

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Suite 350, RSA Plaza

770 Washington Ave

Montgomery, Alabama

June 18, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 18, 2015. The following Board members were present: Francine Parker, EdD, MSN, RN, President; E. Laura Wright, PhD, MNA, CRNA, Vice-President; Gladys Davis Hill, MSN, RN, Secretary; Cheryl Bailey, RN, BSN, MBA; Melissa Bullard, LPN; LaDonna Burns, LPN; Chrystabell King, LPN; Jill B. Hightower, MSN, RN; and Helen T. McAlpine, EdD. Peggy Benson, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC, Executive Officer, and Leslie Vinson, Executive Secretary/Recorder were present. Staff members attending portions of the meeting were: Cathy Boden, MSN, RN, Legal Nurse Consultant; Charlene Cotton, MSN, RN, Advanced Practice; Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Probation Nurse Consultant; Joyce Jeter, MSN, RN, CE/Practice Nurse Consultant; Honor Ingels, Chief Legislative and Information Officer; Mary Ed Davis, DNP, MSN, RN, Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program; LaDonna Patton, MSN, RN, Legal Nurse Consultant; Brad Jones, IT Systems Specialist; Patrick Samuelson, Assistant General Counsel; and Alice Maples Henley, General Counsel.

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with nine Board members present. Peggie Carpenter, BA, LPN, arrived at 9:03. Catherine Dearman, RN, PhD, arrived at 10:38. Natalie Baker, DNP; CRNP; and Amy Price, MSN, RN, were not present.

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
2. Adoption of Agenda

On June 18, Ms. Bullard moved that the Board approve the Agenda, as amended. Dr. Wright seconded. Motion carried without objection.

II. ADVANCED PRACTICE

A. Collaborative Practice Applications

Ms. Cotton reported that the roster includes all applications that were completed by May 22, 2015. The Joint Committee met on June 16 to review the applications for collaboration with Alabama physicians as listed in the roster.

The following applicants received temporary approval and withdrew the application prior to working with the collaborating physician: 1) Randy Alban, 1-135713, and Dr. Diane Counce, 21124; 2) Deborah Brooks, 1-098039, and Dr. Charles Bradford, III, 7481; 3) Daphne Cockrell-James, 1-109475, and Dr. Denise Perone, 23330; 4) Cory Coffman, 1-122437, and Dr. Matthew Hanserd, 33722; 5) Terri Lynn Dunson, 1-088422, and Dr. Shanker Unnikrishnan, 32847; 6) Kevin Patterson, 1-127648, and Dr. Olakunle Akinsoto, 25151; and 7) Rachel Wiggins, 1-123127, and Dr. Robert England, 21821.

The following applicants withdrew the application after publication of the roster: 1) Laura Graham, 1-102638, and Dr. Janet Linton, 13024; 2) Brandy Lunsford, 1-105856, and Dr. Charles Hall, 21661; and 3) Nadine Hartwig, 1-040411, and Dr. Daniel Burnes, 29110.

Ms. Cotton provided copies of the roster of applications for the Board's review and approval.

On June 18, Dr. Wright moved that the Board accept the recommendations from the Joint Committee and approve the applicants for collaborative practice listed in the published roster and the amended report, excluding items denied by the Joint Committee. Ms. Bullard seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Revision of Mid-Level Critical Care Procedure Requirements

Ms. Cotton reported that the CRNP Standard Protocols, revised in 2014, include several procedures that no longer require individual application by the CRNP. Radial Arterial Line Insertion and Removal of Chest Tubes were added to the Standard Protocols for CRNPs in the following specialties in 2014: 1) Adult/Adult-Gerontological –Primary Care; 2) Acute Care/Adult-Gerontological - Acute Care; 3) Gerontological; 4) Hospice and Palliative Care; 5) Pediatric Acute Care; and 6) Pediatric.

The Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Standard Protocol was revised with the addition of Radial Arterial Line Insertion only. Removal of Chest Tubes was not added to Women’s Health.

The Board of Medical Examiners has reviewed the supervised practice requirements for the Mid-Level Critical Care Protocol along with standard language used in BME correspondence.

Ms. Cotton provided copies of a chart that describes the supervised procedures required by the Board of Medical Examiners for approval of these privileges.

On June 18, Ms. Hill moved that the Board accept the revised supervised practice requirements for procedures in the CRNP mid-level critical care protocol. Ms. Bullard seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Advanced Practice Consultant Report

A written Advanced Practice report was provided for the Board’s information.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Lloyd Sirmons, Chief Technology Officer, Global Partnership for Telehealth

Ms. Benson introduced Lloyd Sirmons, Chief Technology Officer, Global Partnership for Telehealth.

Mr. Sirmons conducted a power point presentation on Telehealth and demonstrated how telehealth works.

