



**TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS’
COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**

April 17, 2015

An emergency meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’ Committee on Physician Assistants (hereinafter, “the Committee”) was held in the Iris Conference Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee on April 17, 2015 at 11:30 am (Central).

Members Present: James Montag, PA-C,
Omar Nava, PA-C, Chairman
Anne Arney, Public Member
Brett Reeves, PA-C

Members Absent: Donna Lynch, PA-C
Beverly Joan Gardner, PA-C,
Benjamin Hux, OPA,

Staff Present: Dr. Rene Saunders, Medical Director
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Assistant General Counsel
Stacy Tarr, Director
Keshia Evans, Administrator
Maegan Martin, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners
Mary Bratton, Assistant General Counsel

Applicant Interviews

Brian Starks- appeared before the Committee to address his affirmative answers to questions 5, 8, and 10 of the Physician Assistant application. Mr. Starks was disciplined by the Arizona board for failing to take proper actions and deviating from standard of care. Mr. Stark’s was place on one (1) year probation in February 2014 and received a letter of reprimand. The probation was lifted October of 2014 after completion of Continuing Medical Education course in an intensive, in-person opioid prescribing course. There have been no further incidents since that time. There

was a typographical error in the initial invitation letter; Mr. Starks received. Subsequently Mr. Starks arrived on the original date of the regularly scheduled Physician Assistant meeting. The meeting had been rescheduled for a later date to accommodate other parties. There was an emergency teleconference held to interview Mr. Starks. Mr. Montag made a motion that Mr. Stark attend Vanderbilt or comparable medical records documentation course, and supply sufficient information to Dr. Saunders for approval of course. Upon satisfactory completion license will be granted. Mr. Nava seconded motion. The motion carried.