

Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
Physician Assistant's Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 20, 2024

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:04 p.m. on February 20, 2024.

II. Roll Call

The following committee members were present: Paul Harrelson, PA, Heather Neighbors, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Jeremy Kersey, PA (Virtual), Ronald Roan, MD, Jay Suggs, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD

The following committee members were absent: John Sullivan, III, MD

The following staff members were present: Kimie Buley, Suzanne Powell, Sandi Kirkland (Virtual), Tonya Vice (Virtual), Matt Hart (Virtual), Carla Kruger (Virtual), Karen Silas, Winston Jordan, Alicia Harrison, Amy Dorminey (Virtual), William Perkins (Virtual), and Wilson Hunter

III. Committee Minutes

Dr. Suggs motioned to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 17, 2023, meeting. Mr. Harrelson seconded the motion. Paul Harrelson, PA, Heather Neighbors, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Jeremy Kersey, PA, Ronald Roan, MD, Jay Suggs, MD and Gregory Ayers, MD voted in favor of the motion.

IV. Old Business

a. Protocol for Insertion of Tunneled Central Venous Lines

After review and discussion at its August 15, 2023, and October 17, 2023, meetings, the Committee recommended the Protocol for Insertion of Tunneled Central Venous Lines be approved with the requirement of a one-year review of complication rates and volume of procedures. Paul Harrelson, PA, Heather Neighbors, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Jeremy Kersey, PA, Ronald Roan, MD, and Gregory Ayers, MD voted in favor. Jay Suggs, MD voted in opposition.

V. New Business

a. Board of Medical Scholarship Awards – PA Loan Assistance Program

Kelly Parker, Executive Director of the Board of Medical Scholarship Awards, briefly discussed the PA Loan Assistance Program with the Committee. Dr. Suggs

made a motion to recommend the language defining areas of critical need, as it directly relates to the PA Loan Assistance Program be modified as follows, *An area of critical need shall be an area in Alabama with a critical need, as determined by the board, for physician's assistants, and shall not be a part of, or within five minutes of, an urbanized area as defined most recently by the U.S. Census Bureau.* The board shall adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to implement this section. Ms. Neighbors seconded the motion. Paul Harrelson, PA, Heather Neighbors, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Jeremy Kersey, PA, Ronald Roan, MD, Jay Suggs, MD and Gregory Ayers, MD voted in favor of the motion.

b. Dermatology Specialty Protocol

The Committee reviewed and discussed a proposed Dermatology Specialty Protocol. Mr. Harrelson made a motion to defer consideration of the protocol. Ms. Neighbors seconded the motion. Paul Harrelson, PA, Heather Neighbors, PA, Bellamy Davis, PA, Jeremy Kersey, PA, Ronald Roan, MD, Jay Suggs, MD and Gregory Ayers, MD voted in favor of the motion.

VI. Other Business

a. Collaborative and Supervisory Practice Continuing Medical Education Course

Members of the Committee requested to review the drafted CME course.

b. PA Compact

Members of the Committee requested to discuss the PA Compact at the April 9, 2024, meeting.

c. PA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Members of the Committee requested the past meeting minutes of the Advisory Committee be available on the Board's website.

d. Continuing Medical Education for Annual Renewal of PA License

Members of the Committee requested an update on the modification of *Admin. Rule 540-X-7-.29, Continuing Medical Education – Physician Assistants.*

Adjournment

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kimie Buley, Director of Advanced Practice Providers

Minutes approved by: Dr. Gregory Ayers

Gregory Ayers, M.D.