

**INDIANA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
Room W064
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2022

Bret Cornn, 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, pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Committee, online at the committee's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

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

Members Absent: Joseph Fox, M.D., Member

Staff Present: Jody Edens, Committee Director
 Professional Licensing Agency
 Zharra Collins, Assistant Committee Director
 Professional Licensing Agency
 Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General
 Attorney General's Office

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

Jacobs/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Steve Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins
The following committee members objected: none
The following committee members abstained: none

The Committee recognized Steven Jacobs, P.A., for his years of service with the Committee. Steve announced his retirement last month. His last day of public service is today. Steve served on the Committee for twenty-six (26) years and as Chair from 2008 through 2021. Evan Bartel, Deputy Director with Professional Licensing Agency presented Steve with a Distinguished Hoosier Award from the Governor, thanking Steve for his public service.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

The following personal appearance was continued:

- **Vera McCullen, P.A. – Initial Application – Positive Response**

The following personal appearance was cancelled:

- **Madeline Atkinson, P.A. – Initial Application – Failure to Disclose**

Thomas Dexter, P.A. – Initial Application – Positive Response

Thomas Dexter appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his initial application.

Mr. Dexter explained that in 2018 he was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery after confronting a man that took items from a locker room.

He received two (2) years criminal probation which has been completed. He also completed a psychiatric evaluation and anger management course.

In 2021, he was arrested for OVI, which was dropped to Reckless Driving. His employer is aware of both incidents.

After discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE Mr. Dexter's initial application.

Jacobs/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:

Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins

The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

Lauren Kaiser, P.A., License No. 10001100A – Renewal Failure to Disclose

Lauren Kaiser appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding documentation received by the Committee that was not reported on her license renewal.

A malpractice settlement of \$1,300,000 was reported to the Committee.

Ms. Kaiser submitted a letter from the Hospital indicating she was in good standing with them.

Staff discovered that the renewal does not have a malpractice question on it, so Ms. Kaiser was not required to report the settlement.

After discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE Ms. Kaiser's license renewal.

Hawkins/Jacobs, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins
The following committee members objected: none
The following committee members abstained: none

Mackenzie Warrick, P.A., License No. 10002832A – Renewal Positive Response

Mackenzie Warrick appeared in person and was represented by counsel, Ashley Keaton regarding a positive response on her license renewal.

Ms. Keaton submitted a copy of a Malpractice case that was just filed with the Department of Insurance; a copy of a letter from Ms. Warrick's employer and a letter showing that Ms. Warrick was included in the suite.

Again, staff indicated to the Committee that the renewal does not have a malpractice question therefore, this did not need to be declared.

After discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE Ms. Warrick's license renewal.

Jacobs/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins
The following committee members objected: none
The following committee members abstained: none

Mark Stinson, P.A., License No. 10002257A – Renewal Positive Response

Mark Stinson appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his license renewal.

Mr. Stinson answered yes to question three (3) on his license renewal which reads:

- Since you last renewed, have you been disciplined or terminated by your employer while practicing as a physician assistant, denied staff membership or privileges in any health care facility, have staff privileges been revoked, suspended or subject to any restriction, probation, or have you resigned in lieu of discipline or termination? Yes

He then admitted that he should have answered "Yes" to the following question on the renewal application:

- Since you last renewed, have you been treated for or received a diagnosis for a drug or alcohol abuse or addiction?

He indicated he should have answered yes to this question because his is addicted to Pornography.

He informed the Committee that in February 2021, he was terminated from St. Vincent for inappropriate relationships inside his place of employment. This included four (4) patients.

He did not work from February 2021 to June 2021. He returned to work in June, which is where he is currently working.

He completed a two (2) week intense therapy counseling in North Carolina and followed up with counseling in Indianapolis along with his wife.

He continues to go to a men's recovery group and meets with his sponsor twice a month.

He sought the treatment himself and reported his actions to the police.

His current work entails ninety percent (90%) geriatric Medicare patients. He does home visits which consists of questionnaires, physicals, diabetes checks and informs the patients of resources they have available to them.

After discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE Mr. Stinson's renewal application but to refer this matter to the AG's Office for investigation.

Jacobs/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:

Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins

The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The following administrative hearing was continued.

- **Bridget Williamson, P.A., License No. 10001720, Cause No. 2021 PAC 0001**

DISCUSSION

Rules:

The Committee informed Ms. Edens that at the Committee's last meeting the moved to adopt the draft of rules that had been completed by Darren Covington, past Committee Director.

She indicated she would relay this information on to Ms. Servies, current Committee Director.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Bret Cornn, P.A., Chairman