

**South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners**  
**Physician Assistant Committee**  
**Minutes**

Committee Meeting of July 11, 2014  
2:00 p.m., Room 202  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

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Committee members present were:

Stephen R. Gardner, M.D. (Board of Medical Examiners *ex officio* Committee member)  
Martha R. Green, P.A. – Committee Chair  
Thomas Keith Stewart, P.A.  
William Sean Irvin, P.A.  
Stuart A. Smith, M.D.  
Christine Otruba, D.O.

Staff present were:

Debra P. Wade, PA Administrative Assistant  
April Koon, Assistant Administrator  
Sheridon Spoon, Administrator  
Hardwick “Wick” Stuart, Advice Counsel

The meeting was conducted via teleconference and called to order at 2.12 p.m. A quorum was noted as present.

1. Meeting agenda approved.
2. Minutes from the April 10, 2014 Committee meeting were approved, as amended.
3. Applicant Appearance

Douglas N. Benecke, P.A., appeared before the Committee to answer questions regarding “yes” answers to question #8 on his application, “Have you ever had a malpractice lawsuit, judgment or settlement filed against you?”, and question #14 “Have you ever been arrested, indicted or convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere for violation of any federal, state, or local law (other than a minor traffic violation)? Mr. Benecke explained the 2011 pending malpractice claim which arose while he was practicing in the military. The claim was filed against him, the Air Force hospital, and the treating physician. The applicant provided an explanation satisfactory to the Committee as to his involvement and anticipated outcome of the claim. He also provided an explanation to the Committee for a 2002 charge of disorderly conduct, which was dismissed. He further provided an explanation for a 2003 charge of furnishing beer to a minor above the age of 18, for which he pled no contest to this charge. Dr Gardner made a motion to approve licensure without condition. Dr. Otruba seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

4. Scope of Practice Guidelines:

The Committee approved 49 scopes reviewed by Mr. Stewart.  
 The Committee approved 18 scopes reviewed by Dr. Gardner.  
 The Committee approved 13 scopes reviewed by Mr. Irvin.  
 The Committee approved 54 scopes reviewed by Ms. Green.

[There were no scopes identified for further discussion or additional information.]

5. Temporary to Permanent Applicants: The Committee officially recommended for approval 53 applicants for permanent licensure.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Supervising Physician</u>	<u>Interviewing Bd. Member</u>
1.	Helen Turk	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Louis E Costa II
2.	Thuy Ho	<b>Dr. Emmanuel O Edosomwan</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
3.	Sarah M Kuehn	<b>Dr. Martin M Henegar</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
4.	Sara L Frye	<b>Dr. Wilson P Daugherty</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
5.	Jessica Stevens	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
6.	Tyler E Hatchell	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
7.	Anna M Heelan	<b>Dr. Carlos A Cordero</b>	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
8.	Tracie L Warren	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
9.	Marvin Wade	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jim Chow
10.	Cheryl Dunlop	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jim Chow
11.	Amy Poppe	<b>Dr. James K Frost</b>	Dr. Jim Chow
12.	Kelly Hughes	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
13.	Adam Callaham	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Louis E Costa II
14.	Abigail Tracy	<b>Dr. J Robert Gavin Jr</b>	Dr. Louis E Costa II
15.	Alexandra Wallace	<b>Dr. Thomas Leong</b>	Dr. Timothy J Kowalski
16.	Christopher Edenfield	<b>Dr. William C Calton Jr</b>	Dr. Timothy J Kowalski
17.	Virginia Foote	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
18.	Katherine Nystrom	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
19.	Elmer Stamper	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
20.	Andrew Donnan	<b>Dr. Sanjitpal S Gill</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
21.	Amanda Absher	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
22.	Russell Marcus	<b>Dr. Cathryn McAlpine</b>	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
23.	Cynthia Stover	<b>Dr. Bradley Swenson</b>	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
24.	Gina Doman	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
25.	Mrs. Blair Wade	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
26.	Laura Justen	<b>Dr. Joe Bernard Jr</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
27.	Patricia Lacy	<b>Dr. Douglas Wyland</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
28.	Eric Rayburn	<b>Dr. Patrick Jordan</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
29.	Melania Velasquez	<b>Dr. Erin Switzer</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
30.	Andrea Hill	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
31.	Mark Shepherd	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
32.	Melissa Harper	<b>Dr. Don E Williamson</b>	Dr. Jim Chow

