

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:44 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

Committee members present: John Jonesco, D.O.; Michael Bowen, P.A.-C.; David Ballinger, PA-C.; Lance Talmage, M.D.; Anquetette Sloan, Robert Zaayer, P.A.-C.; and Debra Parker, Pharm.D.

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

I. Review of the October 10, 2006 Minutes.

Mrs. Sloan moved to approve the October 10, 2006 minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee as amended. Mr. Bowen seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Review of Special Services Plan applications.

The committee considered the special services requests from Affiliated Dermatology that requested approval of their PA's to perform light based treatment therapy for vascular and pigmented lesions and UVB excimer laser treatments for psoriasis.

The committee noted that these procedures are prohibited by 4731-18-02(C) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Mrs. Sloan moved to deny these requests. Mr. Bowen seconded. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

III. Review of Draft Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 4731-16 and 4731-28

Mr. Miller informed the committee that these rules were being presented to this committee as required under the new PA law that states that the PAPC must receive and recommend approval of any new rules that affect physician assistant practice.

The committee reviewed 4731-16 through 4731-28 Ohio Administrative Code and recommended approval as written.

IV. Discussion & Review draft rules

The committee discussed Draft rules 4730-01-01 through 4730-01-04, 4730-01-06 and recommended approval as written and moving them to the physician assistant committee in December.

The Committee discussed 4730-01-05 and recommended adding language to reflect the need for quality assurance for prescribing.

The Committee recommended that in 4730-01-07(B) there be a reference to Chapter 4730-13 in addition to the other Chapters referenced in the rule.

The committee recommended approval of 4730-01-05 and 4730-01-07 as amended.

The committee discussed Draft rules 4730-02-01, 4730-02-08 and 4730-02-03 through 4730-02-05 and recommended approval as written and moving them to the physician assistant committee in December.

Mr. O'Donnell told the committee that he has received correspondence from the American Academy of Physician Assistants that has concerns with 4730-02-02. The concerns are that physician assistants entering this state from another may have several years prescribing experience and these requirements as drafted would be burdensome for them. Mr. O'Donnell asked that a rule be written to give special consideration to those individuals applying for a certificate to prescribe from another state or jurisdiction that would absolve them from having to do the additional educational requirements. Mr. O'Donnell offered to write a draft amendment to this rule.

The committee tabled rule 4730-02-02 until draft language could be written regarding out of state applicants.

The committee then recommended adding language to 4730-02-07(F) and 4730-02-09(B)(7)(a) that would require the name of the supervising physician on each prescription.

The committee recommended approval of 4730-02-07(F) and 4730-02-09(B)(7)(a) as amended.

Dr. Talmage moved to approve all of the above rules, as discussed with the exception of 4730-02-02, for forwarding to the Board's PA committee. Dr. Jonesco seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Ms. Debolt reported that it had recently been discovered that a rule concerning Special Services plans in needed. A draft rule will be presented for discussion at the December PAPC meeting.

V. *Review of the Ohio Board of Nursing Formulary.*

The committee then moved on to discuss the formulary as written by the Ohio Board of Nursing for the Advance Practice Nurses and how this Board may be able to adapt it to accommodate the needs of the Physician Assistants.

The committee noted that the “legend” in the Nursing Board formulary needs to be rewritten to accommodate the dependent practice relationship between physicians and physician assistants. It was also noted that the way that the categories are listed in this formulary do not necessarily reflect the needs of a dependent practice relationship. After much discussion it was recommended that everyone consider these issues and bring recommendations to the next meeting as to the different categories that the medications should fall into.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday November 7, 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 November 7, 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.