

JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
770 Washington Ave
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2015
April 15, 2015
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

John S. Meigs Jr, MD, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm on April 15, 2015.

The following Committee members were present at the meeting:

Melissa Hatter, MSN, RN, CNM
Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP
John S. Meigs Jr., MD
Timothy Stewart, MD

The following Committee members were absent with prior notice:

Grace Grau, MSN, CRNP
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD

Staff members attending the meeting included:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:
Charlene Cotton, Advanced Practice Consultant
Kristine Jordan, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:
Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant
Amy Wybenga, Collaborative Practice Consultant

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared with two nurse members and two physician members present.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Notice of the meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On April 15, Ms. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee adopt the Agenda, as distributed. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On April 15, Ms. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of February 17, 2015 as distributed. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Collaborative Practice Regulations, Proposed Revisions

The proposed rule changes were published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly in March 2015. Public comment period ended April 3, 2015. Ms. Cotton stated that the ABN had not received any written comments.

Ms. Ward reported that at the ABME Credentials Committee recommended to proceed with final certification of the changes to FTE totals, and defer final adoption of the remaining rules until the ABME agenda for May 20, 2015.

These reports were received as information without action by the Joint Committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Review of Prohibited Procedures

The procedures listed below have been requested for CRNP or CNM practice, but denied by the Alabama Board of Nursing or the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, or both. The review process is as defined in ABN Administrative Code 610-X-5-.10 for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners and 610-X-5-.22 for Certified Nurse Midwives. It has been the custom of the committee to review these prohibited procedures annually. The year of the decision is listed in parenthesis following the description.

1. Chest Tube/Pleural Catheter Insertion by Thoracotomy
 - a. Exception: allowed in the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Specialty Protocol. It is taught in the NNP curriculum. (1997)
 - b. The Advanced Critical Care Protocol limits thoracotomy insertion to the intra-operative setting. (2010)
2. Insertion of Central Line, Subclavian Vein
 - a. The Advanced Critical Care Protocol allows Subclavian CVL insertion, but the physician must be present during the procedure. (2010).
3. Sphenopalatine Ganglion Block, nasal approach for treatment of migraine headache.
 - a. Denied based on lack of scientific evidence to support efficacy of treatment (2005).
4. Nasal endoscopy.
 - a. Denied based on inadequate rationale and treatment protocol provided by the requesting physician and CRNP (2002).
 - b. Requested by ENT physician in 2015 for CRNP protocol, denied by ABME.
5. Tympanostomy Tubes, Removal
 - a. Denied (2002)
6. Cryotherapy/Cryosurgery (Unspecified procedures)
 - a. Originally denied in 1997.
 - b. Cryotherapy of superficial flat lesions was added to CRNP and CNM standard protocols in March 2015, upon recommendation from the Joint Committee, included standard limitations adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners. The Board of Nursing did not add Cryotherapy of superficial flat lesions to the Standard Protocol for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. CRNPs in these two specialties may request the procedure and provide justification for the procedure in their practice.

7. Shave/cautery of superficial lesions without biopsy. (1997)
8. Paracentesis. (1997)
 - a. From time to time, there have been inquiries from CRNPs in oncology and gastroenterology practices to obtain permission to perform paracentesis. The Board of Nursing has not received an inquiry in the past year.
9. Administration of Anesthetic – Peripheral Block (1997)
 - a. CRNP may perform only distal digital block, fingers or toes.
 - b. Peripheral Block is within the scope of practice of CRNA under the direction of physician.
10. Arthrocentesis, injection of shoulder, elbow, knee, ankle; injection of greater trochanteric bursa (2006)
 - a. Prohibited for Neonatal, Oncology, Pediatric, Women's Health, Midwife
 - b. Allowed within the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol, with qualified physician, for Acute Care, Adult, Family, Gerontology, & Hospice/Palliative Care.
11. Paracervical Block (1997)
 - a. CNM may request privilege
 - b. Prohibited in all NP specialties
12. Complex Suturing (1997)
 - a. Standard Protocol permits suturing of simple lacerations, not below the dermis.
13. Percutaneous Liver Biopsy (1998)
 - a. Denied by the Board of Nursing
14. Needle Aspiration of Breast Mass (1997)
15. Vacuum assist vaginal delivery by CNM (1997)

There was general discussion of the historical restrictions and changes.

