



TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

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July 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 a.m. by Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Abelino Abel Reyna, J.D., and Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D., PA-C. Ms. Jones temporarily appointed Anna Arredondo Chapman to serve on the Committee.

Agenda Item 7 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding lengths of temporary licenses. Ms. Garanfio opened a discussion regarding the temporary licenses issued to applicants who have been out of practice. The Committee directed staff to allow applicants who successfully complete a temporary license issued for being out of practice to transition to a regular temporary license without restrictions until the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Rahr then asked if the issue of prescriptive authority of PAs on temporary licenses for out of practice issues be discussed. It was determined that the Committee would evaluate the issue on a case by case basis.

Michael A. Mitchell, D.O. entered the meeting.

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 #771 appeared before the Committee after being deferred for more information by the November 2008 Licensure Committee. **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license under a non-public, non-**

disciplinary rehabilitation order that includes the requirements specified in the Rehabilitation Checklist that has been distributed to the members of the committee. This recommendation is due to the results of a mental examination, indicating that the person suffers from a potentially dangerous limitation or an inability to practice as a physician assistant with reasonable skill and safety because of illness or any other physical or mental condition. Factors contributing to this recommendation include: multiple arrests involving theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, and DWI;; and results from an independent psychiatric examination that indicated the applicant has features of a Histrionic Personality condition which previously and adversely affected the applicants insight and decision-making, and ultimately led to occasional incidents of anti-social conduct. **Mr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #806 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be extended an offer available for up to 60 days from today, or if the applicant withdraws the application due to military deployment, the offer be extended for up to two years from the date of withdrawal, to grant 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, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; once complete, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.** Factors contributing to this recommendation include voluntary and permanent surrender of PA license in 2005; criminal history related to substance abuse and fraud; out of active practice since October 2004; successful completion of terms of criminal probation; no further criminal violations or substance abuse problems since 2004; and demonstration of rehabilitation. **Mr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #808 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Mr. Rahr recused himself. **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license under a non-public, non-disciplinary rehabilitation order that includes the requirements specified in the Rehabilitation Checklist that has been distributed to the members of the committee.** This recommendation is due to the results of a mental examination and an admission by applicant indicating that the applicant suffers from a potentially dangerous limitation or an inability to practice as a physician assistant with reasonable skill and safety because of illness or any other physical or mental condition. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicants diagnosis for bipolar I disorder that required hospitalization. **Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #807 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be extended an offer available for up to 24 months, to be 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, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; if the evaluation is 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 not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice since May 1997. **Mr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicant requests for rehearing.

Applicant #768s request for rehearing was considered. Ms. Jones recused herself and temporarily appointed Mr. Reyna as Chair. **Dr. Mitchell moved to** recommend to the full board that applicant be granted rehearing based on presentation of evidence not previously considered when the applicants application was reviewed at the March 2009 Licensure Committee meeting. **Mr. Rahr seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 139 applicants and 6 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full board that all 139 applicants and 6 relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Dr. Mitchell 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.

Ms. Garanflo reported on two orders offered by the Executive Director. **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that both orders be approved as written. Mr. Rahr seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding reactivation of physician assistant licenses.

There were none.

Agenda Item 8 - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.