



# TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

## TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Chair, Pamela Welch, PA-C. Committee members present were Teralea Jones, PA-C., Abelino Abel Reyna, J.D., and Michael A. Mitchell, D.O.

**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.**

**Mr. Natividad Ramirez** appeared with counsel, Louis Leichter, before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be allowed to withdraw the application for a Texas physician assistant license, due to providing incorrect information to the Board.** Factors contributing to this recommendation include the committees determination that the submission of incorrect information was not intentional. **The applicant will be allowed to file a new application in which the correct information is provided.**

In addition, **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license under a public, non-disciplinary rehabilitation order that includes the requirements specified in the Rehabilitation Checklist that has been distributed to the members of the committee and 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 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, with the conditions of the rehabilitation order in place for 9 years; 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; and intemperate use of drugs or alcohol that could adversely affect the applicants ability to safely practice as a physician assistant. Factors contributing to this recommendation include that the applicant has not practiced as a PA since graduation from PA School in May 2006, and the applicants four arrests for Driving While Under the Influence. **Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Ms. Brenda Johnson** appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted Texas physician assistant license.** The applicant appeared before the Committee because she has not actively practiced as a PA within either of the last two years, however the applicant has been working as a nurse in the military. Factors influencing this determination include that the applicant has experience in clinical medicine as a registered nurse in the military beyond what is available in the civilian world and because the applicant has continued in clinical practice. **Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Ms. Rose Stone** appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Mr. Reyna 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 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 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 prior to the date of application. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from May 1993 to the present. **Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Mr. Christopher Villareal** appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be allowed to withdraw the application for a Texas physician assistant license, due to providing incorrect information to the Board.** Factors contributing to this recommendation include the committees determination that the submission of incorrect information was not intentional. **The applicant will be allowed to file a new application in which the correct information is provided. Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Mr. Sheldon Watson** appeared before the Committee, after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be allowed to withdraw the application for a Texas physician assistant license, due to providing incorrect information to the Board.** Factors contributing to this recommendation include the committees determination that the submission of incorrect information was not intentional. **The applicant will be allowed to file a new application in which the correct information is provided. Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

[Note The Full Board did not accept this motion. Please refer to the Full Board minutes. ]

**Mr. Jeffrey West** appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Mr. Reyna 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 6 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 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 prior to the date of application. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from March 2006 to the present. **Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Agenda Item 4 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding reactivation of physician assistant licenses.**

**Ms. Pamela Hermann** appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Ms. Jones** 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 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 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 license may be returned to active status; if the evaluation is unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the request for reactivation. This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years prior to the date of application. Factors contributing to this recommendation

include being out of practice from May 2005 to the present. **Mr. Reyna 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 83 applicants and 2 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 83 applicants and 2 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 delegation of authority to the Executive Director in cases of mental health, physical health, substance abuse, and submission of false statements or documents during the licensure process to offer orders.**

Ms. Garanflo presented a proposal to delegate authority to: 1) offer orders for licenses with conditions in cases of mental health, physical health, or substance abuse; and, 2) offer orders for administrative penalties in cases of submission of false statements or documents during the licensure process; to the Executive Director with approval by the Chair of the Licensure Committee. The delegated authority proposal also included: 1) allowing an applicant to withdraw and reapply with truthful answers in cases where applicants provide incorrect information, but it is believed that the submissions were not intentional; and, 2) offering temporary licenses to applicants who have been out of active practice. The Committee directed staff to implement the proposed plan.

**Agenda Item 6 -** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.