

INDIANA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2020

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC § 25-27.5-3-5, pursuant to public notice posted on line at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair
Joseph Fox, M.D., Member
JoAnn Beecher, P.A., Vice Chair
Timothy Hawkins, Consumer Member
Bret Cornn, P.A., Member

Staff Present: Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jody Edens, Assistant Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Stephanie Mullaney, J.D. Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted by roll call to adopt the agenda.

Jacobs/Beecher, 5/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Steven Jacobs, JoAnn Beecher, Joseph Fox, Bret Cornn, Timothy Hawkins
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

John Chapman, P.A., License No. 10000654A, Cause Number 2013 PAC 0003
Respondent appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a

Petition for Reinstatement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Mr. Chapman applied for reinstatement with the Board back in 2018 ad was denied as his order indicates he cannot reinstate until his Texas license is unencumbered.

Mr. Chapman testified that he contacted the Texas Board and they gave him a letter that indicates his is not eligible for reinstatement. He submitted the letter for the Board's review.

The Board indicated that the letter does say he is not eligible for reinstatement due to being away from the profession for such a length of time, but it also indicates it is due to the discipline as well as other reasons.

He informed the Board that he has completed anger management classes; saw a Psychiatrist for a period of time and was released. He stated he has been clean and sober since 2012.

Respondent's Exhibits:

A – R – CE Certificates

S – NCCPA certification certificate

T – Letter from Texas

States Exhibits:

A – Copy of Texas license verification

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board voted by roll call to APPROVE the Reinstatement of the Respondent's license.

Jacobs/no second, motion fails

After further discussion, the Board voted by roll call to DENY Mr. Chapmans request to Reinststate his license.

Jacobs/Beecher, 3/2/0 with Dr. Fox and Mr. Hawkins objecting
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Steven Jacobs, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn

The following board members objected: Joseph Fox & Timothy Hawkins

The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

Co-signing prescriptions with APRNs (tabled from December meeting):

The Board stated that all prescriptions must be signed by the practitioner writing the prescription.

Can a Physician Assistant give a verbal order to a Nurse Practitioner and the nurse write the Order? **I have no idea what the answer was...didn't write down anything.**

Telemedicine:

If a Physician Assistant gets a license in Indiana and his supervisor is in California but also licensed in Indiana, is this a good practice?

Mr. Jacobs indicated that he works in New York with a supervising physician in that state that is licensed in Indiana. He doesn't see an issue with it.

PROBATIONARY APPEARANCE

Jennifer Boone, P.A.:

Ms. Boone informed the Board that she is not currently working as a Physician Assistant. The Therapy Center where she was seeing her Therapist closed temporarily due to covid-19. She was going every two weeks and continues to talk with her Therapist by telephone.

She has completed her alcohol abuse therapy, but is still going to meetings for personal reasons.

She has not had any other legal issues.

The Board made it clear to Ms. Boone that she needs to have her Therapist send in reports.

The Board thanked her for appearing.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair

JoAnn Beecher, P.A., Vice Chair