

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

770 Washington Ave, Ste 350, RSA Plaza
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2015-2016
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 3, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

The following Board members were present:

Francine Parker, EdD, MSN, RN, President; E. Laura Wright, PhD, MNA, CRNA, Vice-President; Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP; Melissa Bullard, LPN; LaDonna McDonnell, LPN; Peggie Carpenter, BA, LPN; Jill B. Hightower, MSN, RN; Chrystabell King, LPN; Amy Price, MSN, RN; and Executive Officer Peggy Benson, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC.

ABN Board members absent were: Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA; Gladys Davis Hill, MSN, RN, Secretary; Catherine Dearman, RN, PhD; Helen T. McAlpine, EdD. Staff members attending the meeting were: Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant; Mary Ed Davis, RN, MSN, Director - Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program; Cathy Boden, MSN, RN – Director – Probation; Honor Ingels, Chief Legislative and Information Officer; Alice Maples Henley, Deputy Attorney General/General Counsel; Joyce Jeter, MSN, RN, Practice/Continuing Education Nurse Consultant; Brad Jones, IT Specialist; Kristine Jordan, as recorder; Angela Kennedy, RN, MSN, Legal Nurse Consultant; Debra Lett, PhD, MSN, MPA, RN, Education Nurse Consultant; Abby Migliore, RN, MSN, Legal Nurse Consultant; LaDonna Patton, MSN, RN, CEN, Director – Alabama Nursing Resource Center; Melanie Rightmyer, RN, MSN, Legal Nurse Consultant; Robert Rollins, IT Manager.

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with nine Board members present on December 3, 2015.

C. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

Prior notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

D. Review of Agenda

1) Additions, Modifications, Reordering
None

2) Adoption of Consent Agenda

The following items were accepted on the Consent Agenda:

- II A Advance Practice
- III Open Forum
- V A Strategic Planning
- V Executive Committee
- VI A Practice and Continuing Education
- VII B Education
- VIII A Executive Officer
- IX Next meeting Date
- X Other
- XI Board Meeting Debriefing
- XII Adjournment

On December 03, Dr. Wright moved that the Board adopt the Consent Agenda. Ms. McDonnell seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

On December 03, Dr. Wright moved that the Board adopt the Agenda. Ms. McDonnell seconded. Motion carried without objection.

II. ADVANCE PRACTICE

A. Collaborative Practices Report

Ms. Daniel reported that the report summary includes all applications for collaborative practice completed by September 18, 2015. ABN Board members requested that this summary be continued as a regular report.

B. New Skills Request: Injection for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Trigger Finger Carpal Tunnel and De Quervain's Tenosynovitis

Ms. Daniel presented CRNP Andrea Boohaker, 1-143005 and Dr. Nielshkumar Chaudhari, 29266, application to perform the following procedures with documented education, training, and experience. Ms. Daniel requested the ABN Board members determine whether the procedures are within the legal scope of practice for the certified registered nurse practitioner.

- 1) Injection for carpal tunnel syndrome
- 2) Injection of carpometacarpal joint of thumb

- 3) Injection of De Quervain's Tenosynovitis
- 4) Injection of trigger finger

Dr. Wright discussed the fact that ABN had denied a similar request in November and had set a precedent based on the past ABME denial of these procedures.

On December 03, Ms. Price moved that the Board deny the procedures listed as within the legal scope of practice for the CRNP. Ms. King seconded. Motion carried without objection.

III. OPEN FORUM

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING

A. FY 2014-2018 Strategic Plan Review

Mrs. Benson reviewed the current Strategic Plan and requested direction from the Board Members.

Initiative 1.1 - Obtain law enforcement authority for investigators by May 2015. That Board has not been successful in getting legislative changes for ABN investigator for access to the control prescriptive data base and records that cross over agencies. After discussion, Board Members agreed to revise the initiative based on what is politically feasible.

Initiative 1.3.1 - Evaluate state and national data sources as possible sources of benchmark data. Currently, ABN uses NCSBN and other state boards of nursing. After discussion, Board Members determined that NCSBN and other state boards are appropriate benchmark sources.

Initiative 3.2 and 3.1 - Reduce regulatory barriers to nursing practice for licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, and advanced practice nurses. Promote full implementation of the national APRN consensus model. The Board discussed ABN's progress with the new protocols and collaborative practice rules and plans to continue to work with ABME to identify and eliminate unnecessary regulatory barriers to practice.

Initiative 5.1 - Formulate a research agenda for nursing education regulatory issues by November 2016. Mrs. Benson stated that the date was changed and reviewed the goal to partner with schools of nursing and graduate students. After discussion, Board Members agreed that ABN has a rich pool of data which should be shared and published to help facilitate nursing education and practice.

Initiative 5.7 - Publish findings and decisions related to nursing education

and nursing practice in each of the Board's Annual Reports to the Governor to promote communication and transparency. Board members suggested that Board staff continue to identify and exploit opportunities to publish findings based on data.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

VI. PRACTICE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

VII. EDUCATION

A. J F Drake State Community College

Dr. Lett gave an overview of the below items, indicating problematic areas, which previously prevented the application from moving forward, as well as differences between Phase I (feasibility study) and Phase II (implementation) of the application. Alice Raymond, PhD, MSN, RN, Chair, Health Science Division, answered questions from Board Members.

- 1) Phase II Application
- 2) Rule Resolution Response
- 3) Catalog and Student Handbook

On December 03, Ms. Price moved that the Board grant provisional approval to the JF Drake State Community College for an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree. Ms. King seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Education Report

- 1) Education report received as information.

VIII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A. ABN Website Update

- 1) Received as information.

B. Board Member Job Description

Mrs. Benson presented the draft job description for Board Members. Ms. Benson stated the document will aid in a better understanding of key responsibilities as a Board Member and orientation to the role.

Board discussion included a change from the title "Job Description" to "Roles and Responsibilities." The Board discussed the need to have members review and sign annually.

On December 03, Dr. Wright moved that the Board accept the Board

**Member Roles and Responsibilities document. Ms. Bullard seconded.
Motion carried without objection.**

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE:

A. January 21-22, 2015, 770 Washington Ave, RSA Plaza Suite 350

X. OTHER

Dr. Parker and Ms. McDonnell were given certificates for time of service.

XI. BOARD MEETING DEBRIEFING

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. The ABN Board meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. on December 03, 2015.

Francine Parker, EdD, MSN, RN,
President

Gladys Davis Hill, Secretary

Submitted by: _____
Kristine Jordan, Recorder 12/3/15