

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:36 p.m. on Tuesday February 12, 2013.

Committee members present: Sean Stiltner, D.O.; Eric Luckage; Teresa Hoffman, Pham. D.; David Ballinger, P.A.-C.; James Fry, P.A.-C; Anita Steinbergh, D.O.; and Melissa Bowlby, P.A.-C.;

Staff members present: Kay Rieve, Sallie Debolt, and Cathy Hacker

Guests: Beth Adamson, Executive Director, OAPA.

I. Review of the January 8, 2013 minutes.

Mr. Ballinger began the meeting by requesting the approval of the minutes.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2013 PAPA meeting.
Ms. Bowlby seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Formulary Review

The committee began the meeting by discussing the changes that need to occur as a result of the passage of H.B. 284 that will allow PA's to prescribe schedule II medication as well as taking the formulary out of the rules making process.

There was discussion on the request from Dr. Pacenta to add sotalol, flecainide and propafenone to the formulary in the CTP may prescribe category.

The committee noted that amiodarone was already in the physician initiated category. The committee felt that sotalol, flecainide and propafenone needed to be in the same category so they were added to the formulary in the physician initiated category. Ms. Hoffman stated that these medications are first line agents and if they are not working the patient would need to consult with the physician for a change in their medication. Mr. Fry noted that any major changes to physician initiated medications will require a consultation with the physician. Mr. Ballinger stated that each physician can always further restrict the physician assistant's prescribing abilities.

The committee then moved on to discuss Mr. Fry's email requesting that the committee discuss HIV drugs within the formulary. Mr. Fry stated that he wants these drugs easier to find within the document. Ms. Debolt informed the committee that the staff is working on making the formulary a more user friendly document on the website.

The committee then moved on to the copy of the nurse practitioner formulary to compare it to the PA formulary as it relates to Schedule II medications. Ms. Debolt informed the committee that the language on page 17 of the agenda is straight from the statute and will need to be reflected in the new PA formulary for prescribing opioids for the treatment of drug addiction and the restrictions that will apply. Dr. Stiltner recommended adding amphetamines to the physician initiated category and the other committee members agreed.

Ms. Debolt pointed out that the Medical Board has specific rules regarding prescribing diet drugs. The committee then moved to the Opioid Analgesics section of the formulary and added the Schedule II Analgesics section of the nurse practitioner formulary to the PA formulary as CTP holder may prescribe a 7 day maximum for initial therapy with a schedule II medication or in an institutional setting per the institutional standards. For Schedule II medications that are being prescribed for more than a 7 day period the medication must be physician initiated.

Mr. Fry stated that he had received a request from the Lotronex Company to have its brand name of medication listed on the formulary to make it easier to discern whether or not PA's were able to prescribe this medication. Ms. Hoffman indicated that this is an anti-diarrheal medication and is already listed within that class of medications on the formulary. The committee then looked at the anti-constipation medications and noted that lubiprostone was a name brand medication and was removed as it falls into the category of medications and did not need to be listed separately.

Dr. Stiltner moved to approve these changes to the formulary. Dr. Steinbergh seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion was carried.

III. Changes to the Physician Assistant Certificate to Prescribe Application

Ms. Hacker explained to the committee that this application had been presented to them at the January 2013 meeting for approval. After the meeting she noticed that in Section 3 for the out of state prescriptive authority she had neglected to add the request to verify that the applicant also possessed an ARC-PA approved Master's degree. She informed the committee that the only changes that were made and were being considered today were to Section 3 of the instructions and section 3b in the application itself.

Dr. Stiltner moved to approve the changes to the application. Ms. Bowlby seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned by Mr. Ballinger at approximately 2:34 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

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 February 12, 2013.

David Ballinger, PA-C
Chair, PAPC

Copies of documents and/or materials referenced in the minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting are available at the Board offices.