

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

Fiscal Year 2015
August 18, 2015
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on August 18, 2015.

The following Committee members were present at the meeting:

Grace Grau, DNP, CRNP
Melissa Hatter, MSN, RN, CNM
Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
John S. Meigs Jr., MD
Timothy Stewart, MD

Staff members attending the meeting included:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Charlene Cotton, MSN, RN, Advanced Practice Consultant
Dawn Daniels, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Probation and Monitoring
Melissa Curtiss, Advance Practice Licensing Specialist
Kristine Jordan, Administrative Assistant for Advanced Practice
Robert Rollins, Information Technology Supervisor

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 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 August 18, Dr. Meigs moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda, as distributed.
Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On August 14, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of June 16, 2015 as distributed. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mid-Level Practitioner Skills Protocol

Insertion of Intra-aortic Balloon (IABP)

There was an error in information distributed to the Joint Committee in June regarding training requirements for Insertion of Intra-aortic Balloon (IABP). The table showed a requirement of 30 procedures for annual maintenance but only 20 procedures for Initial Certification. The Joint Committee questioned the lesser requirement for initial certification, in comparison to annual maintenance, and recommended 30 procedures for initial and 30 for annual certification. The BME, at their June 16, 2015, affirmed the requirement for 20 procedures, rather than the 30 procedures recommended by the Joint Committee.

On August 14, the Joint Committee received this report as information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Physician Availability during House Calls for Face to Face Assessment

Ms. Cotton gave an overview that organizations are hiring CRNPs for sole purpose of providing house calls to perform Face-to-Face Risk Assessments. Some hiring agencies have questioned the need for the physician to be geographically accessible in order to comply with the definition of Readily Available. They make the argument that the CRNP is not providing interventions nor prescribing and the collaborating physician is available by phone. Currently, the ABN/BME staff request clarification on the physician's availability.

Ms. Cotton asked for clarification from the Joint Committee members for reviewing the applications in relation to the location of the physician and the CRNP and the plan for compliance with the requirements for physician availability.

Dr. Stewart wondered why we are even asking for clarification. If the application does not meet the customary requirements of collaborative agreement then deny the application. Ms. Cotton explained that applicants have the opportunity to explain their plan for physician availability or amend the application.

Dr. Meigs stated the Face-to-Face Risk Assessment is an annual appointment for insurance coverage and shows that the patient has not seen a physician recently. Dr. Meigs questioned whether home visits are in the interest of the patient. Dr. Jordan indicated that most patients would keep an appointment with their primary physician when encouraged to do so. Only small portions of the patients do not respond timely.

Ms. Ward indicated that they have had several companies inquire about exception to the Collaborative Practice Rules that require either the Collaborating physician or the Covering physician to be "Readily Available" for "Direct Medical Intervention" as defined in Rule 610-X-5-.01 (16 & 17). **Rule 540-X-8-.08 and 610-X-5-.08 Requirements for Collaborative Practice by Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.** (6) "The Joint Committee may, at its discretion, waive the requirements of written verification of physician availability upon documentation of exceptional circumstances.

Ms. Grau indicated that home visits sometimes causes confusion with the patient and caregivers. She also indicated concerns that CRNPs do not have access to patient's medical history and pertinent diagnostic tests. Ms. Hatter and Ms. Stewart agreed.

In conclusion: the Joint Committee members came to consensus to up hold the collaborative practice rules established for the collaborating physician or the covering physician to comply with

the definition "Readily Available" and "Direct Medical Intervention." If an application does not meet the requirements, then deny approval or allow the applicant to withdraw the application. If companies want to request waiver of requirements, they will need to show exceptional circumstances.

On August 14, Dr. Meigs moved the Joint Committee recommend both Boards deny approval to collaborative practice applications that do not meet the standards set forth in the Collaborative Practice Rules. Send the applicant the following statement: "The application as submitted does not meet the definition of Collaborative Practice in Alabama nor does the request for exemption rise to the level of exceptional circumstances." Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by July 17, 2015 for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Physician Fee Unpaid

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners staff provided an update on the unpaid fees as of August 18, 2015.

