



Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants

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FINAL MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JOINT LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING Held on Friday, February 21, 2020 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room C, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members

Randy D. Danielsen, PhD, P.A., D.F.A.A.P.A., Chair
Thomas E. Kelly, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.
John J. Shaff, PA-C, DFAAPA
Susan Reina, P.A.-C

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Danielsen call the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Committee Members were present: Dr. Danielsen and PA Shaff. The following Committee Member participated telephonically: Dr. Kelly. The following Committee Member was absent: PA Reina.

ALSO PRESENT

Carrie Smith, AAG; Patricia McSorley, Executive Director, Kristina Fredericksen, Deputy Director; and Michelle Robles, Board Operations Manager.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No individuals addressed the Committee at the Call to the Public.

D. DISCUSSION WITH STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING PENDING LEGISLATION RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF HEALTHCARE TASKS AND HEALTHCARE LICENSURE

The Committee members reviewed pending legislative matters related to the practice of PAs in the State of Arizona.

HB 2419 – Assistant Physicians; Licensure; Collaborative Practice

Executive Director McSorley informed the Committee that she has been following this bill and that it was held during yesterday's committee session. Mr. Stuart Goodman addressed the Board on behalf of the PA Association, and clarified that this bill has been held for this session, and that it is anticipated that it will be revisited in 2021. He stated at issue was that the amendment would have compelled the Arizona Medical Association in cooperation with the Arizona Medical Board and Arizona Osteopathic Board to submit a Sunrise Application. He stated that Senator Barto will be working on the issue in the interim, and that he is hopeful the PA Board and the PA Association will be engaged in that conversation. He stated that there should be a Sunrise Hearing that will allow all stakeholders, including the PA community, an opportunity to engage in the review process.

HB 2051 – Informed Consent; Pelvic Examinations

The Committee Members noted that this bill has passed the House Health Committee and has progressed to the Senate.

HB 2071 – Lyme Disease Treatment

The Committee observed that this bill was not assigned a committee and that without an assignment, it will not progress any further through the current legislative session.

HB 2175 – Occupational Licensure; Certification; Requirements; Residents

The Committee observed that this bill was not assigned a committee and will not progress any further through the current legislative session.

HB 2184 – Occupational and Professional Licensure; Notice

The Committee observed that this bill was passed by the House Health Committee and has progressed to the Senate. Mr. Goodman informed the Committee that this bill is a continuation of last year's occupational licensing bill, and that in its current form, it is more of an enhancement to the prior version.

HB 2317 – Physician Assistants; Licensure; Board

Executive Director McSorley informed the Committee that this bill is more of a housekeeping matter to place Board policy into statute regarding Board member reimbursement. The Committee noted that this bill has been supported by ASAPA, and that it has passed the House and progressed to the Senate.

HB 2579 – Informed Consent; Pelvic Examinations

The Committee observed that this bill was assigned, but did not get a hearing. Therefore, the bill will not progress any further through the current legislative session.

HB 2809 – Professional Licensure Fees; Waiver; Reduction

Executive Director McSorley stated that this bill will impact the Board's reserve fund balance, and that she will be following it closely. Mr. Goodman explained that that there were comments made during the Governor's State of the State regarding what is often perceived as surplus resources of boards, and that he imagines the Governor's perspective will prevail.

SB 1027 – Informed Consent; Pelvic Examinations

The Committee noted that this bill was passed in the Senate and will progress to the House.

SB 1095 – Controlled Substances; Schedule Designations

Chairman Danielsen recognized that this bill affects the State Board of Pharmacy requirements.

SB 1211 – Administrative Rules; Expiration; Legislative Extension

Chairman Danielsen noted that this bill affects agency rulemaking. Mr. Goodman stated that this is part of a regulatory reform package that is regularly seen during legislative sessions. Executive Director McSorley stated that this bill will be followed closely, and Mr. Goodman stated that it may result in some potential implementation challenges. Mr. Goodman encouraged any regulatory board communicating any concerns with how to execute.

SB 1324 – Opioid Prescriptions; Naloxone Requirement; Exception

The Committee observed that this bill would require a prescription for Naloxone to be issued for patients receiving over a certain dosage of opioids. The Committee noted that this bill passed the Senate and has progressed to the House.

SB 1382 – Health Care Providers; Pregnancy; Ultrasounds

The Committee noted that this bill better defines who can perform ultrasound examinations on pregnant patients. This bill has not been heard by the Senate.

In addition to the list of legislative matters presented to the Committee, Mr. Goodman discussed SB 1592 that is being pursued by the Association regarding preceptors for all health providers including nursing, osteopathic, medical, and physician assistants. Mr. Goodman reported that the bill was amended during yesterday's session and no longer includes nurse practitioners at the request of the State Board of Nursing. Executive Director McSorley stated that the Board is a conduit of information to provide to its licensees regarding matters that may impact the medical community and that this will be the Board's most likely form of participation in the campaign advertising for preceptorship. Mr. Goodman stated that the bill would require the Department of Health Services to have a website to facilitate a connection for the health-related student combined with community members that are willing and able to be preceptors. Chairman Danielsen noted that there are a number of states that have a similar law that allows for preceptors to receive tax credit. Mr. Goodman stated that there was a previous bill pursued by the medical association that created the tax credit. He stated that the Sponsor elected to start small and increase the awareness and visibility of the program with the idea of looking at funding issues later. Mr. Goodman stated that this Bill passed the Senate during yesterday's legislative session.

The Committee further noted that ASAPA is scheduled to present to the full Board at its February 2020 Regular Session Meeting. Chairman Danielsen thanked the Committee Members and stakeholders for their participation in today's proceedings.

E. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: PA Shaff moved for adjournment.


SECOND: Dr. Kelly

The following Committee Members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Danielsen, Dr. Kelly and PA Shaff. The following Committee Member was absent: PA Reina.

VOTE: 3-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.


Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director