On April 15, Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee recommend to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners to rephrase "Cryotherapy/Cryosurgery (unspecified procedures)" and change to "Cryotherapy/Cryosurgery beyond superficial flat lesion." Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster included all collaborative practice applications that were complete by March 23, 2015.

A. Physician Fee

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners staff reported there were no unpaid physician fees as of March 20, 2015.

B. Terminated or Withdrawn Collaborative agreements

As of March 20, 2015, the following, applicants received temporary approval and subsequently withdrew the application or reported termination of collaboration agreement prior to publication of the Board agenda.

Period	NP Name	RN License	Physician Name	Physician License
Never worked	Parker, Kristina	1-130421	Ajamoughli, Ghaith	19459
Never worked	Normand, Robin	1-083180	Cooper, Constance	32671
Never worked	Cagle, Neal	1-088261	Malhotra, Sanjay	29375
01/22/2015 to 02/15/2015 Modified Sites	Brewer, Erica	1-106626	Shivalingaiah, Rupa	28819

After publication of the roster, the physician or CRNP reported termination of the practice. The physician's fee was not paid.

Item Number	Period	NP Name	RN License	Physician Name	Physician License
29-1	Never worked	Cleavenger, Joyce	1-145739	Sharma, Sunil	29037
31-1	Never worked	Cloud, Keeshia	1-135656	Johnson, Joann	4556
45-1	Never worked	Duke, Nikita	1-117650	Adams, Douglas	22646
85-1	Never worked	Kelker, Cassandra	1-034411	Tuck, Pamela	23723
125-1	Never worked	Robertson, April	1-098645	Still, Ann	21703

C. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physician.

On April 15, Ms. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians, items 1-1 thru 159-1 for as stated in the application, excluding applications 29-1, 31-1, 45-1, 85-1, and 125-1 which were withdrawn. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

D. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications.

Item 162-2 Cassandra Ridgel, 1-058587 and physician Antonia Williams, DO874 collaboration agreement for standard approval; excludes skill for Subdermal Contraceptive Implant Insertion and Removal because requested documentation was not received.

Item 165-2 Martha Singleton, 1-032891 and physician Maria Villarreal, MD 20632 collaboration agreements for standard approval; excludes Neonatal Specialty Protocol pending letter of clarification from Dr Villarreal.

On April 15, Ms. Stewart moved for approval of applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 160-2 through 166-2 as listed in the application, excluding skills for item 162-2 and 165-2. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

E. Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications.

Correction: Item 192-3 Ginger McDaniel, 1-103018 and physician Adetokunboh Adebayo MD21942 should be physician Brent Barranco, MD21946. The practice sites are correct and covering physicians are correct.

On April 15, Ms. Hatter moved for approval of applications to modify existing collaborative practice with the addition of locations, duties and/or restricted drug classifications, items 167-3 through 213-3, with the correction of the physician's name, Dr Brent Barranco in item 192-3. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

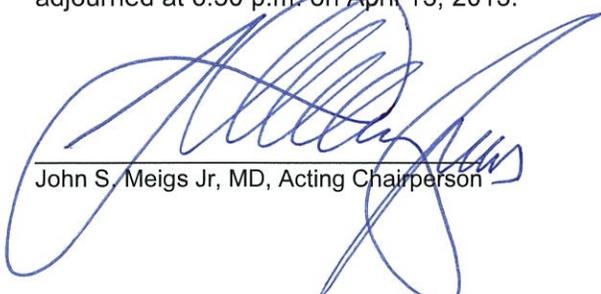
None.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Medical Examiners located on 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hatter moved for adjournment. Ms. Stewart seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on April 15, 2015.



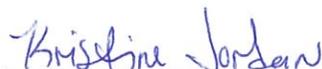
John S. Meigs Jr, MD, Acting Chairperson



Date of Approval

Submitted by:

Charlene Cotton
Alabama Board of Nursing



Kristine Jordan, Recorder, April 15, 2015
Alabama Board of Nursing

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