



Arizona Medical Board and Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE BIENNIAL JOINT OFFICERS MEETING OF THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD AND ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS

Held on Monday, June 13, 2016

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Arizona Medical Board Officers

James M. Gillard, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.A.E.M., Chair
R. Screven Farmer, M.D., Vice-Chair
Jodi A. Bain, Esq., Secretary

Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants Officers

Geoffrey W. Hoffa, D.H.S.c., P.A.-C, DFAAPA, Chair
Myles A. Whitfield, P.A.-C, Vice-Chair

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Gillard called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Dr. Gillard, Dr. Farmer, Ms. Bain, Dr. Hoffa and PA Whitfield.

ALSO PRESENT

Present among Board staff include: Carrie Smith, AAG; Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Fredrickson, Deputy Director; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; and Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no individuals that addressed the Board during the Call to the Public.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: PA Hoffa moved to approve the August 20, 2015 teleconference meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Farmer.

VOTE: 5-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Update on Shared Staff and Operations

Ms. McSorley reported that the Boards currently have 49 full time employees. The allotted number of full time employees is 58.5. The legislature provided for three additional full time employees to facilitate the new temporary licenses created this last session. The legislation allotted the Board \$50,000 with additional money to be allotted in

the next fiscal year. The budget for this year is \$6,426,000; which has not changed from last year. Ms. McSorley reported the lobbyist and PHP contracts are up for renewal at the end of this year and that the Boards are in the second year of a three year contract with GL Solutions.

- Implementation of the LEAN Initiative at the Agency

Ms. McSorley reported that the Governor's Office invited the licensing department to participate in the LEAN Initiative. The LEAN initiative has streamlined the licensing process and reduced the number of days it takes to issue a license. The staff will utilize the LEAN Initiative to create streamlining solutions for the rest of the Agency.

F. DISCUSSION REGARDING ISSUES OF JOINT AGENCY INTEREST

- Status of ARBoPA Membership with Federation of State Medical Boards

Dr. Hoffa reported ARBoPA resigned its membership from the Federation of State Medical Boards ("FSMB") due to limited opportunity for leadership roles and the lack of voting rights within the organization. Dr. Hoffa stated ARBoPA would remain open to rejoining FSMB in the future. Dr. Hoffa reported that he was appointed as chairperson of the committee for American Academy of Physician Assistants and he intends to have quarterly meetings in the future for discussing how to promote and improve PA practice through regulatory strategy.

- Issues Surrounding Proposed Health Regulatory Board Transfer and Consolidation

Ms. McSorley reported that HB 2501 did not pass this legislative session but that in the future there will be some form of consolidation of all health care regulatory boards.

- Proposed Process for Reporting Results to ARBoPA Regarding Supervising Physicians Referred to the AMB for Investigation

Dr. Hoffa stated that it would be helpful to have feedback on actions taken towards a referred physician by ARBoPA to the AMB. Ms. Smith stated confidentiality provisions that exist in both Boards statutes prevent from reporting more than the final resolution and the public minutes. Ms. McSorley stated Board staff can facilitate the follow up process.

- SB 1096 (medical radiologic technology), Regarding Impact on Physician Assistant Scope of Practice

Dr. Hoffa reported SB 1096 has settled the question of whether PAs could perform fluoroscopy and given jurisdiction to ARBoPA regarding physicians performing fluoroscopy. Dr. Gillard agrees that a PA using fluoroscopy can be beneficial.

- Concerns Regarding Delegation Agreements with Supervising Physicians

Dr. Hoffa stated that the ARBoPA has been seeing some standard delegation agreements that are unclear on physician assistant scope of practice. Dr. Hoffa opined it may be beneficial to have more specific requirements for delegation agreements. PA Whitfield opined that a broad delegation agreement improves the utilization of physician assistants. However, the delegation agreements need to be renewed on an annual basis. Dr. Gillard agreed with PA Whitfield that delegation agreements must be signed every year.

G. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEXT JOINT OFFICERS' MEETING

- Discussion of Dates for Future Meeting

Dr. Hoffa suggests having the next Joint Officers meeting in October and the Executive Director Selection and Retention Committee meeting in December. Dr. Gillard requested Board staff to schedule the next meeting through email for early to mid-November.

- Discussion of Topics for Future Meeting
 - ED Selection and Retention Committee Meeting

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: PA Whitfield.

VOTE: 5-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director