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Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

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Minutes of 12/01/2023

Board Members Present: Heather Whitson, PA Chair
Valentin Garcia, Public Member
Brian Bizik, MS PA-C
Erin Carver, PA

Division Staff: Stephanie Lotridge, Executive Officer
Mark Kubinski, General Counsel
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

Board Member Absent: Nathan Thompson, PA

Others Present: Joan Callahan, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM by Heather Whitson, PA.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the 09/22/2023 minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Financial Update: Ms. Lotridge updated the Committee that at this time there is no new financial report. Ms. Lotridge stated that when it becomes available, she will notify the Committee and make it accessible for them to view.

Executive Agency Legislation Ideas: Ms. Lotridge explained the Executive Agency Legislative Ideas for the upcoming 2024 Legislative Session. The ideas that will affect physician assistants in Idaho are related to fingerprinting for licensing, list of controlled substances, and biennial renewal of licensure on licensee's birthdates.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR) Discussion: Ms. Lotridge reviewed executive order 2020-01, which requires administrative rule review by all state regulatory bodies. The goal of ZBR is to eliminate rules duplicative of statutes, and outdated requirements, remove unnecessary barriers, and increase the ease of readability of its administrative rules. Ms. Lotridge also stated that the goal is to make the numbering system for rule chapters uniform across all licensing boards. This is an initial discussion as the Committee will go through the process and make recommendations to the Board of Medicine in 2024 to go before the 2025 Legislature.

Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider investigative and disciplinary records related to a licensee's ability to retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. Roll call vote, Erin Carver, aye; Heather Whitson, aye; Brian Bizik, aye and Valentin Garcia, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit the Executive Session. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINE

Prior to any discussion or motion made, Valentin Garcia recused himself from case number 2023-PAC-10088.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Board of Medicine to close case numbers: 2023-PAC-10088 and 2023-PAC-10134. Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 AM.

The next Committee meeting is on 03/15/2024.