

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

Fiscal Year 2014
April 15, 2014
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Cynthia Messer, MSN, RN, CNM called the meeting to order at 6:05pm on April 15, 2014.

The following Committee members were present at the meeting:

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

The following Committee member was absent from the meeting:

Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP

Staff members attending the meeting included:

For the Alabama Board of Nursing:
Peggy Benson, Deputy Director
Charlene Cotton, Advanced Practice Consultant
Kristine Jordan, Administrative Assistant

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Inspector
Lisa Stripling, Collaborative Practice Administration

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared with three nurse members and two 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 April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda, as presented. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of February 18, 2014 as distributed with corrections. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Draft Rule 610-X-5-.08: Requirements for Collaborative Practice by Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.

The Joint Committee met in February 2014 and discussed possible changes to the Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) collaborative practice rules. The draft rules were developed based on the Committee's recommendations. Mrs. Benson gave a summary of the draft rules to eliminate the Quality Monitoring requirement for CRNP and CNM after 5 years full time collaborative practice experience, or accrual of 10,000 hours of experience.

Dr. Harrison indicated that he is in favor of the changes but felt the ABME board would not pass it at this time. Dr. Nagrodzki stated there has been some good discussion about the concept, and the draft is moving in the right direction; however he also felt the ABME board is not ready for it this month and to bring back next meeting.

On April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee table the discussion on the Rule Amendments for 610-X-5-.08 and reconsider at the next meeting to allow more time for ABME to review and discuss. Dr. Harrison seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Draft Rule 610-X-5-.19: Requirements for Collaborative Practice by Physicians and Certified Nurse Midwives.

The draft rule for Certified Nurse Midwives was discussed in conjunction with the draft for CRNP.

On April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee table the discussion on the Rule Amendments for 610-X-5-.19 and reconsider at the next meeting to allow more time for ABME to review and discuss. Dr. Harrison seconded. Motion carried without objection.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Draft Rule 610-X-5-.11: Prescriptions and Medication Orders by Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners

The Joint Committee met in February 2014 and discussed current issues related to off label prescribing and prescribing non-FDA approved treatments and drugs. The attached draft rules include some statements adapted from other Nursing Boards.

The current Standard Formulary for CRNP and CNM states "prescriptions must adhere to the standard recommended doses" as identified in product information insert. The ABN has received complaint about CRNP performing hormone pellet insertion with adverse effects in patients.

Dr. Nagrodzki indicated that ABME has also received inquiries about solicitation of patients for hormone pellet insertion. Committee members shared concerns from their respective communities regarding questionable hormone therapy.

Dr. Nagrodzki suggested these concerns should be shared with Dr. Don Williamson at the Alabama Department of Public Health because the problem involves physicians, PAs and CRNPs/CNMs.

Mrs. Benson noted the draft also provides options for prescribing products that are the standard of care but not specifically FDA-approved.

Dr. Harrison agreed with the changes and thought it was a needed due to recent events.

On April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee approve the proposed amendments for 610-X-5-.11. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Draft Rule 610-X-5-.22: Prescriptions and Medication Orders by Certified Nurse Midwives

The proposed rule for CNM was discussed in conjunction with the rule for CRNP.

On April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee approve the proposed amendments for 610-X-5-.22. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Specialty Protocol Discussion

Currently, the Critical Care Specialty Protocols must be approved for a collaborative practice before the CRNP/CNM may begin supervised practice for documentation of competence. The documentation of procedures for the initial approval shall be submitted to the ABN and ABME for review. The CRNP and collaborating physician must maintain documentation of procedures performed annually and provide the documentation upon the request of either Board.

Mrs. Benson asked the Joint Committee if we want the CRNPs/CNMs to continue submitting in the documentation of supervised training too both ABN and ABME boards? Is it acceptable for the CRNP/CNM and collaborating physician to maintain the documentation in their practice files?

Dr. Nagrodzki indicated he felt it is important to keep the initial documentation that is used to certify a CRNP for a requested skill or procedure. It provides background information if there are subsequent issues or complications with the CRNP's practice.

Dr. Jordan agreed that both boards should keep a copy of the initial certification and the CRNP should maintain the annual and update requirements. If the personal records are lost due to natural disaster, the application and initial certification for the procedure can be accessed and duplicated for CRNPs to continue to practice.

Ms. Ward asked if the physicians want to see the skill documentation or just send it on to imaging and file. Dr. Nagrodzki and Dr. Harrison want to continue reviewing documentation before the file is imaged.

