

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

MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2018

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
Jo Ann Beecher, P.A., Member – via teleconference
Joseph Fox, M.D., Member

Members Absent: Bret Cornn, P.A., Vice Chairman
Timothy Hawkins, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Darren R. Covington, Committee Director
Professional Licensing Agency

Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant Committee Director
Professional Licensing Agency

Stephanie Mullaney, Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General's Office

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Jo Ann Beecher, P.A., Joseph Fox, M.D.

Fox/Beecher, 3/0/0
Ayes: Jacobs, Beecher, Fox
Motion carries

The Committee voted to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017 & September 14, 2017.

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Jo Ann Beecher, P.A., Joseph Fox, M.D.

Fox/Beecher, 3/0/0
Ayes: Jacobs, Beecher, Fox
Motion carries

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Jo Ann Beecher, P.A., Joseph Fox, M.D.

Steve Jacobs, P.A. was nominated to be Chair by Joseph Fox, M.D.

Fox/Beecher, 3/0/0
Motion carries

Jo Ann Beecher, M.D. was nominated to be Vice Chair by Steven Jacobs, P.A.

Jacobs/Fox, 4/0/0
Motion carries

FULL BOARD APPEARANCE

Meredith Lizza, Professional Licensing Agency Legislative & Communications Director

Ms. Lizza appeared before the Committee to present a summary of the 2018 Legislative session and update the Committee regarding the following bills that would directly affect medical practitioners.

SB221 – INSPECT Program

Allows a dispenser of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or a controlled substance to transmit certain information to the INSPECT program by any electronic method that meets specifications prescribed by the state board of pharmacy. It also requires the following practitioners to obtain information about a patient from the data base before prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine to the patient.

This bill impacts all Controlled Substances Registration holders effective July 1, 2018 with rolling effective dates for mandatory query of a patient's INSPECT record.

SB225 – Continuing Education Requirements

Establishes continuing education requirements for licensed health care practitioners who apply for a controlled substances registration. Provides that the continuing education requirements expire July 1, 2025.

All continuing education courses must be approved by the Committee or provided by an approved organization.

This bill impacts all Controlled Substance Registration holders effective July 1, 2018.

HB1245 – Occupational Licensing

Provides that the State and a local governmental unit shall explicitly list all crimes and will disqualify an individual from receiving an occupational license. Provides that the use

of an individual's conviction of a crime as a disqualifying criminal conviction is limited to a crime that specifically and directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation for which the individual is applying for or hold a license.

This bill impacts all Boards and Committees and is effective March 21, 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

David Andrews, P.A., License No. 10001641A, Cause Number 2017 PAC 0001

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge and the court report sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Jo Ann Beecher, P.A., Joseph Fox, M.D.

At the June 8, 2017 Committee meeting, the Committee voted to renew Mr. Andrews' license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions, including an annual personal appearance and submission of employer reports.

Respondent contacted the Committee via letter and stated that he was currently employed in Wisconsin and stated that he would not be attending his scheduled probationary appearance due to his employment obligations. He did not submit an employer report.

The State requested that the Committee issue a Notice of Proposed Default.

After discussion, the Committee moved to ISSUE the Respondent a NOTICE of PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Jacobs/Fox, 3/0/0
Ayes: Jacobs, Beecher, Fox
Motion carries

PROBATIONARY APPEARANCES

Randy Whitlock, P.A.

Randy Whitlock appeared for his probationary appearance. He submitted reports for 2017 and 2018 for his Ohio practice which reflected that Mr. Whitlock is in compliance.

The Committee thanked him for his appearance and scheduled him to appear in one year, June 2019, for a probationary review.

DISCUSSION

Conforming Changes to 844 IAC 2.2-1.1-16 & 844 IAC 2.2-2-2

The Director noted that these two rules needed to be updated to conform with current statutes.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Participating Committee Members: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Jo Ann Beecher, P.A., Joseph Fox, M.D.

The Committee reviewed and approved all applications below for initial licensure, prescriptive authority, controlled substance registrations, change and/or addition, and positive response.

Initial Applications

Gish, Erin Marie, P.A.
Hawley, Kathryn Maria, P.A.
Koester, Amy Diane, P.A.
Marks, Charlotte, P.A.
Patzik, Emily, P.A.
Saltaji, Dania N., P.A.

Change/Additions

Barrett, Kimberly K., P.A.
Campbell, Sarah, P.A.
Ceh, Paula, P.A.
Cooper, Natalie Jo, P.A.
Corbett, Margaret, P.A.
Hall, Nancy, P.A.
Hammond, Cory, P.A.
Hendricks, John E., P.A.
Henry, Rachel, P.A.
Martin, Matthew, P.A.
Nikou, Erin, P.A.
Ripperger, Judith, P.A.
Swain – Meja, Pamela A.,
Terhune, Andrew, P.A.
Theiring, Natasha Renee, P.A.
Thimling, Matthew, P.A.
Tolin, Mallory, P.A. (x10)
Vanderkolk, Corianne, Warrick, P.A.

Controlled Substance Registration

Caffery, Kaytlyn, P.A.
Gorman, Eryn, P.A.
Noel, Arielle, P.A.
Oversen, Spencer, P.A.

Positive Response

Alan James Hightower (Initial)

Requested Clarification

Tenbarge, Katherine, P.A.

Stevens/Fox, 3/0/0
Ayes: Jacobs, Beecher, Fox
Motion carries

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman

Jo Ann Beecher, P.A., Vice Chairman