



Approved by Board on July 10, 2015

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE

June 11, 2015

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
Joseph Thaler, MD, Medical Director
Nicole Krishnaswami, JD, Operations & Policy Analyst
Eric Brown, Chief Investigator
Netia N. Miles, Licensing Manager
Catherine B. Cook, Licensing Specialist

Guests:

Mr. Eric Schuman, PA-C, Oregon Society of Physician Assistants liaison, joined the meeting via teleconference call at 9:52 a.m.

Ms. Barbara Gicking, PA-C, was present onsite

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC SESSION

2	Supervision Requirements – OAR 847-050-0037: Supervision	Koval
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The Committee suggested researching national supervision levels for physician assistants to be brought back for review at the September meeting. In the interim, the Committee requests discussion of topic at the full Board meeting in July. Forward to full Board for discussion.

3	Options for Increasing State-Wide Physician Assistant Awareness and Participation with Oregon Medical Board and Physician Assistant Committee Activities	Van Atta
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Ms. Van Atta presented this topic to the Committee and requested feedback on how to achieve raising more awareness to physician assistants within the state.

Ms. Krishnaswami commented that the OMB currently has an active communications team who attempt to communicate to licensees and the general public. In addition, Ms. Haley performs various lectures throughout the state to health systems as well as graduating PA students at OHSU and Pacific University. The OMB has a quarterly newsletter and website also. Ms. Krishnaswami emphasized that the agency is actively working in these areas and are always open to suggestions.

Ms. Van Atta thanked Ms. Krishnaswami for her comments. Ms. Van Atta requested an opportunity to provide her ideas to the OMB.

The Committee had no recommendations.

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (OAR)

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

4	OAR 847-050-0010; 847-050-0027; 847-050-0036: Supervising Physician Organizations	<i>FIRST REVIEW</i>	Van Atta
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The Committee discussed the current draft of the rule.

Public member, Ms. Barbara Gicking, PA-C, suggested to the Committee to change “supervising physician” within a SPO to “member supervising physician” and add a statement that it is also the responsibility of the physician assistant to ensure that the physician assistant is receiving appropriate supervision.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends the following:

- 1) Adding statement of responsibility of the PA to ensure appropriate supervision under OAR 847-050-0036 (10);
- 2) Change the term “supervising physician of the supervising organization” to “member supervising physician” and add a definition for the new term;

- 3) Consider requiring all member supervising physicians to apply and be approved by the Board as a supervising physician;
- 4) Draft a new rule amendment for OAR 847-050-0037 (3) (c) to include a supervising physician organization (SPO) within the requirement of eight (8) hours onsite supervision;
- 5) Draft a new rule amendment for OAR 847-050-0037 to incorporate the language in proposed rule OAR 847-050-0036 (8) (a-c).

Forward to full Board for review.

Dr. Thaler left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

5	Senate Bill 905: Adds Physician Assistant to Oregon Medical Board Membership	Carlson
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Informational item only. No action taken

The Committee discussed the bill and inquired about the status of the PA Committee.

Ms. Krishnaswami commented that effective January 1, 2016, the PA Committee would be abolished and more information regarding the candidate process will be provided on the OMB website.

6	Summary of April 2-3, 2015, Board Meeting	Koval
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Informational item only. No action taken

7	March 12, 2015, PA Committee Meeting Minutes **Approved by the Full Board on April 3, 2015**	Hartman
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Informational item only. No action taken.

8	March 30, 2015, PA Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes **Approved by the Full Board on April 3, 2015**	Peng
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Informational item only. No action taken

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

10	Public Comment	Van Atta
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Mr. Eric Schuman, PA-C, Oregon Society of Physician Assistants liaison inquired on the first topic about the required eight (8) hours of onsite supervision per month. During the discussion, a statement was made that the eight hour requirement was in rule but not in statute. Mr. Schuman requested further clarification on that statement.

Ms. Krishnaswami commented that the eight (8) hour requirement is not in statute and it is up to the Board, in statute, to define what supervision is required between a physician and a PA. This is where the Committee has the ability to discuss and make recommendations to the Board on what the exact supervisory requirements are. The Legislature sets the statute and the Board has the ability to establish rules to clarify and implement what already exists in statute.

Ms. Barbara Gicking, PA-C, had no comments.

Ms. Van Atta adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.