

Draft Report
Surgical Care/Quality Assurance Committee
Board of Medicine
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Dr. Cline called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. McPherson called the roll and determined that the committee had a quorum.

Attendees:

Robert Cline, M.D., Chair
Fred Bearison, M.D.
Steven Rosenberg, M.D.
Dr. George Thomas, M.D

Not Present:

Laurie Davies, M.D
Tully Patrowic, M.D.

Larry McPherson, Executive Director
Ed Tellechea, Assistant Attorney General
Nancy Murphy, Paralegal
Debbie Loucks, Prosecution Attorney
LaShonda Knight, Board Staff

Suzette Bragg Peterson, Court Reporter

Tab #1: Dr. Michael Redmond, Patient Safety Corporation, Guest Speaker.
Transcript ordered.

Dr. Michael Redmond our guest speaker from the Patient Safety Corporation provided the committee with information regarding their corporation's current work plan. He also discussed their approach to handling reports of wrong site, wrong procedure incidents, and their approach to collect this data so that it can be better analyzed. Additional guest speakers that provided information and answered questions from the board on issues pertaining to wrong site, wrong procedures were Dr. David B. Cano, M.D., President of the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and Society Attorney D. Bruce May of Holland & Knight LLP. The society offered several suggestions, including a board representative to present at their annual meetings and for the Board and Society to work on a rule to address specific issues involving eye procedures. The chair thanked the speakers for their comments, and the committee looks forward to working with their organizations.

Tab#2: 64B8-9.0091 F.A.C., Proposed rule development to exempt physicians in post-graduate training programs from office surgery registration.

Attorney Ed Tellechea presented the draft language based on the discussion of physicians in post-graduate training programs that were completing short term rotations in registered office based surgery settings for approval, rejection, or amendments if they seem appropriate.

Dr. Thomas questioned why a three-month time frame is presented in the language. Mr. Tellechea responded that the time frame was suggested in the last surgical care meeting following a discussion.

Dr. Rosenberg questioned the requirements of doctors whether they were working under direct supervision or “moonlighting” during the indicated time frame they were claiming to be gaining experience. Mr. Tellechea responded that the inserted language required these doctors to be in a training program.

Dr. Rosenberg stated that he preferred that these physicians be under direct supervision.

Mr. Allen Grossman informed the board that the statute referenced in the language also included fellowship programs that can last longer than three months.

Action Taken:

Dr. Rosenberg made a motion to insert that the training physician must be under direct supervision at the appropriate place in the drafted language.

The motion was second by Dr. Thomas.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Action Taken:

Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the amended language. “Physicians participating in post graduate training programs and registered pursuant to Section 458.345, F.S., may provide services in an office setting surgery facility under the auspices of their training program and under direct supervision of a physician for a period of time not to exceed three months without registering pursuant to this rule.”

Dr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Tab #3: Proposed meeting dates for 2008

The committee agreed to continue holding the committee meetings prior to the Full Board meeting, unless there is a workshop or some other function that may delay the time of departure from the meeting.

Tab #4: Approval of Office Surgery Inspector

The committee discussed the issue of approving or denying inspectors for the office surgery program.

Mr. Tellechea questioned whether the board has the statute authority to approve or deny inspectors who want to inspect for the Office Surgery Registration and Inspection program, because there is no statutory authority for the approval.

Mr. McPherson informed the Board that the information was only to keep them informed of what the office surgery program was doing, and indicated that if there were any problems the committee would inform him.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned that there were no issues with this person being an inspector.

Dr. Bearison seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Tab: #5: FYI Article on Patient Safety

Dr. Cline presented the informational material to the committee.

Tab # 6: FYI Statistics

Mr. McPherson presented the informational statistics on adverse incidents prepared by Gwyn Willis to the board, and asked the committee for any suggestions on what should be tracked or how the information should be compared.

Dr. Bearison suggested that he would like to see the total number of cases performed compared to the number of adverse incidents each year. He also suggested that the cases be broken down by the actual events that caused the adverse incident.

Other Business:

Dr. Cline presented a certificate of appreciation to LaShonda Knight for her dedicated service in support of the Board of Medicine.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.