

# **BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

### **OPEN SESSION**

**3 October 2007**

**The Open Session of the Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants was called to order at 3:00 PM on the above date in Room 205 of the Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.**

#### **Board Members Present:**

**James Cahill, PA**

**James Carney, PA**

**Mary Eddy**

**Daren Girard, MD**

**Diane Siedlecki, MD**

#### **Staff Members Present:**

**Robert S. Crausman, MD, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer**

**1. Establishment of Quorum at 3:15 PM.**

**2. Presentation of Minutes of the 11 July 2007 Open Meeting of the Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants. On a motion by Mr. Carney seconded by Dr. Siedlecki it was voted to approve the**

minutes.

### **3. Discussion:**

**A. Dr. Daren Girard and Ms. Mary Eddy were introduced as the new Allopathic Physician and Public Members respectively. A brief orientation to Board duties and activities was given.**

**B. The New PA Draft Regulations were discussed. Changes were made to fees only. The new initial application fee is \$90 with \$170 for a 2-year renewal fee. The new CSR fee is \$140.**

**C. The Draft letter to Dr. Gifford regarding supervision for advanced practice clinicians was discussed. Mr. Carney and Dr. Dinwoodie, from the Medical Board, are collaborating on a combined letter.**

**D. The ability to sign death certificates is within the scope of practice for a PA. It was suggested that this statement be put on the FAQ page for the PA Board website.**

**E. Mr. Carney is arranging a presentation for the Board by Ann Davis, PA-C, Director of State Government Affairs for the American Academy of Physician Assistants regarding the regulatory and legal aspects of physician assistants responding to emergencies and disasters. Date & Time are TBA at this time.**

**F. The current list of active PA's licensed since 7/11/07 was distributed.**

**G. Confidentiality forms for DOH and the Complaint Unit ACTs database were signed and collected.**

**4. Adjournment to Executive Session Pursuant to Sections 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees and proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**