



TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Karrie L. Crosby, PA-C, Jennifer L. Clarner, PA-C and Raymond B. Rush.

Victor Ho, M.D. entered the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

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 #1637 appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions. Following discussion, Mr. Rush moved that the committee recommend to the full Board that the **applicant be granted a physician assistant license subject to an Agreed Order with the following** terms, conditions, and restrictions for a period of **five years**:

- Applicant's practice is restricted to a group or institutional setting approved in advance by the Executive Director.
- Must have a chaperone present for every female patient encounter. The chaperone must provide continuous monitoring during the duration of the order and must be appointed by the applicant's employer.
- The applicant cannot request modification or termination of the order for three years.

This recommendation is due to applicant's unprofessional conduct, failure to practice medicine within the standard of care, being subject to disciplinary action taken by health care entities and being disciplined by another state board.

Applicant #2105 appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions. Following discussion, **Ms. Crosby moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license. Mr. Rush seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Orders Offered by the Executive Director – There are none.

Agenda Item 4 - Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics – Ms. Johnston reported that 224 physician assistant licenses were issued in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2017 in an average of 18 days. The total for Fiscal Year 2017 is 699 physician assistant licenses issued in an average of 26 days. In the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018 (as of October 2017) 211 physician assistant licenses have been issued in an average of 21 days.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding accreditation of Physician Assistant Programs – Ms. Johnston requested direction from the Committee in regards to a physician assistant program voluntarily withdrawing accreditation for non-academic related issues prior to a class completing program requirements and whether graduates of that program would be eligible for licensure. Ms. Johnston went on to explain that in 2010 the Board had determined and a program must be accredited at the time of graduation in order for graduates to be eligible for a Texas license. Ms. Johnston provided background related to this decision in regards to a program that voluntarily surrendered their accreditation due to academic concerns. The Committee directed staff to confirm with the accrediting body that the program was considered accredited through the “teach out” period. If this was the case, and because there are no concerns with the programs curriculum, the Executive Director is authorized to approve the applicant for licensure. Should any further concerns arise the matter will be brought back to the Committee for action.

Agenda Item 7 - There being no further business, Ms. Crosby moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. Mr. Rush seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.