

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:41 p.m. on Tuesday May 12, 2015.

Committee members present: Anita Steinbergh, D.O.; Ron Routh, D.O.; James Fry, PA-C; and Robert Zaayer, PA-C.

Staff members present: Sallie Debolt, and Cathy Hacker

Guests: Beth Adamson, OAPA

I. Review of the April 7, 2015 minutes:

Mr. Fry began the meeting by asking the members if anyone had comments on the minutes. Dr. Steinbergh noted that there need to be a change to the formulary review language regarding Lemtrada. She stated that the word “to” should be added to the next to the last sentence in the third paragraph. It should read Lemtrada is a monoclonal antibody with the potential for severe anaphylactic reactions and was moved “to” the CTP may not prescribe category.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve the minutes as amended from the April 7, 2015 meeting. Mr. Zaayer seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

II. Rules review

Ms. Debolt explained to the members that they have seen rule 4731-11-09 before, and that it was being presented again because the proposed language has been revised. The revisions include that paragraph (H) has been amended to reflect comments received from the Association and Mr. Fry concerning physician assistant participation in cross-coverage and consultation. Ms. Debolt stated that after this meeting this rule would go to the Policy Committee and then the full Board for approval, and then it would be sent to the Common Sense Initiative Office for review.

Dr. Steinbergh moved to approve this rule as edited. Mr. Zaayer seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

The committee then discussed rule 4731-11-11. Ms. Debolt stated that the current OARRS rule only requires that practitioners check an OARRS report when they see a red flag or if the patient is prescribed a controlled substance on a protracted basis. The revised language also reflects that the Ohio Revised Code now requires OARRS to be checked before prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine and then at least every ninety days. The proposed rule doesn't specifically apply to PAs, but a PA OARRS rule will be modeled on this rule.

Dr. Routh requested that the light based medical device rule be reviewed as it is out of date. Ms. Debolt indicated that review of all rules concerning light based medical devices are under consideration, but the review will be a long and involved process.

III. New business

Ms. Adamson indicated that she will be submitting names for the PA vacancy soon. Ms. Debolt stated that the pharmacy association is going to give us a list of candidates to replace Ms. Ash. She further stated that now would be a good time to change the way that we will review the new drugs in the future. She suggested that each member take a turn at reviewing the new drug(s) to the market and bringing them to the committee for review as opposed to only one member being responsible for this. Dr. Steinbergh stated that the consumer member nominations are still under review.

The Physician Assistant Policy Committee meeting was adjourned by Mr. Fry at approximately 2:17 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

I hereby attest that these are the true and accurate minutes of the Physician Assistant Policy Committee of the State Medical Board of Ohio, meeting on May 12, 2015.

James Fry, PA-C, Chair, PAPC