ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson, in Conference Room Lower Level B, State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska and via conference call. The Agenda was sent to the Board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered the roll call:

Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairman
Tom Bassett, Secretary
Michael Bittles, MD

Absent: John Davies, PA
David Hoelting, MD, Vice-Chair

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Kathie Lueke, Program Manager; Kelli Dalrymple, Health Licensing Coordinator, Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General, Dennis Scott, Investigator, Jeff Newman, Investigator and Carla Cue, Investigator, Department of Investigations.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Basset moved, seconded by Bittles, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens and Bittles. Voting nay: none. Absent: Davies and Hoelting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bittles moved, seconded by Basset, to approve the meeting minutes of April 22, 2016 with changes. Voting aye: Bittles, Bassett and Dolphens. Voting nay: none. Absent: Davies and Hoelting. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Basset moved, seconded by Bittles, to go into closed session at 2:08 p.m. to review applications. Voting aye: Bittles, Bassett and Dolphens. Voting nay: none. Absent: Davies and Hoelting. Motion carried.

Hoelting joined the meeting by phone at 2:10 p.m.

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett to return to open session at 2:23 p.m. Voting aye: Hoelting, Bassett, Bittles and Dolphens. Voting nay: none. Absent: Davies. Motion carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW


PRACTICE QUESTION – SATELLITE CLINIC

A member of the Physician Assistant Committee has received a few questions regarding a definition of “satellite clinic” and satellite clinic coverage. There are the larger organizations who have employed PA’s
who may have a supervising practitioner at one office but covering in a different office or a number of
different offices owned by the same organization. The identified supervising physician may occasionally
be in the same office as the PA but not on a routine basis. All of these PAs would have >2 years of
experience.

While satellite clinic is not defined, the current regulations include the following definitions on page 3 of
172 NAC 90:

   Primary practice site means where the supervising physician(s) maintains his/her primary
   practice.

   Secondary sites means those practice sites which are not the primary practice site of the
   supervising physician.

   Supervision means the ready availability of the supervising physician for consultation and
   direction of the activities of the physician assistant. Contact with the supervising physician by
   telecommunication is sufficient to show ready availability.

In addition, the regulations include the following as applicable for Physician Assistants with greater than 2
years of experience:

   90-006.01C Supervision of a physician assistant by a supervising physician shall be continuous
   but shall not require the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place that
   the services are rendered.

   90-006.01D Each physician assistant and his/her supervising physician shall be responsible to
   ensure that:
   1. The scope of practice of the physician assistant is identified;
   2. The delegation of medical tasks is appropriate to the level of competence of the
       physician assistant;
   3. The relationship of and access to the supervising physician is defined; and
   4. A process for evaluation of the performance of the physician assistant is established;

**PDMP LETTER TO DISPENSING PRACTITIONERS**

The Committee reviewed the letter and had no discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bittles moved, seconded by Hoelting, to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. Voting aye: Hoelting, Bassett,

Respectfully submitted,

*signature available upon request*

Tom Bassett, Vice Chair
Physician Assistant Committee