



Approved by Board January 9, 2015

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE
December 11, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

Jennifer Van Atta, PA-C, Chair
Bruce Carlson, MD
Melissa Peng, PA-C
Ian M. Hartman, PA-C
George Koval, MD

Staff Members:

Kathleen Haley, JD, Executive Director
Nicole Krishnaswami, JD, Operations and Policy Analyst
Eric Brown, Chief Investigator
Netia N. Miles, Licensing Manager
Catherine B. Cook, Licensing Specialist

Guest:

Eric Schuman, PA-C, Oregon Society of Physician Assistants liaison, joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:10 a.m.

Ms. Van Atta announced that pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS 192.660(2)(k), the Physician Assistant Committee of the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) may convene in Executive Session to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection or information obtained as part of an investigation, including information received in confidence by the Board and Physician Assistant Committee, information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of privacy, and records which are otherwise confidential under Oregon law. The Physician Assistant Committee will reconvene in Public Session prior to taking any final action. Members of the news media may remain in the room during the Executive Session, but are directed not to report on the specific information discussed during the Executive Session.

Ms. Van Atta called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1	Update on Physician Assistants Currently Under Board Investigation Eric Brown, Chief Investigator	Van Atta
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Eric Brown, Chief Investigator updated the Committee on licensees currently under Board investigation. No action taken.

APPLICANT REVIEW

2	Exec Session ORS 192.502 (2)	Entity ID 1022140	Hartman
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends granting an active license. Forward to Full Board for approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC SESSION

3	Supervising Physician Request for Exemption of Required On-site Supervision Hours for Physician Assistant	Peng
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The Committee reviewed a request of a supervising physician (SP) regarding the minimum eight (8) hours of on-site supervision every month for the physician assistant (PA). The SP indicated only being present at the practice location for two hours every two weeks.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends supervising physician continue to perform the minimum eight (8) hours of on-site supervision every month of the physician assistant. Forward to Full Board for approval.

4	Summary of October 2-3, 2014, Board Meeting	Koval
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Dr. Koval summarized the Physician Assistant Committee portion of the October 2-3, 2014, Board meeting. No action taken.

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (OAR)

Please review the Fiscal Impact memo prior to conducting a First Review of rules.

5	OAR 847-050-0010; 847-050-0027; 847-050-0036: Supervising Physician Organizations	<i>FINAL REVIEW</i>	Van Atta
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The Committee reviewed the intent and development of the rule along with the current status of the proposed rule. The Committee discussed the public comments received, specifically the concerns around the requirement for both the primary supervising physician (SP) and the acting SPs within a supervising physician organization (SPO) to have the experience and skill in each of the areas that the physician assistant (PA) is being asked to perform. In relation to that, clarity would be required in defining the terms “primary SP” and “acting SP” as well as whether the rule inappropriately limits the use of PAs within a SPO. In addition, the Committee discussed the liability of the primary SP and the acting SPs within a SPO.

The Committee acknowledged the public’s concerns and supports further review of the rule and a public hearing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Further review and public hearing. Forward to Full Board for approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

6	OAR 847-010-0073: Reporting Requirements	<i>FIRST REVIEW</i>	Carlson
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Informational item only. No action taken.

7	Legislative Concept for Administrative Efficiencies: Bill Summary		Koval
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Informational item only. No action taken.

8	Review of New Rules Adopted in 2010: OAR 847-050-0046		Carlson
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Informational item only. No action taken.

9	September 11, 2014, PA Committee Meeting Minutes **Approved by the Full Board on October 3, 2014**		Van Atta
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The Committee requests an amendment to the Committee’s Recommendation on agenda item #4, OAR 847-050-0036: Supervising Physician Organizations, on the September 11, 2014, meeting minutes to reflect their discussion and concerns regarding the rule.

10	Future Board Meeting Dates	Van Atta
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Informational item only. No action taken.

11	Public Comment	Van Atta
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Mr. Eric Schuman, PA-C, Oregon Society of Physician Assistants liaison, gave no comments.

Ms. Van Atta adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.