

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Michael A. Mitchell, D.O., Richard Rahr, Ed.D., PA-C, and Edward Zwanziger, 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 #1105 appeared before the Committee, after referral by the Executive Director. **Mr. Zwanziger** 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 twelve 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, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicant's work performance; if the evaluation is favorable, the applicant's 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's being out of the practice of medicine since January 2000. **Dr. Mitchell** seconded the motion. **Dr. Rahr** abstained. **Dr. Mitchell, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Zwanziger** voted in favor and the motion passed.

Applicant #1125 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell** moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be determined ineligible,

but recommended that applicant shadow a physician for at least 20 hours a week for 6 months, and then reapply, at which time a 12-month temporary license will be considered.. This recommendation is due to applicant's being out of practice since May of 1987. Mr. Zwanziger seconded the motion. Dr. Rahr abstained. Dr. Mitchell, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Zwanziger voted in favor and the motion passed.

Applicant #1102 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell** moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license subject to the following terms and conditions: completion within one year of an 8 hour course in anger management with required in person attendance, 8 hours of CME in ethics and risk management, and completion of the PACE or Vanderbilt boundaries course or similar course to be approved by the Executive Director. This recommendation is due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and criminal history that includes misdemeanors involving moral turpitude. Factors contributing to this recommendation include disciplinary action taken by the applicant's PA program due to disruptive behavior and misconduct related to a personal relationship with a classmate, and criminal history that includes conviction for assault, a Class A misdemeanor, in October 2009. Both incidents were also related to the above mentioned relationship. **Mr. Zwanziger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Applicant #806 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Rahr** moved to recommend to the full Board that applicant be granted another Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least twelve more 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, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicant's work performance, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application; the applicant must attend counseling with a licensed psychologist or licensed chemical dependency counselor at least two times a

month, and the applicant attend Narcotics Anonymous meetings two times a month. This recommendation is due to the applicant's prior disciplinary history with the Board including conviction for obtaining controlled substance by fraud. No one seconded and the motion died. Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license subject to the following terms and conditions for one year: 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 in one year, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicant's work performance, the applicant must attend counseling with a licensed psychologist or licensed chemical dependency counselor at least two times a month, and the applicant attend Narcotics Anonymous meetings two times a month. This recommendation is due to the applicant's prior disciplinary history with the Board including conviction for obtaining controlled substance by fraud. Dr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Applicant #1134 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell 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 twelve 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, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicant's work performance; if the evaluation is favorable, the applicant's 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's never having practiced since graduation from his PA program in December 2004. Mr. Zwanziger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Applicant #952 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell** 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 twelve 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, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicant's work performance; if the evaluation is favorable, the applicant's 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's having been out of practice since 1987, but following the recommendation of the Board at the July 9, 2010 meeting, successful completion of 11 months of shadowing at 20 hours a week. **Dr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Applicant #1109 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 granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least twelve 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, and one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicant's work performance; if all the reports are favorable, the applicant's 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 concerns regarding the

applicant's professionalism in previous positions. **Mr. Zwanziger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicant appearing for rehearing regarding eligibility. There were none.

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 192 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 192 applicants and 5 relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Mr. Zwanziger seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director. There were none.

Agenda Item 6 – Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics – Ms. Garanflo reported that the applicants licensed at this meeting were completed in an estimated average of 15 days.

Agenda Item 7 - Report on update to forms regarding graduation from an accredited PA program. Ms. Garanflo presented a report regarding updates made to the forms submitted as part of the PA application. In addition she reported that changes to the online application are planned for the future.

Agenda Item 8 - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.