

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS  
Florida Board of Medicine  
Wyndham Tampa Westshore  
700 N. Westshore Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33609  
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September 29, 2011**

**Members Present:**

Jeffrey Hulley, P.A., Chairman  
Gary Winchester, M.D.  
Zachariah P. Zachariah, M.D.  
Ronald Burns, D.O.  
Trina Espinola, M.D.,

**Staff Present:**

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator  
Crystal Sanford, Program Operations Administrator  
Joy A. Tootle, Executive Director

**Board Counsel:**

Donna McNulty, J.D., Assistant Attorney General  
Nancy Murphy, Paralegal, Office of the Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 4:50p.m.

Tab 1: Approval of August 4, 2011 Meeting Report/Minutes

The Council recommends approval of the minutes for the meeting held August 4, 2011. The motion was seconded and carried 4/0.

Action Taken: - The Council voted to approve the minutes for the meeting held August 4, 2011.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Tab 2: Osvaldo Alvarez, P.A.

Positive response to questions on the licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the applicant for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Council voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Tab 3: Tomas Jorge Chao, P.A.

Petition for wavier and variance and positive response to questions on the licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Council voted to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and approve the application for licensure.

Tab 4: Ratification of Full and Temporary Physician Assistant Licensees  
(July 13, 2011 – September 7, 2011)

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the licensure list from the Agenda, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Council voted to ratify the list of applicants.

Tab 5: Request for Approval of 3-Hour Prescriptive Course from Keiser University

Helen Martin, M.D. and Sarah Malmstrom from the University addressed the Council regarding their request for approval of a 3-hour prescriptive course entitled "Prescription Writing for Physician Assistants".

Mr. Hulley asked Dr. Martin how the course would be used.

Dr. Martin advised the course would be used for students at Keiser University only.

Mr. Hulley pointed out the course has been approved by two other PA Programs.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the course.

Action Taken: Course approved

**Rules Discussion**

Tab 6: Rules 64B8-30.015, FAC (MD) & 64B15-6.001, FAC (DO) – Disciplinary Guidelines

Ms. McNulty summarized the changes to the disciplinary guidelines including increasing the fine for fraud health care fraud violations to \$10,000, deleting the community service requirement and imposing a period of suspension for specific second offenses. The changes also included removing obsolete language from subsection (g) – Failure to perform legal obligation.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the changes.

Ms. McNulty asked the Council if the changes to this rule be likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of this rule.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to find the changes will not increase regulatory costs.

Ms. McNulty asked the Council if the changes to the rules require ratification by the Legislature.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously the changes do not require Legislative ratification.

Action Taken: Changes approved, will not increase regulatory costs, Legislative ratification not required

With no further business the meeting was adjournment 5:29 p.m.