

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

Fiscal Year 2014  
August 19, 2014  
Regular Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP as acting chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on August 19, 2014.

The following Committee members were present at the meeting:

Grace Grau, MSN, CRNP  
Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP  
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD  
John S. Meigs Jr., MD  
Paul Nagrodzki, MD (arrived 6:25 pm)

The following Committee members were absent from the meeting:  
Cynthia Messer, MSN, RN, CNM

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

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared with two nurse members and two physician members present.

**3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Notice of the meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On August 19, Dr. Jordan moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda, as distributed. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection

**5. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

On August 19, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of June 17, 2014 as distributed. Dr. Meigs Jr. seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Collaborative Practice Regulations – Discussion**

Background and Rationale:

The topic is posted on the agenda for on-going dialog without a request for action. In the past two meetings, Committee members have expressed interest in alternatives to the current regulations for collaborative practice. The discussion focused on flexibility in physician oversight

for experienced CRNPs and CNMs.

Ms. Ward stated that the ABME Advisory group is a mix of physicians (Dr. Nagrodzki, Dr. Jordan, and Dr. Meigs) with Advanced Practice Nurses (Joy Deupree, RN and Amy Wybenga, CRNP). This group was originally set up for consultation on QACSC and has progressed to other items.

Dr. Nagrodzki indicated there have been very productive discussions and the ABME Advisory group is meeting about once a week

**On August 19**, the Joint Committee Received the verbal report as information without further recommendations.

## **B. Report of Board Action: Hormone Pellet Insertion for Hormone Replacement**

### Background and Rationale:

At the June 2014 meeting, the Joint Committee discussed concerns about Hormone Pellet Insertion for Hormone Replacement, in general, with concern about current practices where the CRNP holds approval to perform this procedure.

Ms. Stewart indicated that the ABN board is having a visiting physician Dr. Blackwell coming to the next meeting to give a presentation addressing hormone pellet insertion with some of his specific concerns about the procedure.

**On August 19**, the Joint Committee received as information a summary of the actions by the respective Boards.

## **C. ABN Notices for Expiring CRNP or CNM Certification**

At a previous meetings, the Joint Committee discussed issues related to communication with licensees and documentation of continued specialty certification for active CRNPs.

The Board of Nursing is sending an email to Active CRNP and CMM one week prior to expiration of the nurse's national specialty certification, as recorded in ABN file. All national certification agencies offer on-line processes for requesting verification and the certificate holder must submit the request. The Board of Nursing accepts primary source electronic delivery of verification from each certification agency.

If the Board of Nursing does not receive verification of recertification by the date of expiration, a Termination notice is sent to the CRNP or CNM, with copy to the Board of Medical Examiners.

**On August 19**, the Joint Committee received the report as information

## **7. NEW BUSINESS.**

### **A. Election of Chairperson for August 2014 to September 2015**

#### Background and Rationale:

The position of Chairperson alternates each year between physicians and nurses. Members are appointed to three-year terms, and may be reappointed for one additional term. The Board of Nursing appoints the nurse members, and the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) appoints the physician members.

The next term of office is for October 2014 through September 2014 should be a physician due to

currently an NP is chairperson.

Ms. Stewart opened the floor for nominations, by nominating Dr. Jordan. Dr. Meigs seconded the nomination for Dr. Jordan. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed

**On August 19**, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approve the appointment for the position of Chairperson of the Joint Committee for the term period of October 2014 through September 2014. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## **B. Electronic Exchange of Information between Boards**

### Background and Rationale:

In 2013, administrative staff and information technology staff of both Boards discussed exchange of licensee data, by electronic file exchange, to facilitate collaborative regulation of physicians, CRNPs and CNMs in collaborative practice.

Ms. Ward indicated that the ABME IT section is working on the project. The programmers completed a major step in preparing the data to send to ABN. After ABME implements the 2014 renewal programs, the IT section will go back to working on the data transfer project for ABN.

**On August 19**, the Joint Committee Received as Information

## **C. Report: ABME Action on Physician Requests for Exceptional Circumstances**

### Background and Rationale:

#### 1) FTE Exemption – Dr. James Steven Donald

At the July meeting, the ABME authorized one additional full-time equivalent (FTE) for practice with Dr. James Steven Donald. Dr. Donald currently collaborates with three full-time CRNPs in Washington County. He requested an exception to this limit for the purpose of collaboration with additional CRNP or PA personnel in rural Washington County. As of July 30, there were no additional CRNP applications for collaboration with Dr. Donald.