Ms. Bailey was not present from 9:57 to 10:00 a.m.

IV. PRACTICE

A. Standardized Procedures

1. RN Assisting with Nerve Block Pre-Operative

Ms. Jeter reported that the Board denied this procedure in November 2014. Concerns at time of denial were: 1) nurse-patient ratio in assisting with the nerve block and monitoring the patient during moderate sedation; and 2) how the administration of the nerve block would accommodate the seven rights of medication administration was not clearly defined.

Huntsville Surgery Center (HSC) has resubmitted the application.

HSC is a freestanding ambulatory surgery facility. Huntsville Surgery Center is requesting approval for RNs in their pre-op unit to assist the anesthesiologist in performing nerve blockades for pain management prior to surgery. The estimated number of patients to receive the procedure is 150 per month. The purpose of the nerve block is to significantly reduce pain during the post-operative period. It minimizes the need for narcotics in the first 24 hours.

Anesthesia is currently performing the nerve block independently with ultrasound guidance. In some cases the block has been omitted due to the number of cases and lack of CRNA availability to assist the anesthesiologist. RN assistance will reduce the number of patients going without a block pre-operatively and will decrease patient wait time.

The anesthesiologist needs assistance in maintaining placement and anchoring of the needle while at the same time administering the medication.

Specific nerve blocks to be performed are: 1) interscalene nerve blocks; 2) popliteal nerve blocks; and 3) femoral nerve blocks.

The procedure is limited to registered nurses who have completed training and have demonstrated competence. The anesthesiologist will provide supervision 1:1 during the nerve block. An additional RN will be utilized if moderate sedation is needed.

Mr. Ed Drost, Director of Nursing; Barbara Stalnaker, Education Coordinator; and Jeff Cazier, MD, were present. Dr. Cazier conducted a power point presentation on RNs assisting with nerve block pre-operative, and showed a video of an interscalene nerve block.

Ms. Jeter provided copies of the standardized procedure application, policy and procedures, organized program of study, and the competency checklist for the Board's information and review.

The Board reviewed and discussed the information provided.

On June 18, Dr. Wright moved that the Board approve the standardized procedure request from Huntsville Surgery Center for RNs in their pre-op unit to assist the anesthesiologist in performing nerve blockades for pain management prior to surgery. Dr. McAlpine seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. RN Skin Suturing Dermatology

Ms. Jeter reported that Ms. Lynn Quick and Dr. Barry Ginsburg seek approval under the RNFA rules to perform skin suturing in the office-based surgery setting at Ginsburg Dermatology, Birmingham, Alabama.

Ms. Quick has sixteen years of experience with Dr. Ginsburg. She has three years of supervised suture training with Dr. Ginsburg. She supervises the daily bandaging of all patients postoperatively. She provides postoperative care instructions to each patient.

The organized program of study and clinical competency consists of direct clinical teaching and instructions, with an exam for suturing with a required passing score of 100. Education includes anatomy and physiology, blood borne pathogens, pre-operative and post-operative care. The registered nurse will perform forty hours of skin suturing with direct supervision by Dr. Ginsburg. If for any reason the RN is deemed incompetent to perform the procedure, additional education is provided with an additional forty hours of supervision.

Ms. Lynn Quick was present and conducted a power point presentation on the organized program of study and answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Jeter provided copies of the standardized procedure application, correspondence concerning the application, and a power point on RN skin suturing program of study for the Board's information and review.

On June 18, Dr. Wright moved that the Board approve the standardized procedure application from Ginsburg Dermatology for Ms. Lynn Quick, MSN, RN, to have skin closure privileges with the condition of direct supervision within a dermatology clinic setting. Dr. McAlpine seconded. Motion carried with one abstention (Dr. Dearman).

V. POLICY

A. Final Certification, ABN Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-5, Advanced Practice Nursing – Collaborative Practice

Ms. Benson reported that the North Carolina Dental Board ruling has all Boards making sure they have State Legislative oversight. The Board of Medical Examiners (BME) bill did not pass so the Alabama Association of Regulatory Boards (AARB) met to discuss how to ensure the Boards have State Legislative oversight. The Governor is considering an Executive Order to appoint a Commission who will review all proposed rules for State Boards. The Commission may also review disciplinary cases as they relate to scope of practice or if a Board denies entry into practice. The Executive Order should be ready by June 22, 2015.

The startup costs have not been determined yet. It is estimated to be about a million per year divided between all Boards. The Commission will be made up of three attorneys. There would be no appeal process and the Board would have to go with what the Commission decides. If the Board does not do this, the state insurance carrier may not cover immunity or anti-trust situations.

The Board gave Ms. Benson permission to enter into negotiations as to how to pay for the Commission.

