

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:44 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

Committee members present: John Jonesco, D.O.; Eugene Imbrogno, M.D.; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.; David Ballinger, PA-C.; Lance Talmage, M.D.; Anquetette Sloan, Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.; and Kevin Mitchell, R. Ph.

Staff members present: Kay Rieve, Michael Miller, and Sallie Debolt.

I. Review of the September 12, 2006 Minutes.

The committee noted that on page 2, paragraph 5, the word pan should be plan and in paragraph 7 & 8 Biannually should be annually and paragraph 10 there should be their.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the September 12, 2006 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee as amended. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of Specials Services Plan amendment.

The committee considered the request from Knox Cardiology that requested to amend their previously approved special services application to include 1% off site supervision. The committee stated that this procedure requires onsite supervision.

Dr. Talmage moved to deny this request to amend. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Review of changes to the Addendum to the Physician Assistant Supervision Agreement application.

The committee reviewed the changes to the Addendum to the Physician Assistant Supervision Agreement application. They requested that there be additional spaces added to the back of the form for more physician signatures.

Mr. Ballinger moved to approve the Addendum to the Physician Assistant Supervision Agreement application with the one amendment. Mrs. Sloan seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. Review of the Ohio Board of Nursing Formulary.

Ms. Debolt joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Miller stated that this will be the biggest hurdle in that the committee needs to consider whether or not to accept the nursing Board formulary. He further pointed out that this formulary has physician initiated drugs, drugs that would require a physician consult and that this formulary does not contain the therapeutic devices as specified in 4730.39.

Mr. Zaayer noted that the Nursing Board formulary includes medications that the nurse can only write for if he/she has a specialty certificate and that PA's do not have specialty certificates. This formulary also has some medications that PA's would not be able to prescribe because it would be beyond their scope or prescriptive ability.

There was discussion of forming a formulary committee or subcommittee specifically for creating and maintaining the formulary for physician assistants. Dr. Jonesco stated that the Nursing Board put a lot of work into this formulary and that we do not need to reinvent the wheel and that it would also be easier for the pharmacists to deal with one formulary.

V. Discussion & Review draft rules

The committee discussed and recommended the following changes to the draft physician assistant rules.

In discussing 4730-01-01(H) there was some discussion as to whether or not nursing homes fell under the health care facility setting and somewhere that the physician "routinely" practices. The committee has recommended that staff get some better information as to where nursing homes fall in the credentialing process, are they a health care facility or office based practice and how does that fall into the routinely practices setting scenario. This could potentially limit the PA's practice if the physician does not routinely practice in the nursing home and suddenly have to admit a patient to a nursing home.

After much discussion the committee recommended the following amendments to the draft rules:

The committee recommended removing 4730-01-02(B)(3)(d) because it causes too much confusion.

The committee reviewed draft rules 4730-01-05, 4730-01-06, 4730-02-01, 4730-02-02, 4730-02-03, 4730-02-05, 4730-02-09 and were satisfied with the content.

The committee then reviewed new draft rule 4730-01-07 and noted that it references rules already in effect under 4731.

The committee then reviewed draft rule 4730-02-04(C) and recommended amending this rule to reflect either one year or twelve months to be consistent. The rule starts out referring to twelve months and ends by saying one year.

The committee discussed the need to try to give equivalency to out of state applicants so that they would not have to do the provisional prescribing period. It was noted that the other states prescriptive authority may be different from ours and that this would be the opportunity to ensure that the out of state PA has the ability to prescribe according to Ohio law.

The committee then discussed draft rule 4730-02-07 and noted that these apply to both the provisional and full certificate to prescribe.

Mr. Mitchell recommended that in 4730-02-07(F) requiring some sort of phone number be on the prescription pad so that if there is a problem with the prescription the PA would be easier to contact. It was the consensus of the members that the telephone number is already required pursuant to the Pharmacy Board rules.

The committee noted that in 4730-02-08(B)(2)(a) there are typos in antifungal and antibiotics and requested that they be corrected.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday October 10, 2006.

I hereby attest that these are true and accurate minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board of Ohio, meeting on October 10, 2006.

Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C
Chair

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