

TEXAS PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
DISCIPLINE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE
July 15, 2016

Chair Clay Bulls, PA-C called the meeting to order at 10:39 am. Other members present were Maribel De Ponce, PA-C, Anna Arredondo Chapman, Jorge Martinez, Felix Koo, M.D, and Victor S. Ho, M.D. Committee Member Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C was not present.

Also present were Scott Freshour, General Counsel, Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director and various other staff.

Agenda Item #2. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals and reports from the Texas Physician Health Program.

It was announced by Mr. Freshour that there were no PHP cases to be presented to the Discipline and Ethics Committee for consideration under Agenda Item 2.

Agenda Item #3. Reports and discussion regarding the Investigation, Litigation and Compliance Departments.

Scott Freshour presented the Enforcement Report for May 2016, a copy of which is attached. This was an informational item only and no vote was necessary.

Agenda Item #4. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding renewals involving impaired licensees.

Mr. Martinez moved, and Ms. De Ponce seconded that the issue for Licensee #1 be closed and dismissed. Motion carried.

Ms. Chapman moved, and Ms. De Ponce seconded that Licensee #2 be referred to investigations. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Review, discussion and possible action regarding appeals of dismissed complaints. B. Jurisdictional-Not-Filed Complaints: 16-2363, 16-3823, 16-4063.

Dr. Koo moved, and Dr. Ho seconded that the appeal of Item 5.B, Log # 16-2363 be denied. Motion carried.

Ms. Chapman moved, and Dr. Koo seconded that the appeal of Item 5.B., Log # 16-3823 be denied. Motion carried.

Dr. Ho moved, and Ms. Chapman seconded that the appeal of Item 5.B., Log # 16-4063 be denied. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases.

Dr. Koo moved, and Mr. Martinez seconded that the investigations and cases reviewed by the committee be resolved as noted and that they be listed along with each resolution as part of the minutes of this Committee. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7. Adjourn

Dr. Koo moved, and Mr. Martinez seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried at 11:00 a.m.

DISCIPLINE & ETHICS COMMITTEE (D & E) & DECISIONS**Texas Impaired Licensee Renewals** (Concerns regarding Licensee(s) reporting Impairment to the Registrations Department)

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	REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SEND LICENSEE IMPAIRMENT PACKET	NO FURTHER ACTION	COMMENTS
<p>1. ID# 556289</p> <p>Licensee Type: PA</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Referral Reason: Impairment reported on registrationRenewal Date: 08/06/2015Impairment(s) Reported: Diagnosed with an autoimmune anti-body mediated neurological condition <p><u>Issue(s):</u></p> <p>08/06/2015: Licensee reported impairment on registration renewal application.</p> <p>08/14/2015: TMB mailed an impairment packet</p> <p>09/29/2015: Licensee responded, stating that the condition is controlled with medication and regular monthly bloodwork and that they are back at work</p> <p>09/29/2015: TMB received a letter from the treating physician who reported that the licensee developed an autoimmune autonomic neuropathy in April 2014 and in June 2015 was diagnosed with a GAD 65-mediated autoimmune condition. The physician states that physical therapy has been completed and that the licensee currently has no physical limitations.</p> <p>03/23/2016: TMB emailed TXPHP to ask if licensee has self-referred to their program</p>			X	

03/23/2016: TMB received response from Denise Wilson advising that the licensee had not self-referred.				
	REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SEND LICENSEE IMPAIRMENT PACKET	NO FURTHER ACTION	COMMENTS
<p>2. ID# 588884</p> <p>Licensee Type: PA</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral Reason: Impairment reported on registration Renewal Date: 05/03/2016 Impairment(s) Reported: Diagnosed with a movement disorder and peripheral neuropathy <p><u>Issue(s):</u></p> <p>05/03/2016: Licensee reported impairment on registration renewal application and TMB mailed an impairment packet</p> <p>05/20/2016: Licensee responded, stating that at the time she condition was unknown and was seeking diagnosis but reported weakness, involuntary movements, and major depressive disorder</p> <p>06/06/2016: Licensee sent an updated response stating would not participate in PHP due to cost and that a letter from treating physician was in progress</p> <p>06/213/2016: TMB received response from treating physician stating that licensee was being treated for movement disorder and peripheral neuropathy with medication and the prognosis was good, as long as evaluations and treatments were continued</p>	X			Refer to investigations

Total = 2

Disciplinary Committee Decisions Regarding Complaints Reviewed Pursuant to Staff or ISC Panel Recommendation
(Physician Assistants)

Total : 10

Log Number	Close	Continue	ISC	Hold
145274	X			
161705	X			
162304	X			
162680	X			
162798	X			
162824	X			
163078	X			
163125	X			
163840	X			
164281	X			