

TEXAS PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
DISCIPLINE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE
December 14, 2012

Chair Anna Arredondo Chapman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Other members present were Margaret K. Bentley, Linda Contreras, P.A., and Felix Koo, M.D. Committee Member Reginald C. Baptiste, M.D., was not present.

Also present was Mari Robinson, Executive Director, Medical Director Robert Bredt, M.D., and various other staff.

Established circa February 2010, Executive Director of the Texas Physician Health Program (TX PHP), Dr. Bill Nemeth, was introduced to the Texas Physicians Assistant Board Discipline and Ethics Committee. The foresight, vision, and responsibilities of current TX PHP personnel were outlined for the committee members by Ms. Robinson.

The Executive Director, Dr. Bill Nemeth discussed different circumstances of cases the Texas Physician Health Program is currently working and requested additional guidance on.

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

Dr. Koo moved, and Ms. Bentley seconded that PHP Case #11-0341 remain under the management of the PHP with the understanding that there is zero tolerance for any future infractions, if so, the case will be returned to the jurisdiction of the Texas Physicians Assistant Board for further action. Motion carried.

PHP Case #12-0200 had an interim referral and was returned to the jurisdiction of the Texas Physicians Assistant Board for action prior to this meeting. This was an informational item only and no vote was necessary.

Ms. Bentley moved, and Dr. Koo seconded that in future cases from the PHP where immediate action may be needed that the staff would be allowed to accept those cases prior to the Board meeting, with a subsequent report to the Board. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Robinson presented the Enforcement Report for October 2012, a copy of which is attached. This was an informational item only and no vote was necessary.

Agenda Item #4. Review, discussion and possible action regarding appeal of dismissed complaint. A. Jurisdictional Complaints: i. Investigations: 12-2831.

Ms. Bentley moved, and Dr. Koo seconded that the appeal of Item 2.A.i., Log #12-2831 be denied. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases.

Ms. Bentley moved, and Dr. Koo 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 #6. Adjourn.

At 10:44 a.m., Ms. Chapman announced the meeting was adjourned, there were no objections.