Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
January 18, 2012
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #256
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Hegmann, Chairperson at 9:30am.

Roll call:
Members Present
Jon Ahrendsen, MD
Mara Swanson, Public Member
Joseph Molnar, DO
Susan Koehler, PA
Ted Smith, PA-C
Theresa Hegmann, PA-C

Members Absent:
John Olson, PA
Gary Nystrom, Public Member

Staff Present:
Pierce Wilson, Board Executive
Tammy Hidlebaugh, Licensure Specialist
Barb Huey, Bureau Chief
September Lau, AAG
Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant
Kerry Anderson, Administrative Law Judge

Guests Present:
Mark Bowden, Iowa Board of Medicine
Libby Coyte, Physician Assistant Society
Dennis Tibben, Iowa Medical Society

Hearing:
A motion was made by Smith to enter into closed session for hearing as requested by licensee. A second was received from Ahrendsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Board returned to Open Session after Hearing

Review Agenda

Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made by Molnar to approval the October 19, 2011 and December 1, 2011 minutes with corrections. A second was received from Smith. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Public Comment:
None

Reports:
Chair – None
Board Executive – None
Bureau Chief - Barb Huey reported the lodging reimbursement has been increased to $83 + tax per night effective 1.1.2012.
AAG – None

Old Business:
Chronic pain patients and end of life care of patients issues. Mark Bowden, Iowa Board of Medicine, reported a trend in family practitioners becoming involved in chronic pain management. There has also been an increase in patients who are drug seeking. The medical board realized because of data that training was needed in the areas of chronic pain and end of life care. There are specific rules that deal with chronic pain management. In 2011 there was a significant increase in the complaints involving pain medication overdose including some leading to death. Complaints from law enforcement and county attorney's that are dealing with the illegal trade of prescription medication feel the trail leads back to the physicians. Nationally this is an epidemic, and prescription medicine overdose now surpasses the overdoses of heroin and cocaine. The Medical Board has taken a bold step to require primary care providers to complete a continuing education course consisting of 2 hours on pain management and 2 hours on end of life care. A book is offered free to medical board licensees and there is an online component to the book. There is a directory of classes from the Medical Society, IOMA, and others that are being offered in Iowa for this training. Some national classes will be on the website in the future. Mr. Bowden stated that the Prescription Monitoring Program is working. Board of Pharmacy has responded to concerns and the legislature has made adjustments in regards to "who" can (up to three office staff) log onto the program. Medical board is working toward having a state to state connectivity for the program data. Theresa asked Mr. Bowden to provide the report to the Governor's Office on the Prescription Monitoring Program and the Governor's Task Force report. Mr. Bowden asked that the PA Board to discuss physician supervision. Board of Medicine and PA Board need to improve communication and sharing of

information including coming to a consensus of what supervision is, what are the expectations of supervision, and how are they applied. Theresa suggested members from both boards attend the others meetings. Pierce suggested a face to face meeting to focus on physician supervision.

Mara Swanson left at 1:48pm.

New Business:
PA to Physician Ratio Discussion. Tom Coate, Lobbyist for the Iowa Physician Assistant Society reported the society plans to introduce legislation this session to increase the ratio of 2 to 1. Many states have moved to 5 to 1 and this is the ratio IPAS will be introducing to the legislators. This legislation will be assigned to the Human Resources Committee in the House and Senate.

Respiratory Therapy – Senate Study Bill 3040 is a bill to enable a PA or ARNP to order respiratory therapy, this bill is intended to make sure this piece of legislation is clarified and loose ends are taken care of. Pierce asked that support materials be sent to the board office and Pierce will distribute to the board.

Complaints:
A motion was made by Molnar to enter into closed session to discuss confidential material related to applications and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1) A and D at 2pm. A second was received from Smith.
Roll Call:
Joseph Molnar – Aye
Jon Ahrendsen – Aye
Susan Koehler – Aye
Ted Smith – Aye
Theresa Hegmann – Aye
Motion Carried

Board returned to open session at 2:14pm.

Finalize closed session actions:
A motion was made by Molnar to close Cases #10-002 and #11-011. A second was received from Smith. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The Next regular board meeting is April 18, 2012

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Molnar at 2:15pm. A second was received from Ahrendsen. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.