#### 2) Exemption for Remote Site Visit – Dr. Shakil Khan

At the July meeting, the ABME authorized, as a pilot program, Dr. Khan to meet with the CRNP at the clinics located at Lineville and Roanoke via HIPAA-approved electronic means to fulfill the requirement of Administrative Rule 540-X-8-.08(4) which states the collaborating physician shall visit each approved practice site not less than quarterly. Further, Dr. Khan is asked to provide semi-annual reports to substantiate that electronic communication has met the required objectives of a physical visit.

Ms. Blandamer received collaborative practice approval with Dr. Khan in June 2014. Her approved practice sites include:

- a. Cheaha Regional Mental Health Center Sylacauga Outpatient  
1661 Old Birmingham Hwy, Sylacauga, AL 35150; 256-245-2201 256-245-2201
- b. Cheaha Regional Mental Health Center Talladega Outpatient  
10 Bemiston Ave, Talladega, AL 35160; 256-362-8600 256-362-8600
- c. Clay Co Outpatient  
88217 State Route 9, Lineville, AL 36266; 256 396-2150

- d. Randolph County Outpatient  
706 Main St., Roanoke, AL 36274; 334 863-2518
- e. Caradale Lodge  
1721 Old Birmingham Hwy, Sylacauga, AL 35150; 256 249-2395

Ms. Cotton indicated that these were on the ABME agenda in July and coming to the Joint Committee for recommendations to the ABN.

Ms. Ward emphasized that the proposed pilot program exempting Dr. Kahn from quarterly site visits applies only to the Clay County Outpatient Center and Randolph County Outpatient Center.

ABME approved this as a pilot program as an alternative to the required quarterly remote site visit, due to distance between sites and lack of the other psychiatric services in the surrounding counties.

On August 19, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee endorse the BME action and refer to the Board of Nursing with recommendation for approval of the proposed exceptions to collaborative practice requirements. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection

#### 8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by July 28, 2014 for Collaborative Practice agreements.

##### A. Physician Fee Unpaid

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners staff provided an update on the unpaid fees as of August 19, 2014.

Item Number	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
118	McPherson, Martha	1-108419	Robert Murray	7868
127	Morgan, Hailey	1-088792	Christopher Hall	26554

On August 19, Dr. Jordan 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. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

##### B. Terminated or Withdrawn Collaborative agreements

As of August 19, 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
Withdrawn	Austin, Tonya Medlock	1-097921	Nabors, Louis	18934
Withdrawn	Hayes, Jennifer	1-117456	Montgomery, Brendella	17420
Withdrawn	Hughes-Cosby, D'Arcy	1-099653	Naidu, Ajit	29028
5/19/2014 to 6/16/2014	Bailey, Harley	1-117620	Anastas, Cynthia	25344

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
7/10/2014 to 7/25/2014	Callens, Mary	1-096719	Hicks, LaToya	DO-1227
7/9/2014 to 7/25/2014	Campbell, Jessica	1-102452	Kouns, George	DO-0493
5/27/2014 to 7/14/2014	Hayes, Jennifer	1-117456	Gregorio, Ryan	17420
6/03/2014 to 7/28/2014	Hughes-Cosby, D'Arcy	1-099653	Orgera, Angelina	22218

After the roster was published:

Item Number	Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
107 - 1	7/22/2014 to 8/10/2014	Lolley, Pamela	1-114633	Avsar, Sadri	11653
159 - 1	6/27/2014 to 8/12/2014	Salley, Susan	1-127910	Karassi, Malek	21830
174 - 1	7/22/2014 to 8/14/2014	Stanfield, Elizabeth	1-037064	Shadinger, Libby	29308
180 - 1	7/1/2014 to 7/28/2014	Summers, Sonja	1-143756	Horak, Richard	26959
227 - 2	5/30/2014 to 7/31/2014	Smith, Mark	1-072029	Bivona, John	27607
296 - 3	7/3/2014 to 8/01/2014	Peck, Teresa	1-079730	Admire, William	DO-0340
306 - 3	6/30/2014 to 8/15/2014	Slaten, Rebecca	1-050249	Penot, Alexis	28006
321 - 3	6/18/2014 to 8/12/2014	Willis, John	1-114309	English, William	6834

**On August 19**, Dr. Jordan 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. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 1-1 through 203-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians.

Ms. Grau brought to the attention of the Joint Committee that there are multiple applications from Family NPs for practice in Women's Health settings and in Emergency Departments (ED), Critical Care settings and other areas with higher patient acuity.

Ms. Grau requests that the Joint Committee take a closer review of these applications, keeping in mind the locations and specialties for both the physician and nurse practitioner on the following item numbers: 63, 82, 95, 100, 135, 144, 152, 155, 167, 185, 193, 203, and 217.

Ms. Grau stated that she understands that the APN Consensus Model describes specialty scope of practice in terms of the population to be served and services to be provided, rather than the practice setting. However, practice settings such as ED or ICU or other specialty departments are set up to provide special services to patients with particular needs.

Ms. Grau indicated that the Acute Care NP is prepared to manage the acute emergent conditions that bring patients to the Emergency Department. The Women's Health NP has greater

knowledge of treatment for adverse conditions for women than the Family NP

Mrs. Benson stated that in most emergency rooms, about 90% of patients will be similar to those seen in a primary care setting and that the ED has a physician readily available for adverse situations. Ms. Stewart added that she had worked for a period of time in an ED fast track, and the patient problems were essentially the same problems she sees in her clinic every day.

Dr. Meigs Jr indicated that many FNPs in the ED are on the urgent care or fast track side, and institutions look for applicants to fit the needs of their ED or other services. He is not in favor of restricting FNPs from working in critical care settings. Mrs. Benson questioned whether the Joint Committee should dictate that FNPs cannot work in critical care settings, even though the FNP role in critical care setting would be different from the services the Acute Care NP is prepared to provide in critical care. Ms. Stewart agreed with Mrs. Benson that it is not in Joint Committee's purview to define settings in a manner that would limit practice

Ms. Cotton noted the Acute Care NP is not academically prepared to treat pediatric patients, and this limits their utilization in Emergency Departments. Only three major medical centers in Alabama have a separate ED for children. Community hospital Emergency Departments must be equipped and staffed to treat patients of all ages.

**On August 19**, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians items 1-1 through 203-1, as listed in the roster, excluding those items numbered 118-1 and 127-1 in 8A that have been deferred also, for those items numbered 107-1, 159-1, 174-1, 180-1 in 8B which have been terminated. Dr. Meigs Jr. seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Grau abstaining.

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

Items 204-2 through 233-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

**On August 19**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for approval of applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 204-2 through 233-2 as stated in the application excluding those items number 227-2 in 8B which have been terminated also, with the exceptions for skills and formulary to be deferred on items 205-2 and 224-2 to the next Joint Committee meeting. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection

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

Items 234-3 through 325-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

**On August 19**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for approval of the applications to Modify Existing Collaborative Practice for Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 234-3 through 325-3 as stated in the application excluding those items number 296-3 and 321-3 in 8B which have been terminated, also with the correction on formulary for item 238. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Applications Delayed by Physician Limitation on Total FTEs.**

Mrs. Benson brought to the attention of the Joint Committee that ABN is holding applications due to the rule limiting the physician to three full-time CRNP, CNM and PA personnel, or mix of

personnel not to exceed 120 hours per week. An application was submitted for a new CRNP to replace one who is leaving within the next month. The facility does not want to terminate the existing collaboration until the new CRNP is on board. Due to the 120-hour restriction, ABN cannot issue temporary approval for the new CRNP to work with the physician in orientation. She suggested the Joint Committee consider options for FTE limits to accommodate transition and overlap for CRNPs joining and leaving a practice.

Dr. Nagrodzki and Dr. Meigs agreed with the concept and will present the question to the BME. Mrs. Benson stated that she would develop a draft for consideration by the Joint Committee.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday October 14, 2014  
At the Board of Medical Examiners, 848 Washington Ave, AL Montgomery, Alabama

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Nagrodzki moved for adjournment. Ms. Grau seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm on August 19, 2014.

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Cynthia Messer, MSN, RN, CNM, Chairperson



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Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP, Acting Chairperson

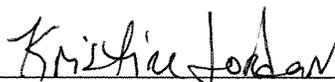
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Submitted by:



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Charlene Cotton  
Alabama Board of Nursing



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Kristine Jordan, Recorder, August 19, 2014  
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