

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

Committee members present: Melissa Bowlby,, PA-C; James Fry, P.A.-C; Anita Steinbergh, D.O.; Robert Flora, M.S.; Theresa Hoffmann, Pham. D.; and Eric Luckage.

Staff members present: Sallie Debolt, and Cathy Hacker

Guests: Beth Adamson, Executive Director, OAPA.

I. Review of the March 12, 2013 minutes.

Ms. Bowlby began the meeting by requesting the approval of the minutes.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013 PAPC meeting.
Dr. Flora seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Dr. Steinbergh reminded the committee members of the importance of attending the meetings. She noted that several members were up for re-appointment and asked Dr. Flora, Ms. Hoffmann and Mr. Luckage if they were interested in continuing to serve on the committee. All members indicated that they would like to be re-appointed. Dr. Steinbergh indicated that she would be looking for a replacement for Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Mone. It was noted that Mr. Ballinger would not be rejoining the committee due to health reasons. Dr. Steinbergh informed the committee that the pharmacy board's meeting is in conflict with this committees meeting date and asked the members if they would be willing to consider meeting on another day of the month to alleviate the problem. Ms. Bowlby and Dr. Flora both stated that it would have to be on a Tuesday.

Dr. Steinbergh asked Ms. Bowlby if she would be interested in being the Chairperson for the committee and Ms. Bowlby indicated that she had never chaired a committee but that she would try with help from the other members.

II. Formulary Review

Dr. Steinbergh stated that she wants to discuss the formulary every month. She further stated that she is not comfortable with the format of the formulary as it is not user friendly. She stated that she had looked at other formularies to see if there was a format that was easier to use. She explained that the format that is in this month's agenda comes from Mt. Carmel's formulary format. Ms. Hoffmann stated that she is familiar with this type of format and stated that the issue is that most managed care formularies are closed formularies and this formulary is discretionary. Ms. Hoffmann stated that part of the stumbling block is that PA's are looking for specific drug and not the classification of drugs. This formulary is categorized by how the drugs work and not for necessarily what they are being used for.

Ms. Hoffmann stated that changing our current format to that of the Mt. Carmel format would be an easy fix and that she would be willing to do this and bring it back to the committee for consideration.

Mr. Luckage asked the committee to explain to him why they bring all of the new drugs and formulations to the committee for consideration if they are already in the formulary. This was discussed and in the future Ms. Hoffmann will only bring to the committee for consideration drugs that are not already addressed in the formulary.

They then discussed the correspondence on page 6 of the agenda asking for Androgel and Proscar to be changed from CTP may not prescribe to CTP may prescribe. After a brief discussion it was noted that initially these were placed in the CTP may not prescribe due to the potential for abuse. The committee felt that moving them to the Physician initiated category would be a reasonable change to the formulary. Dr. Flora felt that there should be a different category for men and women in the formulary when prescribing these medications.

Ms. Debolt will coordinate a response to this correspondence with Ms. Bowlby and Ms. Hoffmann before sending it to the OAPA. This letter will include an explanation explaining off label use and the difference when using for men and women. The committee decided that they did not need to see the response before sending.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve moving androgens to the physician initiated category. Dr. Flora seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Review special services requests

The committee reviewed the special services request from **Downtown Dermatology** requesting approval of: perform excisions for epidermal cysts, normal and abnormal/dysplastic nevi, and basal cell skin cancer.

It was noted during discussion that this type application has been approved in the past with the same levels of training education and supervision.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve this application. Dr. Flora seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. Review rules

The committee then moved on to the rules review as required by the implementation of HB 284 and the five year rule review process.

Ms. Debolt explained to the committee that since PA's now have the ability to Prescribe Schedule II medications she feels that they should also be required to utilize the OARRS system just as the physicians do. She explained that 4730-2-10 would set up that requirement and establish instances in which the OARRS system should be used and has added the requirement for the physician to add OARRS usage to the quality assurance system.

Dr. Flora moved to approve this rule for filing. Dr. Steinbergh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Ms. Debolt then explained to the committee that there is a conflict in the law 3719.06 which applies to all prescribers and 4730.43 which is the PA statute regarding prescribing schedules. Section 3719.06 ORC is the statute that grants authority to prescribe and personally furnish Schedule II, III, IV, and V drugs. In HB 284, Section 3719.06, ORC, was amended to allow PAs to prescribe Schedule II drugs, but only in specific settings, While 4730.43(B), ORC is more restrictive and does not allow PAs to personally furnish schedule II's.

The committee discussed this and it was determined PA's do not need the ability to personally furnish schedule II medications and that Section 4730.46 was the more restrictive statute and would be the controlling statute and no changes or clarifications were needed in the rules.

V. Review changes to the provisional certificate to prescribe application.

Ms. Hacker informed the committee that there were just a few changes made to this application to bring it into line with the current statutes.

She stated that the 10 year route to this license had expired in 2008 and that all reference to that had been removed. The application is now asking for email address and dates of degree(s) received.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve the new application. Dr. Flora seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

VI. Review draft model supervisory plan application for Orthopedic practices.

Ms. Bowlby explained to the committee that she and Ms. Adamson had met with orthopedic physicians and formulated this application after much discussion which injections they felt were and were not acceptable for PA's to perform utilizing the enclosed training education and supervision. Dr. Flora asked the names of the physicians that worked on this application. Ms. Bowlby indicated that she did not have a list of names with her. She explained that they were volunteers from the orthopedic membership. Dr. Flora stated that he felt this application needed to go to the Orthopedic Association for their comments and approval before this committee considered it. Dr. Steinbergh stated that she did not like the format and wanted it to be reformatted. Ms. Adamson stated that this application was modeled after the approved model plan for cryotherapy and that they worked diligently to keep it in line with the format of that application. Ms. Debolt informed the committee that they did not need to say that it was approved by the orthopedic association and could consider it as it is. The committee also requested that the words board eligible be changed to board qualified. They asked that a quality assurance check list be added to the application. Dr. Flora stated that he had a good example of a quality assurance checklist that they could use for a guideline. Dr. Steinbergh requested that there be some peer review literature and outcome based literature included as part of the content and objectives of a didactic program.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to table this application pending these clarifications and changes. Dr. Flora seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned by Ms. Bowlby at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 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 June 11, 2013.

Melissa Bowlby, PA-C
Chair, PAPC

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