Item Number	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
107-7	Reynolds, Amy	1-055560	Roth	22367
121-1	Smith, Shea	1-072424	Martinez-Arache	31047
151-2	Landrum, Theresa	1-030759	Dawson	12203

On August 18, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee defer action on each application for collaborative practice due to non-payment to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Terminated or Withdrawn Collaborative agreements

As of August 18, 2015, the following applicants reported termination or withdrawal of collaboration prior to Joint Committee Review meeting action.

The following applicants received Temporary Approval and withdrew the application prior to publication of the Board agenda:

Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
Bundrum, Joanna	1-039155	Abney, Charles	21941
Cunningham, Angela	1-078708	Ata, Muhammad	16386
Hovan, Juanita	1-117771	Horton, Thomas	13953

The following applicants withdrew Temporary Approval after the publication of the board agenda:

Item	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
004 - 1	Anne, Christine	1-043213	Lopez, Oscar B	10600
040 - 1	Fairley, Joanna	1-121466	Lopez, Oscar B	10600
058 - 1	Horton, Shanquail	1-127996	Short, Terry	13523
083 - 1	McAnalley, Marleah	1-052209	Carpenter, Timothy	DO-1502

Item	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
093 - 1	Nicholson, William	1-127769	Khan, Masood	28283
105 - 1	Pritchett, Nichole	1-122870	Waits, John B	25230

The following applicants terminated the Temporary Approval after the publication of the board agenda:

Approval Period	Item	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
6/19/2015 to 7/31/2015	036 - 1	Edwards, Leslie	1-084781	Johnson, Karin	DO-1480
7/9/2015 to 7/21/2015	094 - 1	Nix, Susan	1-044311	Malhotra, Sanjay	29375

On August 14, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of termination or withdrawal, as stated. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 1-1 through 143-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians

On August 18, 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 143-1 for as stated in the application, excluding items 107-7, 121-1 which have not paid physician fees; Items 4-1,40-1,83-1,93-1,105-1,124-1 which are withdrawn; and items 36-1, 94-1 which are terminated. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection

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

Items 144-2 through 155-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties, and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

Item 150-2 NP Teresa Landrum, 1-030759 and physician John Dawson, 12203; approve the collaborative practice application as listed, excluding Critical Care Specialty Protocols Mid-Level that was withdrawn.

On August 18, Ms. Grau moved for approval of applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties, and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 144-2 through 155-2 as stated in the application, excluding number 151-2 due to unpaid physician fee, and item 150-2 skill request for Critical Care Specialty Protocols Mid-Level that was withdrawn. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection

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

Items 156-3 through 198-3 Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

Item 171-3 NP Joshua Hicks, 1-138957 and physician Singh Vinodkumbar, L3812; approve the collaborative practice application as listed, excluding Critical Care Specialty Protocols Mid-Level that was withdrawn.

Item 176-3 NP Bobby Landrum, 1-066794, and physician Joseph Surber, DO-1058; approve the collaborative practice application as listed for Standard Protocol only. In addition, recommend denial of the request for Critical Care Specialty Protocols Mid-Level, remove and replace CVL over Guide due to specialty of physician being Family and the size of the hospitals (Ozark and Eufaula) would not create enough volume for continued proficiency

On August 14, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the applications for Modify Existing Collaborative Practice applications for Additional Locations, Duties, and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 156-3 through 198-3 as stated in the application. In addition excluding items 171-3 skill request for Critical Care Specialty Protocols Mid-Level that was withdrawn, and Item 176-3 skill request for Critical Care Specialty Protocols Mid-Level, plus, CVL remove and replace over Guide Wire, denied by ABME. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee extended appreciation to Ms. Grau as she completes her sixth year on the Joint Committee

Dr. Meigs noted a potential conflict on the October 20 meeting date. Adjustments to the date or meeting time will be distributed by email to participants and posted on the public notice of the meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Medical Examiners, 848 Washington Ave, AL Montgomery, Alabama.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Grau moved for adjournment. Dr. Stewart seconded.

The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm on August 18, 2015.


Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD, Chairperson

10-20-15
Date of Approval

Submitted by:


Charlene Cotton
Alabama Board of Nursing


Kristine Jordan, Recorder, August 18, 2015
Alabama Board of Nursing