

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

BOARD MEETING

July 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret Bentley, Board members present were Michael A. Mitchell, D.O., Secretary; Anna Arredondo Chapman; Teralea Jones, PA-C; and Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Interim Executive Director; Jane McFarland, Chief of Staff; Robert Simpson, General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Customer Affairs; and various other staff members.

Agenda item #2 & 3, Board Member Report and Presentation. Ms. Bentley expressed the boards best wishes and appreciation to the Executive Director, Dr. Donald Patrick, who plans to retire at the end of August.

Agenda item #4, Executive Directors Report. Mari Robinson gave a report on the Town Hall meetings presented by staff around the state to provide input and feedback about regulations of the medical profession. Ms. Robinson reported that comments received and noted during the Town Hall meetings would be compiled and posted ~~aced~~ online at the boards website. Ms. Robinson and Ms. Garanflo gave a report on the licensure seminars presented, in conjunction with the Town Hall meetings, to assist applicants in streamlining the application process.

Ms. Robinson reported on the increase number of jurisdictional complaints processed by Enforcement and the ramifications to the agency as an increasing number of complaints are received. Ms. Robinson reported that the Texas Medical Board directed an Ad Hoc Committee for Disciplinary Process to meet to discuss possible recommendations for the disciplinary process for the increasing number of complaints received.

Ms. McFarland gave a report on the Legislative Appropriations Request and the exceptional items.

Ms. Garanflo gave a report on the reduction in the licensure application processing time, and the elimination of the licensing backlog. After Ms. Garanflo reported on the decrease in online applications, the board directed staff to ask applicants why they chose not to apply online.

Ms. Robinson gave a report on physicians self-reporting for rehabilitation orders and possible better self-reporting models that staff were reviewing with other states and the Texas Medical Association to encourage physician treatment and accountability. The board expressed their interest for a possible self-reporting model for physician assistants.

Ms. Robinson gave a report on several of the complex issues regarding prescriptive medical device rules.

Agenda item #4, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding supervision of physician assistants by physicians with restrictions on their licenses. After discussion, the board directed staff to draft proposed rules regarding the supervision of physician assistants by physicians with restrictions on their licenses with the board members input.

Agenda item #5, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. After discussion, **Dr. Mitchell moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #39.**

Agenda item #6, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, **Ms. Welch moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Order for Vern Frydendall, P.A., as written.**

After discussion, **Ms. Welch moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Order for Floyd Benton, P.A., as written.**

There were no items for agenda items #7-#13.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the May 16, 2008 Board Meeting. Ms. Chapman moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the May 16, 2008 minutes.

Agenda item #15, Committee Reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Dr. Mitchell gave a report of the Licensure Committee Meeting. After discussion, **Dr. Mitchell moved, Dr. Bryce seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee meeting minutes and action items, with the exception to defer its decision for deny applicant, Mr. Sheldon Watson, until Mr. Watson obtains an independent psychiatric evaluation by a board-approved psychiatrist, due to the applicants demeanor before the licensure committee; inconsistent and conflicting information provided by the applicant; information verbally provided by the applicant; and the applicants admitted memory deficits ~~in memory~~ to the board.**

Ms. Chapman gave a report of the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting. After discussion, **Ms. Chapman moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting minutes.**

Agenda item #16, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.