

South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners
Physician Assistant Committee
Minutes

Committee Meeting of April 10, 2015
2:00 p.m., Room 202
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Committee members present were:

Stephen R. Gardner, M.D. (Board of Medical Examiners *ex officio* Committee member)
Martha R. Green, P.A. – Committee Chair
Jack F. Scheuer, Jr. M.D. – Vice-Chair
Thomas Keith Stewart, P.A.
William Sean Irvin, P.A.

Staff present were:

Debra P. Wade, PA Administrative Assistant
Sheridon Spoon, Administrator
Alex Imgrund, Advice Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 2.08 p.m. A quorum was noted as present.

1. Meeting agenda approved.
2. Minutes from the January 9, 2015 Committee meeting were approved, as amended.
3. Recommendation for board reappointment of Consumer Member Stacey E. Day was approved for a second term commencing January 1, 2015.
4. The committee noted that member Jack F. Scheuer, Jr. M.D.'s final term expired on January 1, 2015. As a result, the committee was asked to recommend to the board a new committee member. Dr. Scheuer will serve on the committee until his successor is appointed.
5. Election of 2015 Officers [Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary]
Martha R. Green, P.A. was re-elected as Chair.
William Sean Irvin, P.A. newly elected as Vice-Chair.
Thomas Keith Stewart, P.A. newly elected as Secretary
6. Scope of Practice Guidelines:

The Committee approved 15 scopes reviewed by Mr. Stewart.
The Committee approved 50 scopes reviewed by Dr. Gardner.
The Committee approved 0 scopes reviewed by Dr. Scheuer.
The Committee approved 18 scopes reviewed by Dr. Smith.
The Committee approved 32 scopes reviewed by Ms. Green.
The Committee approved 42 scopes reviewed by Mr. Irvin.
The Committee approved 1 scopes reviewed by Dr. Otruba.

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

7. Temporary to Permanent Applicants: The Committee officially recommended for approval 44 applicants for permanent licensure.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Supervising Physician</u>	<u>Interviewing Bd. Member</u>
1.	Erin Elizabeth Clover	Amin, Vimalkumar P	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
2.	Randy Dwayne Bell	Putnam, Ryan Michael	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
3.	Amme Rachel Thompson	Blue, Matthew Benjamin	Dr. James L Hubbard
4.	Anne Marie Hendrix	No Supervisor	Dr. James L Hubbard
5.	Lisa Marie Daniels	Schaffer, Richard S. Jr.	Dr. James L Hubbard
6.	Linda Marie Laforce	Cordero, Carlos Alberto	Dr. Jim C. Chow
7.	Lesli P Woodall	No Supervisor	Dr. Jim C. Chow
8.	Amy Britain Krahl	Neidenbach, Peter John	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
9.	Colin Stuart Turnnidge	No Supervisor	Dr. Robert E Turner Iii
10.	Nichole Susanna Fortin	Oliver, Bradley Thomas	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
11.	Jillian Marie Gross	Ikonomidis, John Sotirios	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
12.	Jason Paul Gajdzis	No Supervisor	Dr. James L Hubbard
13.	Michelle Lauren Wirt	Roberts, Brian Jefferson	Dr. Robert E Turner Iii
14.	Katie Shaw Gardner	Pangia, Jonathan Edward	Dr. Robert E Turner Iii
15.	Katie Privett Stone	No Supervisor	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
16.	Tony Nelson Mccurry Jr	No Supervisor	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
17.	Brooke Sarah Plewinski	No Supervisor	Dr. Jim C. Chow
18.	Jessica Leigh Casey	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
19.	J Belinda Robarge	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
20.	Carey Marion Amato	No Supervisor	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
21.	Caitlin Elizabeth Azzarello	No Supervisor	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
22.	Kathryn Dare Mccurry	Irimies, Bogdan Mihai	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
23.	Megan Muth Nicholas	Lim, Chi Hun	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
24.	Jamin Allen Parnell	No Supervisor	Dr. Anne Cook
25.	Earleisha Camille Felder	Jones, Conigliaro	Dr. Stephen I. Schabel
26.	Richard Arthur Pasquarella Jr	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
27.	Meghan Mangrelli	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
28.	Mary Alice Kent	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
29.	Claire Elizabeth Murphy	Bisset, Wendy Everly	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
30.	Della Sue Reynolds	Jones, Mark Allen	Dr. James L Hubbard
31.	Jenna Michelle Schreiner	Monaghan, Renee Aurich	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
32.	Dean Albert Muscarella	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
33.	Laura Brittney Livergood	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
34.	Frank Edward Dorn	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
35.	Dennis Alan Palmer	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
36.	Anne Elizabeth Buck	Frisch, Richard Francis Jr	Dr. Jim C. Chow
37.	Michael Collins Hadley	Tribble, Reid Warren	Dr. Jim C. Chow

38.	Loretta Ann Parham	Mccord, Cedric Fernard	Dr. Jim C. Chow
39.	Andrew John Palmer	No Supervisor	Dr. Jeffrey Welsh
40.	David Scott Ebert	Rekito, Anthony W.	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
41.	Carrie Sue Knipe	No Supervisor	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
42.	Wesley Gordon Patterson	No Supervisor	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
43.	Paul Michael Linnert	Hughes, Charles Haskell Jr	Dr. Stephen R Gardner
44.	Whitney Alexandra Jeffrey	Hults, Christopher Mark	Dr. Stephen I. Schabel

8. Additional Task Requests

- a. Kalen Ashford, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Todd E. Schlesinger, requested an Additional Task for Neurotoxin Injection.

