

## LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by the Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Margaret Bentley 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 #1326** 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 granted a Texas physician assistant license Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #1336** appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Following discussion, **Dr. Rahr moved to recommend to the full Board that a decision be deferred so the applicant may undergo fingerprinting through the FBI. Upon receipt of the fingerprint results the applicant will need to reappear before the committee.** This recommendation is due to the applicants criminal history, specifically a juvenile felony conviction for delinquent conduct in 1987. **Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

The committee directed staff to require all Physician Assistant applicants with criminal history, who are appearing before the committee, to undergo fingerprinting.

**Applicant #1338** 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 granted a Texas physician assistant license. Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #1322** appeared before the Committee, with counsel, after referral by the Executive Director. Following discussion, **Ms. Bentley moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license. Dr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #1314** 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 granted a Texas physician assistant license. Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Agenda Item 3- Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure.** There were 172 applicants and 5 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 172 applicants and 5 relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Dr. Rahr requested discussion regarding the criminal history of applicant #1307, who declined to appear, which included a felony conviction for unarmed burglary of a bank, and the consequences of licensing someone who has been convicted of a felony. The committee directed staff to have the applicant submit fingerprints should the applicant appear at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item 4 Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director.** The Committee reviewed one order offered by the Executive Director and accepted by applicants. **Ms. Bentley moved to recommend to the full Board that the order be approved. Dr. Rahr seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed**

**Agenda Item 5 - Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics** Ms. Knight reported that the 594 new PA licenses issued in fiscal year in 2012 were completed in an average of and 33 days.

**Agenda Item 5** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.