

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

Fiscal Year 2013
July 16, 2013
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

B. Jerome Harrison, MD called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on July 16, 2013

The following Committee members were present at the meeting:

Cynthia Messer, MSN, RN, CNM
Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP
Grace Grau, MSN, CRNP
B. Jerome Harrison, MD
Beverley Flowers Jordan, MD
Paul Nagrodzki, MD

Staff members attending the meeting included:

For the Alabama Board of Nursing:
Charlene Cotton, MSN, RN, Advanced Practice Consultant
Kristine Jordan, Administrative Assistant

For the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:
Cheryl Thomas, MSM, RN, Collaborative Practice Inspector
Pat Ward, RN, Inspector
Deana Bozeman, Collaborative Practice Administration

Visitor attending the meeting:

Martin A. Wybenga, MD, Family Health Care, Inc.
Amy M. Wybenga, CRNP

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Prior notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On July 16, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda, as presented. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On July 16, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of May14, 2013 as distributed with corrections. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS. There was no old business for discussion.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ligation of Polydactyly – Pediatric NP

BACKGROUND:

Ligation of skin tags and extra digits was previously approved in the Neonatal Specialty Protocol. Kimberly Thompson, CRNP, Pediatric NP, and Daniel Beals, MD, University of South Alabama, have been in collaborative practice since March 2012. They submitted request to add Ligation of Polydactyly to Ms. Thompson's practice, as an additional duty for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in collaboration with physician providing care to neonates.

Dr. Harrison stated that the ABME board already approved this request from Dr. Allen and Kimberly Thompson, CRNP, Pediatric NP, and Daniel Beals, MD, for Ms. Thompson to perform ligation of polydactyly for neonates seen as inpatients between birth and discharge home from the hospital, after determining the extra digit has no bony appendage.

On July 16, Ms. Grau moved to approve ligation of polydactyly as an additional duty for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in collaboration with physician providing care to neonates. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. CRNP-CMN Qualified Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate Covering Physician Applications

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Medical Board's request, the Joint Committee is to develop an application for the Covering Physician for the CRNP and CNM who apply for QACSC. Ms. Thomas provided a proposal for Covering Physician Application for controlled substance prescribing by CRNP or CNM.

ON JULY 16, the Joint Committee agreed to consider a revised document at the next meeting.

C. CRNP / CNM QACSC Prescribing Protocol

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Medical Board's request, the Joint Committee is to develop a Prescribing Protocol for the QACSC to be sent back to both Boards for approval. Ms. Thomas provided the prescribing protocol that is currently in place for the physician's assistants who have been issued a QACSC. Changes have been made to insert Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife and Collaborating Physician where appropriate.

The MASA CE program for Prescribing Controlled Substances was held on July 13 – 14. Dr. Harrison and Ms. Grau discussed the participant responses from the program.

ON JULY 16, the Joint Committee agreed that this be readdressed at the next meeting.

D. CRNP / CNM QACSC Formulary Application

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Medical Board's request, the Joint Committee is to develop a Formulary Application for the QACSC to be sent back to both Boards' for approval. Ms. Thomas provided the same Formulary Application that is currently in place for the physician's assistants who have been issued a QACSC. Changes have been made to insert Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife and Collaborating Physician where appropriate.

Dr. Nagrodzki asked whether each application would need to come to the Joint Committee. He recommended a standard protocol for schedules III, IV, & V, excluding appetite suppressants so that the application for QACSC could be fast-tracked to the next monthly agenda of the BME.

Dr. Harrison raised questions about appetite suppressant medications on schedule IV, and existing rules for weight control centers. Dr. Wybenga asked questions about current rules on limitations of prescribed quantity or number of refills.

ON JULY 16, the Joint Committee moved that this be readdressed at the next meeting.

E. One Page Application to Add Skills

BACKGROUND:

At the request of Dr. Jerry Harrison a proposed application has been developed for the sole purpose of modifying a current Collaborative Agreement by the addition of a skill or skills, rather than submitting a complete ten page "Add or Change Collaborative Practice Application." The application would be submitted to the Board of Nursing.

Ms. Cotton spoke to the relative advantage of having one comprehensive application form rather than several single-purpose forms.

ON JULY 16, the Joint Committee moved that this be readdressed at the next meeting.

F. One Page Application to Add / Delete Practice Site(s) for Collaborative Practice

BACKGROUND:

At the request of Dr. Jerry Harrison a proposed application has been developed for the sole purpose of modifying a current Collaborative Agreement by adding and/or deleting one to two practice sites has been developed in lieu of submitting a complete ten page "Add or Change Collaborative Practice Application." The application would be submitted to the Board of Nursing.

ON JULY 16, the Joint Committee moved that this be readdressed at the next meeting.

G. Add Restricted Drugs Application

BACKGROUND:

At the request of Dr. Jerry Harrison a proposed application has been developed for the sole purpose of modifying a current Collaborative Agreement changing the Standard Formulary and / or Adding Restricted Drugs to an existing Collaborative Practice, in lieu of submitting a complete ten- page "Add of Change Collaborative Practice Application." The application would be submitted to the Board of Nursing.

ON JULY 16, the Joint Committee moved that this be readdressed at the next meeting.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by June 27, 2013. An Addendum to the roster was handed out for corrections to the roster.

A. Physician Fee Unpaid

As of July 16, 2012, there were no physician fees unpaid to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners fee. Ms. Bozeman was commended for consistency in resolving unpaid physician fees prior to the Committee and Board meeting dates.

