 2013. In Fiscal Year 14, we have exceeded that number five times. Ms. Knight also reported that the 510 PA licenses issued so far in the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 2014 were completed in an average of 18 days.

Agenda Item 8- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.