

Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners'
Committee on Physician Assistants
January 10, 2014

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants was held in the Poplar Conference Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

Members Present: Omar Nava, PA-C - Chair
James Montag, PA-C - Vice Chair
Benjamin Hux, OPA-C - Secretary
Donna Lynch, PA-C
Beverly Joan Gardner, PA-C
Anne Arney, Public Member

Members Not Present: Brett Reeves, PA-C

Staff Present: Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Assistant General Counsel
Jason Hill, Administrator
Marsha Arnold, Administrative Director

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

Election of Officers

Mr. Montag made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hux, to nominate Omar Nava as chairman of the Committee. The motion carried.

Mr. Hux made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gardner, to nominate James Montag as vice chairman of the Committee. The motion carried.

Mr. Montag made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gardner, to nominate Benjamin Hux as secretary of the Committee, The motion carried.

Applicant Interview

Applicant Kenneth Nicely was invited to interview with the board as a result of information compiled during the application process. Mr. Montag made a motion to have Mr. Nicely complete a TN PAP evaluation and licensing will be based on the results from the evaluation, Mr. Hux seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Arney made a motion to approve the July 12, 2013 minutes, seconded by Mr. Montag. The motion passed.

Mr. Montag made a motion to approve the August 23, 2013 special meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Gardner. The motion passed.

TNPAP Report

The Committee reviewed the TNPAP report. For the reporting period July 1 through December 31, 2013, TNPAP was monitoring eight (8) practitioners.

Financial Report

Ms. Crutcher reviewed the Financial Report with the committee. She stated for FY2013 the Committee's Direct Expenditures were \$47,600.00, Allocated Expenditures were \$136,300.00, Revenue was \$221,373.00, their Net is \$85,000.00 and the carry over is \$383,939.00.

Ms. Crutcher stated the Committee may want to think about decreasing fees. The Board reviewed the spreadsheet to show the percentage of decrease and the impact it would have on the Committee.

Upon discussion, Mr. Montag made a motion to lower the renewal fee to \$175.00, seconded by Ms. Arney. The motion passed.

The Committee requested a proposal from Ms. Kathryn Moffett, Executive Director of the Tennessee Association of Physician Assistants to determine ways in which the Committee may dedicate a portion of its reserves to the education of the public and other healthcare providers about the practice of Physician Assistants.

Ratification of New Licenses and Reinstatements

Mr. Montag made a motion to ratify the list of new licenses, and reinstatements, seconded by Ms. Arney. The motion passed.

The following licensees were ratified:

New Licensees

Matty Adams
Ashley Bjork
Whitney Boyd
Laura Burchette
Adam Buzzerd

Cara Barrett
Abigail Blair
Mary Bruce
Jordan Burke
Thomas Clopton

Lauren Cordle
Robin Crowell
Heather Demaree
Karyn Earle
Nicholas Fedor
Christina Frasier
Olivia Guthrie
Joshua Hall
Brian Harner
Christina Henderson
Emily Hurd
Liji Johnson
Paul Kalina
Clayton King
Peggy King
Brian Kisner
Justin Kwon
Elizabeth Lanham
Paul Lawrence
Carrie Lewey
Amy Long
Aaron Mankin
Daniel Mays
Kendall McCarty
Catherine McClain
Casey Messer
Ashley Miller
Devin Moore
Cimaron Neel
Ashley Olson
Neha Patel
Brandon Peffer
Kelly Pickel
Julianne Ray
Nicole Reichart
Tasha Sabino
Anastasia Seeram
Danna Smith
Stephen Steffey
Clifford Syner
Jason Sharpe
Asha Vishnagara
Ashley Wallace
Lidia Yemchuk

Sarah Crook
Shane Daniell
Evan Dyer
Lauren Erickson
Carla Fisher
Ian Gunyea
Anne Hall
Mallory Harless
Joel Hayes
Grace Hudson
Monica Janac
Hillary Jones
Cindi Kauveyakul-Fox
Michelle King
Larry Kirk
Tracie Koebcke
Patricia Laird
Bradley Lasley
Nita Leblanc
Jeannie Lewis
Grace Macmorran
Donna Mayo
Wilda McClain
Laura McDaniel
Cortney McLellan
Vipaporn Millard
Danielle Mollere
Gary Nardin
Daniel Nichols
Shastina Parahoo
Alesha Payne
Danielle Pelton
Karli Qualls
Benjamin Reese
Jennifer Saale
Andrew Schaale
Karen Shaw
Laura Stanley
Michael Stewart
Kelly Taylor
Christina Turner
John Waldron
Lisa Warner
Erin Zezulka

Reinstatements

Iwaz Barwari
Tamara Lankford
Tonya Warwick

Kevin Camenisch
Brian Lovely

OGC Report

Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Assistant General Counsel, informed the Committee that there are no open cases in the Office of General Counsel.

Consent Order

Ms. Mollie Gass presented the consent order on Lisa Adams, PA-C. Ms. Gass stated the Office of General Counsel received a complaint on Ms. Adams regarding overprescribing. The discipline on her license is a reprimand and she is barred from participating in any pain management clinics. She will be taking a prescribing course at Vanderbilt and is required to pay all costs associated with processing the complaint.

Upon discussion, Ms. Arney made a motion to approve the Consent Order for Lisa Adams, PA-C, Mr. Montag seconded. The motion passed.

Investigation & Disciplinary Report

The Committee reviewed the investigations report and the disciplinary report.

Manager's Report

Ms. Arnold reported that there had been 91 new applications, 108 new licenses issued, and 3 reinstatements since the last meeting. Online renewals were 70%. The number of active licensees as of December 30, 2013 was 1,554. The total number of Orthopedic Physician Assistants as of December 30, 2013 was 24.

OPA Application

Mr. Jason Hill stated an OPA application came in and the applicant stated they have been working without a license since 1995.

Upon discussion, Mr. Montag made a motion to table the application pending an investigation and clarification of the statute, seconded by Ms. Arney. The motion passed.

Ms. Arney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Montag. The motion passed unanimously.