

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 8, 2013.

Committee members present: David Ballinger, P.A.-C.; James Fry, P.A.-C; Anita Steinbergh, D.O.; Melissa Bowlby, P.A.-C.;

Staff members present: Mike Miller, Nicole Weaver, Sallie Debolt, and Roshawnda Briggs

Guests: Beth Adamson, Executive Director, OAPA.

I. Review of the November 13, 2012 minutes.

Mr. Ballinger began the meeting by requesting the approval of the minutes.

Dr. Steinbergh would like the spelling of her name to be corrected on pg. 4 to include the "h."

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve the minutes on November 13, 2012, Melissa Bowlby seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion was carried.

II. Changes to the Physicians Supervisory Plan Application

Mr. Miller explained the revisions (adding in section 4730.09 ORC) to the physician plan.

No other revisions were made to the application.

Mr. Ballinger asked if there any questions about updates, there were none. He motioned to approve. Dr. Steinbergh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion was carried.

III. Changes to the Physician Assistant Certificate to Practice Application

Mr. Miller explained that in the instructions (#2) have been updated to reflect military experience.

The following corrections were made during the discussion of the Certificate of Practice.

There were corrections to Pg.1 of the instructions. In question #2d line 3 the removal of the "s" in assistants. In question #2d line 4, the removal of the letter "s" in services. Also in question #2d line 6, the letter "d" needs to be capitalized in the word department. In question #2d line 7, the "v" needs to be capitalized in the word veteran and the letter "a" needs to be capitalized in the word affairs. Corrections to question #8 pg. 2 on the application "department of veterans affairs" needs to be capitalized. In the same question there needed to be a consistency in the capitalization of the word physician assistant. The agreement was to not capitalize it. In question #10 the removal of apostrophe in the word "physician's assistants."

Ms. Bowlby moved to approve this application as amended. Dr. Steinbergh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. Changes to the Certificate to Prescribe Application

Mr. Miller explained the following changes.

- In Section 1: Three areas were included to determine path of eligibility.
 1. I have successfully completed the provisional period of physician delegated prescriptive authority, under the supervision of the physician listed in Section 2 below, pursuant to Section 4730.45 of the Ohio Revised Code. Proceed to Section 2 of the application and have your supervising physician who signed FORM A of your provisional period complete Section 2.
 2. I hold a master's or higher degree obtained from a program accredited by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant, and have held valid authority issued by another state or the United States government to prescribe therapeutic devices and drugs, including at least some controlled substances. Proceed to Section 3 of the application.
 3. I received a certificate to practice by meeting the educational and military experience requirements specified in division (C) (3) of Section 4730.11 of the Revised Code, and have been authorized to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices while practicing as a physician assistant in the U.S. Armed Forces, State National Guard or health care facility or clinic operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans affairs. Proceed to Section 4 of the application.
- In Section 2: The "Verification of Provisional Period of Physician-Delegated Prescriptive Authority" section was added to the application.
- Section 3: The "Verification of Out-of-State Prescriptive Authority" section was added to the application.
- Section 4: The "Verification of Prescriptive Authority during Military" section was also added.

Staff has been informed and will correct all other minor grammatical errors.

Dr. Steinbergh raised the question of when military physician assistants receive their training, what are their prescribing privileges.

Mr. Fry stated, speaking from a military background, that whatever prescribing privileges are approved under military guidelines once training is complete is automatic, except they can't write schedule II.

Dr. Steinbergh asked if there was a supervisory plan in the military. Are they accepted as a physician's assistant or are physicians assigned to you?

Mr. Fry stated physician assistants usually fall under a physician due to the number of patients since it needs to be regulated because of the consultations.

Dr. Steinbergh asked, how tight are the controls and whether there are supervisory plans.

Mr. Fry stated when that military physician assistant is hired and assigned to a physician.

Mr. Ballinger asked in the State of Ohio, do VA facilities have different formularies.

Mr. Fry explained that the VA facilities have a separate formulary than the military formulary.

Ms. Debolt asked what other government agencies would be considered a government agency besides the military.

Mr. Fry stated Public Health Services and State Health Departments.

Ms. Adamson asked if the approval of the military provision did away with the requirement of a master's degree.

Mr. Miller explained that there is language that concludes that you need to have at least 3 years in the military. All others need a master's degree.

Mr. Fry re-iterates that if you have 3 years of service in the military it makes you eligible for a PA program.

Then the discussion regarding non-ARC PA programs was discussed.

Ms. Bowlby raised the question of whether verification can be separated. She suggested that verification could include an Appendix (A) and for Military (B). She stated that the language was not consistent throughout.

Mr. Miller explained that we could break them down on Form 1A and Form 1B. The only part that needed to be filled out by the applicant is Section 1 of the verification on the Prescriptive Authority Form.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve all of these applications. Mr. Fry seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Miller asked if there were certain discharge forms that needed to be requested.

Mr. Fry stated the D.D. Form 214 is the discharge paper work. All the information would be need would be included on this form including length of service.

Dr. Steinbergh asked when the bill will be passed.

Mr. Miller stated the effective date is March 22, 2013.

V. **HB 284**

Mr. Miller explained and reviewed his memo highlighting the changes in House Bill 284.

Ms. Debolt began to explain the rule changes and the process (rule writing) and how you do not need to repeat what is in the statute. Current rules are based on the premise to pull aspects of the statute into a rule so that all the information is in one place.

Mr. Miller goes on to explain and uses the pain clinics as an example, and how important it is to have the rules not go against the statute.

Dr. Steinbergh asked if there was a period of time after the effective date, when they will have the rules completed.

Mr. Miller states in previous bills there was a given timeline to create rules, but this legislation does not contain such a timeline.

Ms. Debolt reiterates that the less wording in the rule the better. So the rule and statute are not inconsistent.

Mr. Fry and Ms. Adamson both stated the importance of remembering to notify the DEA.

Ms. Adamson asked if they should wait on notifying the DEA until the effective date.

Ms. Debolt stated yes they should.

Mr. Miller explained that in the February/March meeting we will need to discuss the formulary for schedule II drugs. Then once the formulary is completed, we can move forward on rule revisions. After this is complete, he would like to discuss statutory issue revisions.

Ms. Adamson expressed that she has some volunteers ready to help assist in creating the Orthopedic Model Supervisory Plan.

Dr. Steinbergh brings up the point that we should recognize that when a PA specializes and/or has expertise in a procedure, that experience should follow the PA.

Mr. Ballinger stated that institutions now determine the scope of practice and what you can do. If the person goes from one institution to another, then they are required to prove proof of what they can do through a log.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned by Mr. Ballinger at approximately 2:44 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

I hereby attest that these are the true and accurate minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board of Ohio, meeting on January 8, 2013.

David Ballinger, PA-C
Chair, PAPC

Copies of documents and/or materials referenced in the minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting are available at the Board offices.