33.	Jesse Shuff	<b>Dr. Bounthavy Homsombath</b>	Dr. Jim Chow
34.	Patricia Mulder	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jim Chow
35.	Catherine Tumbleson	<b>Dr. Donald Fowler Sr</b>	Dr. Robert E Turner III
36.	Scott Petersen	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
37.	Megan Ackerson	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
38.	Meredith Maxwell	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
39.	Natalie Miller	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
40.	Robert Ridgeway IV	<b>Dr. Wilmot McCollough III</b>	Dr. Robert E Turner III
41.	Kathryn Seitz	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
42.	Katherine Collar	<b>Dr. Vasant Patel</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
43.	Christopher Powers	<b>Dr. Scott O’Neal</b>	Dr. James L Hubbard
44.	Ashley Schneider	<b>Dr. Douglas Wallace</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
45.	Paula Miksa	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Robert E Turner III
46.	Kian Morris	<b>Dr. Krishna Gumidyala</b>	Dr. Robert E Turner III
47.	Karin McGee	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Timothy J Kowalski
48.	Mary Leonardi	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Timothy J Kowalski
49.	Jeremy Freitas	<b>Dr. Patrick Murray</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
50.	Ryan Callihan	<b>Dr. Steven McAlpine</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
51.	Caitlin Tuggle	<b>Dr. Donald Johnson II</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
52.	Kerry Shuffelbottom	<b>No Supervisor</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
53.	Brandon Miller	<b>Dr. Carlos Soto</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh

6. Additional Task Requests

- a. Meghan E. Biggers, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Patrick J. O’Neill, requested an Additional Task for Filler Injections.

After discussion, Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve this request so long as the Physician Assistant is well supervised with a very attendant supervising physician in a safe practice. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. Tara A. Reiss, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Benjamin A. Hester, Jr., requested an Additional Task for Prescribing Anabolic Steroids (Testosterone for Hormone Deficiency, i.e. Testosterone Cypionate/Topical Testosterone/etc.).

After discussion, Mrs. Green made a motion to approve this request if the applicant provides an updated Scope of Practice with more detail as to the specific medical conditions and parameters for prescribing anabolic steroids. Mr. Irvin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- c. Kristy L. A. Carruthers, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Arthur M. Freedman, requested an Additional Task for Moderate (Conscious) Sedation, Direct Supervision.

After discussion, Mr. Irvin made a motion to deny the request based upon patient safety issues and lack of information provided regarding direct supervision. Applicant may provide more information for further consideration. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. Doctor's Care inquiry. Appearing: Johnnie L. Davis Jr. RN, BSN, Quality Improvement Director, Doctor's Care, and Dr. Terry King, Regional Director, Doctor's Care.

The Committee heard a presentation and request for guidance from Doctor's Care as to the question whether a supervising physician may authorize a Physician Assistant the task of delegating medication administration to an unlicensed person pursuant to a standard Scope of Practice?

After discussion, Mr. Keith made a motion to deny the request. Dr. Otruba seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The Committee recommends that the entity review S.C. Code 40-47-30. Also, they may add specifics to the individual scope of practice for specific drugs. The Committee recommends that the existing individual scope of practice approval protocol is adequate to address this situation.

## 8. CHAIR REPORT AND ADMINISTRATOR'S DISCUSSION

### Physician Assistant Committee Meeting Dates for 2015

After discussion, Dr. Gardner made a motion to approve the 2015 Physician Assistant Committee meeting dates. Mr. Irvin seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The 2015 dates are January 9<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>

### Scope of Practice assignments to Committee Members

After discussion, Keith Stewart agreed to assist Dr. Smith, and Martha Green agreed to assist Dr. Otruba with review of Scope of Practice Guidelines.

### Physician Assistant Committee Contact Information

Committee members reviewed their contact information and will provide any changes to Ms. Wade.

There being no further business, Ms. Green made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra P. Wade  
Administrative Assistant