

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:32 p.m. on Tuesday November 3, 2015.

Committee members present: Anita Steinbergh, D.O.; James Fry, PA-C; Robert Zaayer, PA-C; Irina Petty, PA-C; and Donald Roberts

Staff members present: Sallie Debolt, Michael Miller, and Cathy Hacker

Guests: Beth Adamson, OAPA; Kay Rieve, Nate Crylen

I. Review of the October 13, 2015 minutes:

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve the minutes from the October 13 , 2015 meeting as amended. Mr. Zaayeer seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review proposed changes to the rules

1. Proposed Rule 4731-14-01: Pronouncement of Death

Discussed whether the specific statutory limitations on a PA's declaration of death should be included in the rule. However, PAPC recommends that in lieu of adding the specifics to the rule a guidance document should be created to clearly spell out the specific statutory limitations on the PA's authority to declare death. PAPC recommends that the proposed rule be circulated to interested parties for comment.

2. Chapter 4731-26

Rule 4731-26-01 – recommendations for amending two of the definitions

- 4731-26-01(C) defines "Patient" and states that once the physician/patient relationship is created it exists until it is termination. PAPC recommends adding a reference to the termination rule to facilitate understanding of when the relationship is terminated.
- 4731-26-01(G) defines "Intimate examination." PAPC recommends delete references to the gender of the patient. It would read: "Intimate examination" means an examination of the pelvic area, genitals, rectum, breast, or prostate.

3. 4730-1-06: Licensure as a physician assistant. PAPC had no changes, but the rule is not yet ready for circulation in that questions remain concerning acceptable continuing education providers.

4. 4730-1-08: Physician assistant delegation of medical tasks and administration of drugs. PAPC recommends that the proposed rule be approved for circulation to interested parties.

I. Review of proposed guidance documents

1. Physician Assistant Services
2. Physician Assistant Prescriptive Authority
3. Supervision of a Physician Assistant

Mr. Zaayer moved to approve these rules and guidance documents. Mr. Fry seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. New business

Mr. Miller informed the committee that the Board will be soon implementing a new computer system that will require all applications to be submitted online through the new system. This will help to standardize the applications and the internal review process. The applications for the license and the prescribing will become one application and one license. He further stated that with this new legislation that staff is working on a system that would be a webform submitted online for the supervision agreements. He noted that the goal was to go live with PA's and supervision agreement on the new system on December 14, 2015.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned by Mr. Fry at approximately 2:50 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

I hereby attest that these are the true and accurate minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board of Ohio, meeting on November 3, 2015.

James Fry, PA-C, Chair, PAPC