

INDIANA COMMITTEE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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(240) 454-0887 and entering meeting room # 610 915 440

MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2021

Steve Jacobs, P.A., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m. and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC § 25-27.5-3-5, pursuant to public notice posted 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: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair
Timothy Hawkins, Consumer Member
Bret Cornn, P.A., Member

Member(s) Absent: Joseph Fox, M.D., Member

Staff Present: Laura Turner, J.D., Committee Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Christine Cowdin, Assistant Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Clair Dyer, J.D. Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Committee voted by roll call to adopt the amended agenda.

Jacobs/Cornn, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Timothy Hawkins

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

There were no minutes for approval.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

David Wulff, P.A., License No. 10000305A, Cause No. 2013 PAC 0006

Respondent appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Probationary Appearance scheduled before the Committee.

Mr. Wulff appeared before the Board in March 2016, whereby through an agreement between the State and the Respondent the Board approved a Proposed Settlement agreement. The agreement included indefinite probation for no less than 8 years with terms and conditions.

He found a job with Wayne County Health Department in infections and communicable diseases. In the STI clinic he will be seeing patients with diseases such as TB, HipB etc. He will start working one (1) day a week, but as the clinic ramps up, he is hoping to attain more hours.

He was able to take the NCCPA exam in 2020 and passed. His license is currently Active/Probation. The ban on Medicare/Medicaid ended on April 19, 2021, and that is when he started looking for a position.

Lauren, his supervisor indicated to the Board that Mr. Wulff has been kind and professional while trying to get this matter set for the Board to hear.

Per his probation order, the Committee needs to review and approve all employment opportunities, the Board moved to APPROVE the employment with Wayne County Health Department. They indicated that any future employment opportunities will need to be brought to the Committee for review.

Jacobs/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:
Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Timothy Hawkins
The following Committee members objected: none
The following Committee members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

Participating Members: Steve Jacobs, Bret Cornn and Timothy Hawkins

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY PA PROGRAM:

The Committee received an email from Lisa Weinzetl, Summer School/State Authorization Slippy Rock University with the following information/request:

Slippy Rock University (SRU) a public, state-owned university located in Western Pennsylvania, is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, SRU serves more than 8,870 undergraduate and graduate students. Pursuant to the Federal Regulations 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c), and the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), SRU is writing to inquire as to whether the Physician Assistant program meets the academic requirements for professional licensure/certification in your state. At the March 2020 meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistant Inc. (ARC-PA)

placed the Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Slippery Rock University on Accreditation-Probation status until its next review in March 2022. The program maintains accreditation, which allows student to sit for board examination upon successful completion of the program and apply for state licensing. Please review the information provided to determine if SRU's educational program meets the academic requirements for professional licensure/certification in your state. Please reply by April 26, 2021. I am happy to provide any additional information you may need to make this determination.

During discussion, the Committee voiced that they didn't have a problem with the school.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH – PA PRACTICUM PLACEMENT:

Vanessa Bell, Director of Compliance with the University of Pittsburgh sent the following email to the Committee.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences seeks to notify the Board of the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Hybrid Program. The Program is a full-time distance-based program that allows students to earn a Master of Science. This distance offering requires the University to place students residing in Indiana in clinical facilities located in Indiana to complete their required clinical practicum hours. The University will not have a physical facility in Indiana. Students enrolled in the Program are required to complete 82 course credit hours, and 500 hours of patient care experiences. Students are placed in clinical facilities where they are overseen by qualified Preceptors while completing their clinical hours. Please let us know if Board approval is required to place a student in a clinical facility in your state.

During discussion, the Committee voiced that it's an open market and that students in rotations can be placed/work anywhere. Some have MOUs with Hospitals for students to do rotations. They Committee members have no issue with this, and the Committee does not need to approve them.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair