

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

Fiscal Year 2013
May 14, 2013
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

B. Jerome Harrison, MD called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on May 14, 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:

Dr. Martin A.J. Wybenga, MD, Family Health Care, Inc.

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 May 14, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda, as presented. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On May 14, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of March 19, 2013 as distributed with corrections. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Specialty Formulary for Antirheumatic Drugs

Ms. Cotton stated that the summary for the change in formulary on the Advance Practice application was transmitted to her by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME). This summary will be conveyed to the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) including the section of Antineoplastic agents with the previous wording. Everything else is as requested by ABME along with the Joint Committee's recommendation for Specialty Formulary for Antirheumatic Drugs. This summary is on the Alabama Board of Nursing agenda for May 16-17.

The Summary list sent to ABN is as follows:

If requested and approved for this applicant, the following drugs may be prescribed within the limitations defined below by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Initial each classification that you are requesting.	CRNP/ CNM Initials	MD/ DO Initials
Identify the patient population, disease processes or specialty of practice:		
26. ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS: <i>Initial dose must be prescribed by a physician, with authorization to prescribe continuing maintenance doses according to written protocol or direct order of the physician.</i>		
27. Non-biologic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDS) including but not limited to: Methotrexate Sulfasalazine (Azulfidine) Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil, Quineprox Leflunomide (Arava) Minocycline (Dynacin, Minocin) Penicillamine (Cuprimine, Depen) <i>Initial dose must be prescribed by a physician, with authorization to prescribe continuing maintenance doses according to written protocol or direct order of the physician.</i>		
28. Biologic DMARDS including but not limited to: Tumor Necrosis Factor TNF Inhibitors Adalimumab (Humira) Etanercept (Enbrel) Infliximab (Remicade) Certolizumab Pegol (Cimzia) Golimumab (Simponi) <i>Initial dose must be prescribed by a physician, with authorization to prescribe continuing maintenance doses according to written protocol or direct order of the physician.</i>		
29. Non-TNF Inhibitors including but not limited to: Tocilizumab (Actenra) Rituximab (Rituxan) Abatacept (Orencia)		

<p><i>Initial dose must be prescribed by a physician, with authorization to prescribe continuing maintenance doses according to written protocol or direct order of the physician..</i></p>		
<p>30. Oxytocics for CRNP—<i>may be prescribed only in consultation with the physician</i></p>		
<p>31. Radioactive Agents—<i>If requested, attach a copy of the physician’s current license from the Alabama Department of Public Health for prescribing/dispensing radioactive pharmaceuticals. Attach the prescribing protocol for the applicant with this physician.</i></p>		
<p>32. Other: See Instruction Page: For other drug classifications that you think are not within the Standard Formulary classifications, attach a page with your request and the protocol for prescribing in the proposed collaboration.</p>		

On May 14, Joint Committee received as information.

B. Critical Care Procedure Requirements

BACKGROUND:

At the March 2013 meeting, the Board of Medical Examiners considered request from James E Johnson, MD, Medical Director, MICU, UAB, to revise the credentialing requirements for placement of:

- central venous lines, internal jugular
- central venous lines, femoral
- radial arterial lines
- femoral arterial lines

The standard language for CVL has been added to the description for Middle Level Procedures.

Ms. Cotton indicated that she had received recommendations from ABME on those individual who have requested multiply central lines, so the is question since the old list did not include IJs and femoral arterial lines as separate items. What would be ABME expectations on the minimum required supervision for central venous line insertion, internal jugular when requested as a single procedure, not combined with other vascular access procedures?

Dr. Harrison stated that the ABME credentialing group discussed this heavily today. They decided to adopt a grid system, with the ability to do 50% of the training in a 'Sim lab'. There were concerns about training documentation being signed off by other physicians and not the collaborating physicians or having filed a request to train in a procedure.

Dr. Nagrodzki indicated that the 'Sim lab' is a relatively new development, because the sense at UAB is trying to get practitioners trained. On one hand there is not enough patients to complete instruction. An alternative presented by Dr. Geter supported that 50% of the requirements be available to be done in the 'Sim Lab' to help alleviate the problem of not having enough live patients. This is proposal was specified for mid-level and Advance practitioners requirements do not change. To address the concerns about training documentation, the competency signature sign

off will need to be from the attending physician or the collaborating physician.

Dr. Harrison distributed out a copy of the grid system, which includes the different numbers. The revised protocols and supervised practice requirements for central venous lines: internal jugular and femoral; radial arterial lines and femoral arterial lines. He also indicated that he was not aware that CRNPs were allowed to do sternotomy procedure. This procedure is cracking the big bone and has reservation about PAs or CRNPs doing the process, because it sets up anyone up for one step away from disaster.

Ms. Cotton stated ABN was surprised it showed up on the Advance procedure at all and was wondering how many Pas were allowed to do this procedure.

Ms. Thomas stated that none that they know of at this time. She plans to double check with Randy but does not believe they have a single person with this request. You would have to have six of the nine mid-level requirements and it would be looked at on a case by case situation.

Dr. Harrison will report to the ABME board the concerns on this procedure and the Joint Committee concerns are in alignment.

Ms. Cotton indicated that ABN would entertain any changes that the ABME thought was appropriate. Take the grid recommendations back to ABN for publish on the website.

ON MAY 14, The Joint Committee Review the proposed revised protocols and supervised practice requirements for central venous lines: internal jugular and femoral; radial arterial lines and femoral arterial lines.

C. Legislation for Controlled Substance Prescribing BY CRNP and CNM

BACKGROUND

As of May 1, 2014:

HB 307	April 24, 2 nd reading in the Senate
SB 229	April 24, 2 nd reading in the House.

Dr. Harrison informed the Joint Committee that ABME is trying to gear up to facilitate the prescriptive authority course. He asked if ABN knew how many were interested in attending the course. Also, requested a comprehensive list of email addresses for Advance Practitioners.

Ms. Cotton stated ABN has no idea how many are interested and that ABME already has all Advance Practice names and addresses on file, with their collaborating physician information.

Ms. Thomas stated they will need to back track for the email addresses. Also, informed the committee that she had a meeting with the Hospitalist group at Baptist. In attendance with Dr. Timothy Bodie and Dr. Rachel Chance both indicating that there were a large number of practitioners interested in participating at the July and August courses presented by ABME.

Ms. Grau suggested contact with Joy Dupree, for communication through the Nurse

Practitioner Alliance of Alabama.

Dr. Harrison appreciated the input that would help them to plan ahead and maybe if needed to change to a larger venue for the course.

On May 14, Joint Committee received as information for Controlled Substance Prescribing.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allen Schmidt, MD – Covering Physicians

BACKGROUND:

Allen Schmidt, MD, Internal Medicine has applied for collaborative practice with four CRNPs: Carolyn Crawl, Deborah Hargrove, Cherie Stanford, and Mary Janette Wilmoth, who are family practice to provide medical management for psychiatric in-patients at Decatur-Morgan West. The application included seven covering physicians, all psychiatrists on staff with the facility.

Ms. Messer asked are the CRNPs addressing psychiatric or medical problems.

Ms. Thomas spoke with the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jason Lockette, stating that the CRNPs are providing coverage for medical problems, because the psychiatrists are not comfortable with providing medical care for these patients. Subsequently, Ms. Thomas asked Dr. Lockette then why would the psychiatrists be comfortable with responsibility as covering (back up) physicians. Dr. Lockette has since submitted the name of an internist Dr. Barr to be the covering physician. They have not at this time withdrawn the covering psychiatrists. Ms. Thomas suggested that they deny the psychiatrists as back up.

Ms. Cotton asked is this a blanket policy or specific to this group. Dr. Harrison stated this is specific to the group of applicants at this one facility, and we are acting on these applications only.

Ms. Grau re-stated that there are four CRNPs at one facility in collaboration with an internal medicine physician and one internal medicine physician for medical coverage, all providing medical care. The psychiatrists are the attending physicians for these patients.

On May 14, Ms. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaboration with Dr. Barr as a covering physician and deny the attending psychiatrists as acceptable covering physicians for Internal Medicine Hospitalist service on In-patient Psychiatric service, as submitted by Dr. Allen Schmidt with CRNPs Carolyn Crawl, Deborah Hargrove, Cherie Stanford, and Mary Janette Wilmoth. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection. Motion carried without objection.

B. Zaheer Khan, MD – Request for FTE Exception

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Zaheer Khan requested exemption from the collaborative practice limit of three (3.0) full-time equivalent personnel, in order to staff a 'Fall Prevention Clinic' with CRNPs focused on training and managing the complexities of geriatric patients. The clinic is associated with UAH and would offer clinical experiences for students.

For Standard limitations upon utilization of CRNPS please also reference the following: Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code 610-X-5-.04; Alabama Board of Medical Examiners Rule 540-X-8.-12 Limitations upon Utilization of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.

Dr. Harrison stated the request did not describe how Dr. Khan would monitor the additional CRNPs. Dr. Jordan agreed, and did not see anything to support the exception. A decision in Dr. Khan's favor could establish precedent for other requests to utilize several CRNPs in one location, but never visit their location.

Ms. Messer stated it looks like he is asking for the CRNPs to work independently, without any supervision. She also questioned whether the proposed functions are indeed advanced practice. Nurses may provide education with advanced practice designation and do not need to be in a collaboration.

Dr. Harrison indicated that the BME would probably not agree with this request.

ON MAY 14, Ms. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee request additional information from Dr. Zaheer Khan prior to further consideration of the exception to the limit on utilization of CRNPs. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Michael Reeves, MD – Correspondence

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Michael Reeves a letter to the Board of Medical Examiners regarding corporate medical practice in longterm care and directives to physician extenders in the state of Alabama. Ms. Thomas indicated she received it by email, with no other explanations. She asked for further clarification and has not received anything to date.

Dr. Harrison informed the committee that Dr. Reeves has taken a job in overseeing a company in Alabama that has collaborative practices in Nursing homes. Dr. Harrison advised that he understood that there are protocols for ordering tests for patients. That about a month ago he attended a meeting discussing potential increase in health costs related to more aggressive diagnostic testing.

Dr. Nagrodzki asked can we draft a statement that can address these issues. Dr. Harrison stated that we need some kind of occurrence before response preemptively. There are no specific complaints or concerns that indicate any action is needed.

On May 14, Dr. Jordan moved that a letter be sent in to Dr. Reeves acknowledging his letter. In the absence of specific complaints, neither Board can take any action on a licensee. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by April 24, 2013. Item numbers refer to the published roster. An Addendum to the roster was handed out for corrections to the roster.

A. Physician Fee Unpaid

As of May 14, 2012, there were no physician fees unpaid to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners fee.

B. Terminated during Temporary Approval

As of May 14, 2012, the following applicants or physicians paid the BME fee and terminated or withdrew collaboration prior to board action.

The committee recommended approval for the period from Temporary Approval to date of Termination for the following collaboration applications listed; item numbers refer to the published Roster of Application.

Item	Time Period	RN License	Nurse	Phys License	Physician
	2/13/13 to 4/24/13	1-103953	Weems, Stephanie	15181	Buffler, Elizabeth
33		1-118645	Ngetich, Enos	17795	Hankins, Jerry
47	withdrawn	1-091058	Thomas, Carla	31390	Meghani, Sheni
64	4/15/13 to 4/25/13	1-093181	Dickerson, Rebecca	8873	Sharp, Joe
153		1-087612	Gibson, Peggy	25412	Hussain, Ikram

C. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary

Items 1 – 51 Covering Physician(s), **Fast Track**
 Items 52 – 97 No Covering Physician

Corrections for items listed on the roster are as follows:

- 41. Russell, Debra Lynn, 1-097550 and Young-King, Melissa Renee DO-674.
Delete Dr. John Wagner, covering physician, and practice site for Long Term Care Physician Services.
- 59. Burt, Kristie Lauren, 1-123496 and Duryea, Kathleen Ann DO-0564
Add new practice address for Dr Duryea at 391 Northwood Drive, Centre, AL.
- 95. Welsh, Kaprice Simome 1-035056 and Saint-Louis, Hedwige, MD.24672.
Delete physician’s address at 717 Downtowner Loop W, Mobile, AL 36609.
Add physician’s address at 1211 27th Place South, Birmingham, AL 35205.

On May 14, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the applications for collaborative practice as listed on the roster items 1 through 97: excluding items listed in 8B: due to termination of agreements prior to board action and with corrections on items: 41, 59, 95. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

D. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Remote Sites

Items 98 – 120 Covering Physician(s)
 Items 121 – 133 No Covering Physician

E. Standard Protocol, No Prescriptive Privileges

Items 134 Remote Sites, No Covering Physician

Dr. Harrison questioned application 121. CRNP Baird, Margaret Ellen 1-051828 and Dr. Beach, Don Eugene 9068 due to physician does not have privileges in the listed Hospital site requested. Dr. Harrison proposed a rule that a physician cannot collaborate with a CRNP in a facility where the physician does not staff privileges.

On May 14, Ms. Stewart moved to defer application and request more information to clarify the nurse practitioners role at the hospital. Ms. Messer seconded. Motion carried without objection

Addendum to add the following application for approval:

Thibault, Jean Marie, 1-104989 Family NP with Michael J Mugavero, MD.23900. UAB Health Service Foundation, 1917 Clinic, 908 20th Street, Birmingham. 35294-2050. More than 800 HIV patients previously enrolled at Cooper Green HIV clinic have been transferred to the UAB 1917 Clinic. UAB no longer grants CRNP privileges based on temporary approval. The Clinic Administrator requested expedited approval so Ms. Thibault's application could be presented at the UAB Credentials Committee on June 4th.

On May 14, Dr. Jordan moved for approval of the applications for collaborative practice as listed on the roster items 98 through 134 plus the added addendum application for CRNP Thibault and Dr. Mugavero. Excluding item 121 which is deferred until additional information is available. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL REVIEW

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by April 24, 2013 for Collaborative Practice agreements with Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Formulary.

A. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and Restricted Drug Classifications

Items 135 Plus Restricted Drugs, Covering Physician(s)
 Items 136 Plus Restricted Drugs, Remote sites, Covering Physician(s)
 Items 137 – 146 Additional Skills, Covering Physician(s)
 Items 147 - 148 Additional Skills, No Covering Physician(s)
 Items 149 Plus Restricted Drugs, Additional Skills, Covering Physician(s)

Corrections for items listed on the roster are as follows:

135. Acker, Kristi Lynn 1-068145 and Anguiano, Ariel MD 30019
Denied request for additional formulary of Heavy Metals.

147. Elmore, Patricia Phillips 1-00309 and Nix, James Carlton MD.23970.
Delete Center for Women's Reproductive Health, 1500 6th Ave, Birmingham.
Add practice site same as physician's principal practice site:
Center for Women's Health Care, 204 Lowe Ave, Bldg 3, Ste 111, Huntsville.

On May 14, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice as listed on the roster items 135 through 149 with corrections to 147 and approve collaboration for item 135 but, denied the additional formulary for heavy metals. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Modify Existing Collaborative Practice

Refer to the Roster and attachments for review of:

Items 150 – 169 Additional Practice Site
Items 170 – 182 Additional Skills, and/or Restricted Drugs

Corrections for items listed on the roster are as follows:

176. Labriola, Mary Bentley 1-105655 and Lorino, Gaeton Don 7895
Due to new rules they need additional supervised skills documentation.
Ms. Ward indicated a letter had already been sent to inform applicant and physician of new protocol requirements related to the additional skill of approved vascular insertion procedures. Ms. Ward said they need 26 more to be complete.

178. Stapleton, Carol K 1-083742 and Ellingwood, Kenneth MD.8683.
Listed in the wrong section applications is not requesting any additional duties or restricted drugs. Only Adding practice sites for Thomas Hospital and Springhill Medical Center.

On May 14, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice as listed on the roster with corrections for items 150 through 182. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

10. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

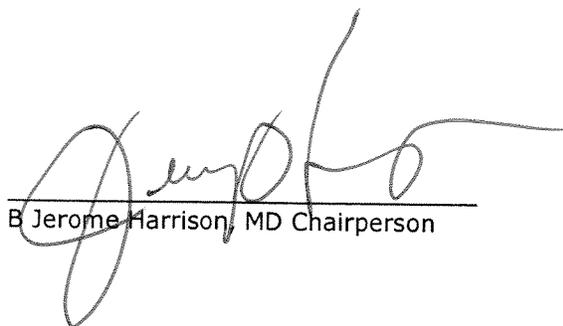
None

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Medical Examiners located at 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

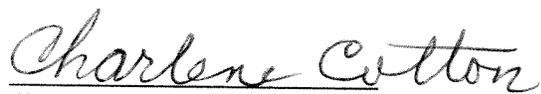
12. ADJOURNMENT

On May 14, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for adjournment. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on May 14, 2013.


B Jerome Harrison, MD Chairperson

9/12/2013
Date of Approval

Submitted by:


Charlene Cotton
Alabama Board of Nursing


Kristine Jordan, Recorder, May 14, 2013
Alabama Board of Nursing