After discussion, Mr. Stewart 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. Irvin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- b. Lauren S. George, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Richard S. Chesser, requested an Additional Task for Accutane Prescriptive Authority.

After discussion, Dr. Scheuer, Jr. made a motion to approve the request contingent upon the Physician Assistant providing a copy of the manufacturer certificate of completion to prescribe Accutane, as well as a copy of the signed *I Pledge* Agreement form. Mr. Irvin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- c. Brittany W. Tucker, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Adam J. Keefer, requested an Additional Task for Use of Nayag Laser for Vein Removal, Hair Removal and Skin Tightening.

After discussion, Dr. Gardner made a motion to approve the request so long as the Physician Assistant is well supervised with a very attendant supervising physician in a safe practice. Dr. Scheuer, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- d. Fritz F. Frye, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. James M. Vest, requested an Additional Task for Inclusion of Anabolic steroids-testosterone for the purpose of hormone replacement therapy, and for Inclusion of combination products of antibiotic with ophthalmic steroids.

After discussion, Ms. Green made a motion to approve the request for Anabolic steroids-testosterone for the purpose of hormone replacement therapy with appropriate monitoring of the blood/serum hormone levels to be completed three (3) months after the initial therapy treatment, with a follow-up every twelve (12) months as long as the patient receives the Anabolic steroids. The Physician Assistant is to be well supervised with a very attendant supervising physician in a safe practice, with emphasizes on patient safety. Mr. Irvin seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Ms. Green also made a motion to approve inclusion of combination products of antibiotic with ophthalmic steroids. Mr. Irvin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- e. Martha R. Green, P.A. Chair recused herself from discussion and voting. Committee member Mr. William Sean Irvin, P.A. presided over this portion of the meeting.

Martha R. Green, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Christine Case, requested an Additional Task for IUD Insertion (ParaGard/Mirena/Skyla/Liletta).

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

9. Requests for Off-Site Practice

- f. Jane R. Gunter, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Tracela C. Vaden, requested off-site practice for fifteen (15) miles from practice site. After discussion, Mrs. Green made a motion that approval is not necessary with dual licensure. For the record on-site approval for the South Carolina practice site address “**only.**” Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- g. Elmer F. Stamper, Jr., P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Louie A. Anquilo, requested off-site practice twenty-six (26) miles from practice site. After discussion, Mrs. Green made a motion that approval is not necessary with dual licensure. For the record on-site approval for the South Carolina practice site address “**only.**” Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- h. Heather E. Shiflett, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Jason P. Hillman, requested off-site practice for twelve (12) miles from practice site. After discussion, Mrs. Green made a motion that approval is not necessary with dual licensure. For the record on-site approval for the South Carolina practice site address “**only.**” Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- i. Jessica J. Ambrose, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Dana P. Giarrizzi, requested off-site practice for Home Visits, Non-Emergent Family Care. After discussion, Dr. Gardner made a motion to deny the request as it is not acceptable at this time. This request requires a very specific scope of practice, physician accountability, initial examination of the patient by the physician, establishment for the need for patient care, and a safe harbor for patient care, for the Physician Assistant, and for the physician. Dr. Scheuer seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved the recommendations for denial.
- j. Mark A. Giarrizzi, P.A. Supervising physician: Dr. Dana P. Giarrizzi, requested off-site practice for Home Visits, Non-Emergent Family Care. After discussion, Dr. Gardner made a motion to deny the request as it is not acceptable at this time. This request requires a very specific scope of practice, physician accountability, initial examination of the patient by the physician, establishment for the need for patient care, and a safe harbor for patient care, for the Physician Assistant, and for the physician. Dr. Scheuer seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved the recommendations for denial.

10. Review and Discussion of Template Scopes of Practice

The Committee reviewed the existing scopes of practice as edited by the subcommittee established for this task and made further edits. The administrator noted these changes and will send the most recent versions of all 18 scopes to the committee and to the board for review at its May 2015 meeting.

11. Discussion: S.C. Code 40-47-965[A] [6] (A-E)

Rebecca Zerwick Johnson MPAS, PA-C, SCAPA Legislative Chair addressed the Committee requesting assistance as to the issue of pharmacies not filling Physician Assistant Controlled Substances Schedule 2 prescriptions because they do not view continuing a patient on a pain medication from the hospital to outpatient as “continuation of therapy.” After discussion, Alex Imgrund, Advice Counsel for Pharmacy and Medical Examiners informed Ms. Johnson the Pharmacy board will again include this information in its May 2015 newsletter. *“The SC Board of Medical Examiners does not interpret the language of the PA Practice Act as amended to impose an obligation upon the pharmacy in question to verify compliance with 40-47-965. Licensees under the SC Board of Medical Examiners, supervising physicians and physician assistants are expected to comply with the Medical Practice Act 40-47-965, and are subject to discipline if they do not. Pharmacies may or may not implement their own verification systems for prescriptions in accordance with the pharmacy practice act; to include, recommendation that the physician needs to co-sign on refill prescriptions.”*

12. CHAIR REPORT AND ADMINISTRATOR’S DISCUSSION

Ms. Green informed the Committee she will update SCAPA as to when the revised scope of practice templates are approved by SCBME, and available on SCBME website. The committee decided that the revised standard scopes will appear on the SCBME webpage solely.

Ms. Green made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm. Dr. Scheuer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra P. Wade
Administrative Assistant