

**INDIANA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
CONFERENCE ROOM 14  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**MINUTES OF March 9, 2017**

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC § 25-27.5-3-5.

Members Present: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman  
Bret Cornn, P.A., Vice Chairman  
Timothy Hawkins

Members Absent: Joseph Fox, M.D.  
Jo Ann Beecher, P.A.

Staff Present: Darren Covington, Committee Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant Committee Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Aaron Kochar, Deputy Attorney General  
Attorney General's Office

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Bret Cornn, P.A., Timothy Hawkins

Hawkins/Cornn, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The Committee voted to adopt the minutes for the December 8, 2016 meeting.

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Bret Cornn, P.A., Timothy Hawkins

Hawkins/Cornn, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Greg Thomas, P.A., Director of External Relations with the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) gave a presentation to the Committee which included general information about the NCCPA, P.A. practice patterns in Indiana and P.A. certification and certification maintenance.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

### **Richard Shults, P.A., License No. 10000348A, Cause Number 2012 PAC 0005**

Respondent appeared in person and by counsel, J. Clayton Miller, regarding the Board's Motion to Modify Probation Order scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Amelia Hilliker, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

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Committee decided at the December 8, 2016 meeting to reschedule Respondent for a hearing at the March 9, 2017 Committee meeting, where he would submit documentation of his addictionology evaluation, show documentation that he is fulfilling or has fulfilled the terms of his probation pertaining to entering into a monitoring agreement for at least a period of eighteen (18) months, and provide the "Fit For Duty" evaluation, including Dr. Davis' review of the evaluation.

Respondent admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit 1: Wayne County Circuit Court Entry, Probation Termination, 2/16/2017
- Exhibit 2: Letter from Timothy Davis, M.D. and Philip David Erichsen, M.A.
- Exhibit 3: Employee Performance Evaluation from Kosciusko Community Hospital
- Exhibit 4: Letters of recommendation from Tina Fugate, R.N., Director of MedStat, Scott Ehmen, M.D., MedStat, Megan Martin, Director of MedStat
- Exhibit 5: First Med, Inc. Toxicology Screens for Respondent
- Exhibit 6: Letter from Robert Maughon, M.D., First Med, Inc. Recovery Program
- Exhibit 7: NCCPA Certification
- Exhibit 8: Petition to reinstate Respondent's License, signed by 52 individuals, Letters of Recommendation from Scott Davis, Crackers Cleanup, Michael Baldwin, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., Reid Hospital and Healthcare Services

After discussion, the Committee moved to WITHDRAW Respondent's PROBATION.

Jacobs/Cornn, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Telemedicine and Geographic Proximity Rule**

The Committee discussed the interplay between the geographic proximity rule and telemedicine services provided by a physician assistant from a distant site. The Committee did not come to any consensus on how they would apply the geographic proximity rule in this situation; instead, it decided to have all applicants who provide a supervising agreement that includes telemedicine services to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Committee to ensure adequate supervision.

## **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Bret Cornn, P.A., Timothy Hawkins

The Committee reviewed and approved applications for initial licensure, prescriptive authority, controlled substance registrations and change and addition applications:

Lisa Marie Repko, P.A. – Change/Add  
Debra Lee Yockey, P.A. – Change/Add  
Samantha Barnett, P.A. – Prescriptive Authority  
Abigail Fleck, P.A. – Change/Add  
Amanda Murdoch, P.A. – Change/Add  
Steven Vordenberg, P.A. – Initial  
Jordan Laden, P.A. – Change/Add  
Matthew Griffith, P.A. – Initial  
Megan Schlaeger, P.A. – Change/Add  
Kathryn Bontrager, P.A. – Change/Add  
Emily Vanasek, P.A. – Initial, Prescriptive Authority, Change/Add  
William Bodine, P.A. – Change/Add  
James Higginbotham, P.A. – CSR, Change/Add  
Christine O'Hara, P.A. – CSR  
Kaytlyn Caffery, P.A. – Initial, Prescriptive Authority  
Swathi Rao, P.A. – Change/Add  
Elizabeth Blank, P.A. – Change/Add  
Julie Socia, P.A. – Initial  
James Diekema, P.A. – Change/Add

Hawkins/Cornn, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman

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Bret Cornn, P.A., Vice Chairman