



Approved by Board on April 3, 2015

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OFFICE

March 12, 2015

9:45 a.m.

Committee Members:

Jennifer Van Atta, PA-C, Chair
Bruce Carlson, MD
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

Melissa Peng, PA-C joined the meeting via teleconference at 9:46 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 9:46 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 1000562	Hartman
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends granting an active license based upon a recent interview between the applicant and medical director. Forward to Full Board for approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC SESSION

3	Committee Recommendation for Reappointment of Second Term	Van Atta	
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends reappointment of Melissa Peng, PA-C, for a second term. Forward to Full Board for approval.

4	Supervising Physician Request of Required On-site Supervision Hours for Physician Assistant	Carlson	
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends agency staff to obtain more information regarding the Physician Assistant’s intended practice. Forward to Full Board for review.

The Committee requested to re-evaluate supervisory requirements of part-time Physician Assistants (PAs) as well as re-evaluation and/or delineation of expectations of the eight (8) hours of on-site supervision of PAs practicing at remote/rural locations and research the supervision levels of PAs nationally for discussion at the June meeting.

5	Practice Agreements Available to the Public	Peng	
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends including practice agreements on the Physician Assistant’s license verification page along with the other existing public information. Forward to Full Board for approval.

6	Rules Hearing Update on OAR 847-050-0010; 847-050-0027; 847-050-0036: Supervising Physician Organizations	<i>HEARING OFFICER REPORT</i>	Koval
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends approval of Hearing Officer Report. Forward to Full Board for approval.

7	Summary of January 8-9, 2015, Board Meeting	Koval	
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Dr. Koval summarized the Physician Assistant Committee portion of the January 8-9, 2015, Board meeting. No action taken.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - **NO ACTION REQUIRED**

8	Emeritus Physicians Supervising Physician Assistants	Van Atta	
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Informational item only. No action taken.

9	Practice Agreement Submission Process	Carlson
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Informational item only. No action taken.

Dr. Carlson commented on the importance of both the physician assistant and supervising physician reviewing the practice agreement.

Ms. Van Atta thanked staff for streamlining the submission process for it has been a huge area of misunderstanding for the physician assistants who were not aware that they were required to go online and complete the submission.

10	SB 279 – Implementing Administrative Efficiencies: Legislative Session Update Kathleen Haley, JD, Executive Director	Van Atta
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Ms. Haley summarized Senate Bill 279 and legislative session update. No action taken.

11	OAR 847-010-0073: Reporting Requirements	<i>FINAL REVIEW</i>	Hartman
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Informational item only. No action taken.

12	Full Board Approval of Reappointment for Second Term	Van Atta
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Informational item only. No action taken.

13	Amended September 11, 2014, PA Committee Meeting Minutes **Approved by the Full Board on January 9, 2015**	Van Atta
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Informational item only. No action taken.

14	December 11, 2014, PA Committee Meeting Minutes **Approved by the Full Board on January 9, 2015**	Van Atta
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Informational item only. No action taken.

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

16	Public Comment	Van Atta
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Mr. Alan Morasch, Executive Director with the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants thanked the Committee for recognizing the value of Physician Assistants.

Ms. Van Atta adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.