



Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants

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FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE Held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room 4100 • Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Board Members

Myles A. Whitfield, P.A.-C, Chair
Randy D. Danielsen, PhD, P.A., D.F.A.A.P.A. Vice Chair
Carole A. Crevier
Thomas E. Kelly, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.
Sheldon G. Liechty, P.A.-C
John J. Shaff, PA-C, DFAAPA
Jacqueline J. Spiegel, M.S., P.A.-C, D.F.A.A.P.A.
Patrick J. Van Zanen

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Whitfield called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Chairman Whitfield, Dr. Danielsen, Ms. Crevier, Dr. Kelly, PA Liechty, PA Shaff, PA Spiegel and Mr. Van Zanen.

ALSO PRESENT

Carrie Smith, AAG; Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Fredericksen, Deputy Director; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; and Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No individuals addressed the Board during the Public portion of the meeting.

D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO HB2250: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY; DELEGATION

Mr. Goodman clarified the proposed amendment to HB2250 and that the proposed changes are intended to ensure that and the language is consistent with the Governor's stance on opioids.

Board members expressed concern that the bill as written does not eliminate barriers in the physician assistant profession and should create parity with nurse practitioners.

Dr. Danielsen noted that SB1001 creates parity among health care professional when prescribing benzodiazepines and opioids.

PA Shaff opined that the proposed amendment would allow Pas to prescribe controlled substances for 90 days despite the restrictions on benzodiazepines and opioids.

Mr. Goodman commented that the proposed amendment would provide PAs the ability to prescribe controlled substances for 90 days. Mr. Goodman opined that across all health care professions there are prescribing restrictions and that overall there is parity.

MOTION: Dr. Danielsen moved that the Board accept the proposed amendment to HB2250 in its entirety.

SECOND: Ms. Crevier.

Board members expressed concern over limiting PAs practice, but due to the current political environment this may be an appropriate compromise.

PA Liechty noted that the new Senate bill already establishes restrictions among all healthcare professionals when prescribing benzodiazepines and opioids. Dr. Danielsen commented that the proposed language is consistent with the Senate bill.

VOTE: 6-yay, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Ms. McSorley reported that the bill will go before the House Health Committee this week and that she will provide the Board with an update.

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Danielsen moved to adjourn the meeting.

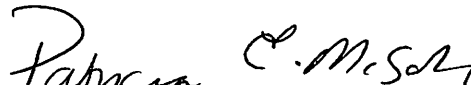
SECOND: PA Liechty.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director