

Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Physician Assistants Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

October 20, 2020

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:03 p.m. on October 20, 2020 via videoconference.

The following committee members were present via videoconference: Gregory Ayers, M.D., William Suggs, M.D., Nyla Squyres, M.D., Sheryll Coleman, P.A., Paul Harrelson, P.A., Bradley Cantley, P.A., and Catherine Beckham, P.A. The following staff members were present: Kimie Buley, Deana Bozeman, Ryan Lynch, Wilson Hunter, and Carla Kruger. Others present via teleconference or videoconference were Emily Besser, Christina Smith, Kelly Parker, James Krell, M.D., Jon Ward, M.D., Sarah Lauren Hughey, M.D., Boni Elewski, M.D., Gary Monheit, M.D., and Mike Callahan, M.D.

The committee members approved the minutes from the Tuesday, August 18, 2020 meeting without objection.

Kelly Parker, Executive Director of Alabama Board of Medical Scholarship Awards, provided the committee with a summary of the Alabama Physician Assistants Service Program, which is a scholarship awarding \$66,639 to physician assistants interested in working in rural areas with a critical need for patient care. Updates on the Alabama Physician Assistants Service Program will be provided to the PA Advisory Committee by Ms. Parker.

Physician representatives for the Alabama Society of Dermatology Professionals (PAs and CRNPs) and the Alabama Dermatology Society (physicians) were invited to the October PA Advisory Committee meeting to provide their opinions on the Alabama Society of Dermatology Professionals (PAs and CRNPs) proposal regarding Botulinum Toxin for Hyperhidrosis and Cosmetic Purposes, Initiating Biologic/ Antineoplastic Agents, and Cryotherapy and Shave and Punch Biopsies on Sensitive Areas.

The representatives for the Alabama Society of Dermatology Professionals (PAs and CRNPs) were Jon Ward, M.D. and James Krell, M.D.

The representatives from the Alabama Dermatology Society (physicians) were Lauren Hughey, M.D., President of the Alabama Dermatology Society, and speakers Boni Elewski, M.D., Gary Monheit, M.D., and Mike Callahan, M.D.

Nyla Squyres, M.D., motioned to modify the committee's previous recommendation to the Board, which recommended approval of the ASDP's proposal for PAs and CRNPs to inject Botulinum Toxin for Hyperhidrosis and Cosmetic Purposes, to exclude injections of Botulinum Toxin for Cosmetic Purposes and any language referencing performance of the skill independently

by PAs or CRNPs. William Suggs, M.D. seconded the motion. All remaining committee members voted in favor of the motion with no oppositions.

The above action item will be presented to the Board at its November meeting.

The Committee finalized the meeting calendar for the year of 2021.

The PA Advisory Committee meeting dates for the calendar year of 2021 are as follows:

January 19, 2021

June 16, 2021

September 14, 2021

October 19, 2021

Staff from the Board of Medical Examiners enquired from the committee who the physician speakers will be for the Alabama Society of Physician Assistants 2021 annual conference. The speakers have not been selected at this time. Once selected, the PA Department of the Board of Medical Examiners will be notified as this is a request which must be approved by the Board.

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.