Ms. Cotton reported that Rule 610-X-5-.03, Qualifications for Approval to Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, was accidentally left out of the proposed rules. This section was

added back in and there were no proposed changes to this section.

Ms. Cotton provided copies of the proposed rule changes for the Board's information and review.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes.

On June 18, Dr. Dearman moved that the Board repeal the current ABN Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-5, Advanced Practice Nursing-Collaborative Practice, and approve, as final certification, new ABN Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-5, Advanced Practice Nursing-Collaborative Practice, with the addition of Rule 610-X-5-.03, Qualifications for Approval to Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and that the filing for final adoption of the rules be contingent upon having State oversight review and approval of the rule prior to the filing date deadline. Ms. Bailey seconded. Motion carried without objection.

VI. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A. Workforce Questions

Ms. Benson reported that she met with AL-HAC to review the workforce questions for RNs. AL-HAC representatives suggested that the Board review other states' workforce questions and the national workforce questions.

Ms. Benson reported that Dr. Ladnier, AL-HAC, is looking at standard workforce questions for LPNs. When AL-HAC provides the proposed workforce questions for LPNs, they will come before the Board for approval.

Ms. Benson reported that from here on, the same questions will be asked in order to benchmark against other states.

Dr. Dearman reported that the RN and LPN questions need to be as similar as possible.

B. Disaster Recovery Plan

Ms. Benson reported that the Disaster Recovery Plan was developed using the NCSBN template. The Disaster Recovery Plan will be added to the Board Resource Manual.

C. Legislative Update

A written legislative update was provided for the Board's information.

D. Website Proposal

Ms. Benson reported that the ABN website is outdated and due to outdated website platforms we are unable to make the needed changes. Current content is lumped together and the search engine will not effectively search the website.

Ms. Benson reported that she met with the University of Alabama (UA) about redesigning the website. UA developed a proposal and will help determine the flow to make it as easy to use as possible. Staff will be involved in the development and will be looking at other Board's websites.

The new design will include the Center for Nursing content as well as the addition and expansion of the online CE program. The total projected cost is \$75,000. The structure and main pages of the site will be in place and live no later than September 2015. The remainder of the site will be completed no later than December 2015.

Ms. Benson provided copies of the Statement of Work submitted by UA for the Board's information and review.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposal.

On June 18, Ms. Bailey moved that the Board approve the Statement of Work and expenditure of funds through an interagency agreement with the University of Alabama to redesign the ABN website. Ms. King seconded. Motion carried without objection.

VII. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

A. 2015 NCSBN Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL – August 19-21, 2015

Ms. Carpenter, Dr. Baker, Dr. Dearman, Dr. Parker, and Ms. Hightower were approved to attend.

B. Election of Delegates

Ms. Benson reviewed the procedures for Delegates at the Annual Meeting. The Board will elect Delegates and alternate Delegates at the July Board meeting.

VIII. BOARD TRAVEL

A. Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB), Denver, CO – October 1-4, 2015

Ms. Bullard and Dr. McAlpine were approved to attend.

IX. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

A. 2015 NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference, Indianapolis, IN – June 1-3, 2015

Ms. Patton reported on her attendance at the 2015 NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference and showed a video on inappropriate contact from nurses.

X. EDUCATION

A. FYI

A written report on nursing education programs was provided for the Board's information.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE: July 16-17, 2015, 9:00 a.m., RSA Plaza, Suite 350, 770 Washington Ave, Montgomery

XII. OTHER

A. Managing Nurses with Substance Use Disorder: Nurse Manager and Executive Knowledge

Dr. Davis conducted a power point presentation on her doctorate of nursing project.

Ms. Burns was not present from 12:30 to 1:05 p.m.

- Dr. Parker reported that she and Maggie Williams, Personnel Assistant III, met with Jackie Graham, Director, State Personnel about the EO salary. Ms. Graham's position is that the statutory authority that the Board has is very strict, and she doesn't think the salary the Board requested will be approved. Ms. Graham suggested the Board request a pay range of 87. Ms. Graham recommended that Dr. Parker make a short presentation of five to ten talking points before the Personnel Board. Pay range 87 tops out at \$131,000 and the State Personnel Board could deny the request.
- Ms. Benson asked the Board to think about only having the two day Board meetings during the Summer and meet every month during the Fall.
- Ms. Benson reported that if an issue came up, the Board could have a Called meeting with at least two weeks' notice so the meeting could be posted on the Secretary of State's website in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Ms. Benson introduced Debra Lett, Nursing Education Consultant.

XIII. BOARD MEETING DEBRIEFING

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. on June 18, 2015.

Francine Parker, President

Gladys Davis Hill, Secretary

Submitted by: _____

Leslie Vinson, Recorder
6/18/2015