

Kansas Board of Healing Arts Physician Assistant Council Meeting
August 11, 2016
1:00 pm

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Jay Wedel 1:06
Council members present by phone: Jay Wedel, PA, Molly Drake, PA, Mike Rausch, MD
Others present: Joshana Offenbach, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel; Dan Riley,
Disciplinary Counsel; Kelli Stevens, General Counsel

II. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2016: Approved (Rausch/Drake)

III. New Business:

A. Active Practice Request (APR) form compliance update: Ms. Stevens summarized the current status of compliance with the new APR form and shared the letters being sent to PAs who are not currently in compliance.

B. Discussion of problems with APR form: The Council discussed various difficulties with the form that PAs are raising with Board staff. Particular areas of difficulty have been noted for PAs practicing in the VA system where there isn't a Kansas physician to supervise them, and also with short-term locum tenens practice where the supervisor might not be known until the assignment starts.

C. Old Business: PA regulation amendment to requirements for different practice location

The Council reviewed the June 6, 2016 letter from the MD, DO, PA and Family Physician professional associations to the Board regarding the requirement in the recently amended K.A.R. 100-28a-14(b) for PAs practicing in a "different practice location." Subparagraph (b) requires that a physician actually practice at the different practice location at least once every 30 days. In May, the Council previously recommended to the Board that (b) be amended to require the supervising physician visit the different practice location at least quarterly for the purpose of supervision with written documentation of the visit. Subsequently, the professional associations sent the letter recommend striking (b) all-together. The letter suggested that the requirement recommended by the Council was too onerous and pointed out that there were already adequate supervisory requirements for all PA practice. At the June 10, 2016 Board meeting, the full Board declined to accept the Council's recommendation on the basis that it was a cumbersome requirement. The full Board asked the Council to consider other changes.

The Council further discussed that there was not much value in a site visit as patient records and other information could be accessed electronically. Dr. Rausch made a motion to strike subparagraph (b), but since Ms. Drake had to leave the meeting just prior to the motion, there was not a quorum to vote. Ms. Stevens stated that she could still summarize the Council's discussion for the Board.

IV. Application Review: None

V. Disciplinary Report: Ms. Stevens was recused. Closed session pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4915 for peer review of confidential investigation cases.

VI. Meeting Date: The next meeting is presently scheduled for November 10, 2016. Due to Board staff unavailability on this date, it will need to be rescheduled. Staff will send out proposed dates for the Council members to consider.

VII. Adjourn: 2:30