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## **AB3 Task Force Teleconference Meeting**

**January 25, 2008**

### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The teleconference was called to order at 2:07 P.M. by Steve Klompus, Physician Assistant Committee Vice-Chair.

Task Force Members Present:

Dr. Ronald Wender  
Christina Gomez Vidal Diaz  
Steven Klompus  
Bob Miller  
Shelia Young  
Kurt Heppler – Staff Counsel  
Elberta Portman – Executive Officer

2. Discuss and establish requirement for number of hours required for an education course to satisfy the requirement in Assembly Bill 3 for issuing drug orders for Schedule II through V controlled substances without physician specific approval.

Discussion of the responses to the survey sent to the California programs – noting that the average was about six hours. Also, Dr. Wender reported that he recommended that the course be a stand-alone course, to make sure the training was adequate. He also recommended that we consult with Bill Norcross, of the PACE Program in San Diego.

He also recommended that if you were teaching prescribing, then it should be around four hours, however, if you also teach about pain, then you would double it to 8 hours.

Dr. Wender recommended the Task Force consider using on line or CD-rom formats; however, Steven Klompus indicated that the Task Force had determined that the course should be in a classroom setting.

Discussion ensued about who would develop the courses, and if the program would include students. At this time the course will be taught to licensees, but at a later time the students could be included.

Ms. Gomez-Vidal Diaz was concerned about whether ethics was included and in (1) the laws and regulations and appropriate prescribing is discussed.

Motion/Young/s/Klompus to move that the course be at least six hours in duration, and would include three hours of Schedule II.

### 3. Review of Proposed Assembly Bill 3 implementation regulations

The regulation will be amended to include at least six hours as a minimum.

Discussion about the standards that were now set, and the nuts and bolts of the program course, with the framework being on page 3, A1-8. The course will be taught by either an existing PA program, recognized Category I continuing medical education (CME) provider, or American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) provider, or California Medical Association (CMA).

### 4. Public Comment

No public comment was heard, as no members of the public were present at any of the teleconferenced sites.

### 5. Adjournment

At 2:40 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.  
(Klompus/s/Wender)  
The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

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