On April 15, Dr. Harrison moved to continue the present documentation requirements. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

D. New Skill Request Required Template

Ms. Benson reviewed the new template for CRNPs and physicians to use when requesting a skill/procedure not previously approved for collaborative practice protocols. Previously, requests for new skills/procedures have been submitted in varied formats and without sufficient information for an informed decision. All requests for new skills/procedures that are not available under the Standard/Specialty Protocols or for individual request by their certification specialty will require that the attached template be completed along with the request. The template will allow the Committee to review future requests in a consistent manner with the required documentation. Then the Committee can recommend the approved skill be added to a Standard protocol, a Specialty protocol or listed for individual review.,

On April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved approval of the template for future skill/procedure requests. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by March 24, 2014. Item numbers refer to the published roster.

A. Physician Fee Unpaid

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners staff provided an update on the unpaid fees as of April 15, 2014.

Roster #	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
3-1	Allen, Sharon	1-097466	Catenacci, Michael	27015
48-1	Frye, Timothy	1-117395	Craig, Alan	10582
80-1	Holladay, Laurel	1-143764	Siddiqui, Abdul	30272
133-1	Peters, Belle	1-118024	Goyal, Monisha	23190
139-1	Roberts, Elizabeth	1-076649	Rabbani, Adeel	27840

On April 15, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee defer action on each application for collaborative practice for failure of payment to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Harrison seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Terminated during Temporary Approval

As of April 14, 2014, the following applicants reported termination or withdrawal of collaboration prior to Joint Committee Review meeting action.

Prior to publication of the roster (not listed on roster)

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
2/13/14 to 3/24/2014	Grimes, John	1-083810	Smith, Matthew	DO-0930
11/20/2013 to 3/5/2014	Harvey Browning	1-112907	Chonn Ng	31237
11/6/2013 to 02/18/2014	Loyd, Joyce	1-083029	Banach, Daniel	23409

After the roster was published:

Roster #	Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
79 -1	2/24/2014 to 3/21/2014	Sylva D. Hill	1-063828	Paul J Megehee	25257
70 -1	2/14/2014 to 3/10/2014	John Hayes Jr.	1-099073	Robert Hunter	28759
92 -1	3/5/2014 to 4/8/2014	Rhoda L. Juzang	1-041110	Susan Jordan	19354
115 -1	3/3/2014 to 4/1/2014	Tiffany McGinnis	1-143172	Michelle Jackson	18274

On April 15, Dr. Harrison moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of termination, as stated in the application. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 1 – 182, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians.

On April 15, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians items 1-182, as listed in the roster, excluding those items in 8A that have been deferred and 8B that have been terminated. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 183 – 194, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

Item # 185-2 CRNP England, Mary (1-131970) and Dr. Innis-Shelton, Racquel (28895) withdrew request for additional formulary of Antineoplastic.

Item # 192-2 CRNP Romundstad, Laura (1-126813) and Dr. Godby, Kelly (27796) includes Dr. Erba, Harry (31788) as a covering physician

On April 15, Ms. Grau moved for approval of applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 183 -194 as stated in the application with the corrections for item 185 and 192. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection

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

Items 195 – 234, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

Item # 207-3 CRNP Garner, Kathy (1-068901) and Dr. Kaleem, Muhammad (26748) includes Dr. Rowe, Clay (13429) as a covering physician.

Item # 223-3 CRNP Nelson, Suzzan (1-084184) and Dr. Hejjo-Alrefai, Basel (18542) additional skills for Arthrocentesis and Joint injections of shoulder, elbow, knee and greater trochanteric bursa are eligible for approval. Carpometacarpal joint injection is not allowed by BME.

Item # 224-3 CRNP Ochab, Kimberly (1-042956) and Dr. Becker, Eric Gene (DO420) includes Dr. Tarbutton, George (29698) as a covering physician.

On April 15, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for approval of the applications to Modify Existing Collaborative Practice for Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 195-234 as stated in the application with the corrections for item 207, 223 and 224. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Harrison asked for some forewarning to CRNPs prior to expiration of national certification. Mrs. Benson stated that the policy and process is currently under review with a CQI team.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Nursing located at RSA plaza, 770 Washington Avenue, Suite 350, Montgomery, Alabama.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Grau moved for adjournment. Dr. Harrison seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on April 15, 2014.

Cynthia Messer, MSN, RN, CNM
Cynthia Messer, MSN, RN, CNM, Chairperson

6/17/14
Date of Approval

Submitted by:

Charlene Cotton
Charlene Cotton
Alabama Board of Nursing

Kristine Jordan
Kristine Jordan, Recorder, April 15, 2014
Alabama Board of Nursing