B. Terminated during Temporary Approval

As of July 16, 2012, the following applicants reported termination or withdrawal of collaboration prior to board action.

Time Period	RN License	Nurse	Phys License	Physician
4/25/2013 to 6/4/2013	1-118099	Kristen Osborne	25742	John Reardon

On May 14, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approve the application for collaborative practice as listed noting the indicated dates of temporary approval and termination. Ms. Messer seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by June 26, 2013 for all Collaborative Practice agreements.

1. The roster includes 249 applications that met all requirements by June 27, 2013.
2. Applicants requesting practice in a site with no collaborating or covering physician on site have provided documentation of a plan for cumulative hours together in a site, in compliance with ABME 540-X-8-.08 and ABN 610-X-5-.08, Requirements for Collaborative Practice by Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners. All applicants meet the criteria for nurse practitioner clinical specialty consistent with the physician's specialty.

3. The previous roster format is not available due to conversion from License 2000 to new License Management System. The Excel spreadsheet format is a transition, not a final format for report of applications. The applications are grouped on Excel spreadsheets with the following seven (7) "tab names:"

Fast track: Ms. Cotton provided corrections for the list of Fast Track applications.

On July 16, Ms. Stewart moved for approval of the collaborative practice agreements for Fast Track with corrections. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection

On-site, No covering: Ms. Cotton provided corrections for the list of applications.

On July 16, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the collaborative practice agreements for On-site, no Covering as corrected. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection

Remote Site, Standard Protocol & Formulary: Ms. Cotton provided corrections for the list of applications.

On July 16, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the collaborative practice agreements for Remote site, Standard Protocol and Formulary, as corrected. Ms. Messer seconded. Motion carried without objection

Remote Site, No Covering Physician: Ms. Cotton provided corrections for the list of applications.

On July 16, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the collaborative practice agreements for Remote, No Cover, as corrected. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

New Collaboration, with Additional Skills and/ or Special Formulary Ms. Cotton provided corrections for the list of applications. Dr. Nagrodzki requested clarification on the application of Claudine Feig, WHNP, with Mia Cowan, MD, and the formulary request for Oxytocics. Ms. Thomas requested clarification on Laura Wolf, Pediatric NP with Dr. Eichold at Mobile County Health Department. Ms. Wolf requested approval for insertion and removal of intrauterine devices.

On July 16, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the collaborative practice agreements for New Collaboration with Additional Skills and / or Special Formulary, as corrected, and defer the specific request for (a) Claudine Feig's request for oxytocics and (b) Laura Wolf Pediatric NP for IUD insertion and removal. Ms. Messer seconded. Motion carried without objection

Modify Existing Collaboration, Add Skills: Ms. Cotton provided corrections for the list of applications.

On July 16, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the applications to modify currently approved agreements with additional skills, as corrected. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection

Modify Existing Collaboration, Add Practice Sites: Ms. Cotton provided corrections for the list of applications.

On July 16, Ms. Grau moved to approve the applications modify currently approved agreements with Additional Practice Sites, as corrected. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

10. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Harrison proposed that Initial Interpretation of EKG may be removed from the requirement for review of additional duties. Also, he requested a comprehensive review of skill sets for each NP specialty. Both will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Dr. Harrison reported that CRNPs at the MASA Pharmacology seminar were unable to swipe the RN card for documentation of continuing education credit in Alabama Board of Nursing records. He questioned the lack of cooperation by the Alabama Board of Nursing to support CRNPs in meeting the requirements for controlled substance prescribing. Ms. Cotton stated the options for Alabama Board of Nursing Provider (ABNP) designation for Continuing Education, in order to have a card scanner for MASA programs. Alternately, MASA may negotiate with an ABNP provider to secure prior approval of the course, and card scanning for attendees.

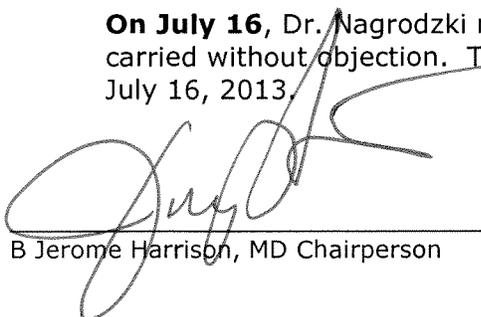
The Alabama Board of Nursing recognizes AMA CME credits and prior approval by the Alabama Board of Nursing for the continuing education program is not required. The ABN allows the individual CRNP to add the course information to his or her personal CE record on the Alabama Board of Nursing website.

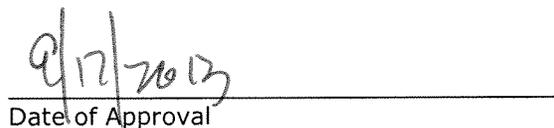
11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Medical Examiners located at 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

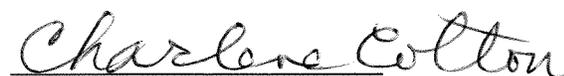
12. ADJOURNMENT

On July 16, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for adjournment. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on July 16, 2013.


B Jerome Harrison, MD Chairperson


Date of Approval

Submitted by:


Charlene Cotton
Alabama Board of Nursing


Kristine Jordan, Recorder, July 16, 2013
Alabama Board of Nursing