

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

Fiscal Year 2013
September 17, 2013
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

B. Jerome Harrison, MD called the meeting to order at 6:20pm on September 17, 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
Paul Nagrodzki, MD

The following Committee members were absent at the meeting:

Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD

Staff members attending the meeting included:

For the Alabama Board of Nursing:

Charlene Cotton, MSN, RN, Advanced Practice Consultant
Kristine Jordan, Administrative Assistant
Peggy Benson, Deputy Director of Alabama Board of Nursing

For the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Cheryl Thomas, MSM, RN, Collaborative Practice Inspector
Pat Ward, RN, Inspector

Visitors attending the meeting:

Martin A. Wybenga, MD, Family Health Care, Inc.
Kathleen Heintzel, BSN RN, Midwifery Student

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 September 17, Ms. Grau moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda, as presented. Ms. Messer seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On September 17, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of July, 16 2013 as distributed with corrections. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. CRNP / CNM Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate (QACSC)

1. Prescribing Protocol

Background:

Pursuant to the Medical Board's request, the Joint Committee developed a Prescribing Protocol for the QACSC to be sent back to both Boards' for approval.

Ms. Thomas provided the prescribing protocol that is currently in place for the physician's assistants who have been issued a QACSC. The proposed draft is consistent with the prescribing protocol currently in place for the physician's assistants who have received a QACSC.

Ms. Cotton indicated the changes made to insert Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife and Collaborating Physician where appropriate.

On September 17, Ms. Messer moved that the Joint Committee recommend the proposed Prescribing Protocol for the CRNP / CNM Qualified Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate (QACSC) as distributed for consideration by the Board of Medical Examiners and Board of Nursing. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. CRNP / CNM QACSC Formulary Application

Background:

Pursuant to the Medical Board's request, the Joint Committee developed a Formulary Application for the QACSC to be sent back to both Boards for approval. The proposed draft is consistent with the Formulary Application for the physician's assistants who have been issued a QACSC. Changes have been made to insert Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife and Collaborating Physician where appropriate.

Ms. Cotton stated the committee looked at the formulary application in July and there was discussion to exclude the anorectic drugs in schedule III and IV, as cited in ABME Administrative Code 540-X-17. Future changes in ABME administrative rules, if they occur, would have to be updated on the application form. If the notations for these drugs are not included on the application then the rules stand on their own, and it is the applicant's responsibility to prescribe weight loss drugs according to the rules.

Dr. Harrison stated that the removal of the details on anorectic drugs could create an environment for errors to occur. He will present the concerns to the BME at tomorrow's meeting.

On September 17, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee recommend the proposed Formulary Application for the CRNP / CNM Qualified Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate (QACSC) with the removal of the notations. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. CRNP-CMN Qualified Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate Covering Physician Applications

Background:

Pursuant to the Medical Board's request, the Joint Committee developed a Covering Physician Application for the QACSC to be sent back to both Boards for approval. The proposed Covering Physician Application is specific to the QACSC privilege and does not take the place of the general Covering Physician Agreement.

Ms. Cotton indicated this application was essentially to inform the covering physicians that the CRNP or CNM has the authority to prescribe controlled substances. Ms. Grau confirmed that this form is only for those CRNPs and CNMs who are adding controlled substance prescribing to their collaborations.

Ms. Cotton replied that the covering physician application will be distributed with the controlled substances certificate and not with the standard collaborative practice application.

On September 17, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee recommend the proposed Covering Physician Application for the CRNP / CNM Qualified Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate (QACSC) as distributed for consideration by the Board of Medical Examiners and Board of Nursing. Ms. Messer seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Pediatric NP and IUD Insertion Laura Wolf, Pediatric NP with Dr. Eichold at Mobile County Health Department

BACKGROUND:

In July, the committee requested additional information on the preparation of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner to provide gynecological and insertion of intrauterine device. The Pediatric NP is prepared by education and certification to provide care to children, adolescents and young adults to age 21 years. Ms. Wolf practices in the Mobile County Health Department under detailed protocols for IUD insertion and removal. In this practice setting, she is held to the same standards and quality review processes as Family Nurse Practitioners who perform the same procedure.

Ms. Cotton confirmed that the national certification examinations include content on age-related risk assessment (such as adolescent sexual activity), genitourinary & reproductive health and physical assessment, diagnosis and management of female and male reproductive system disorders, pharmacology and contraception. Although IUD insertion is not part of the basic pediatric curriculum for primary care nurse practitioner, graduates have the foundation to acquire this skill through formal instruction and supervised practice.

Ms. Cotton stated that Dr. Jean Ivey, CRNP, Associate Professor at UAB in the Pediatric Primary and Acute Care NP programs, confirmed there is specific content in the curricula related to gynecological health and physical examination, recognition and management of sexually transmitted diseases, and contraceptive pharmacology.

Dr. Harrison expressed concern about the difference between basic educational knowledge in the specialty and knowledge and competence in the procedure. He would prefer a requirement on how many supervised procedures are to be completed prior to approval of the additional skill.

Ms. Cotton indicated that Mobile County health department provides the formal instruction in the procedure and the supervised practice. Ms. Thomas added that Mobile County has an established process for practice instruction and documentation of specified number supervised procedures.

On September 17, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approval of the request from Dr. Bernard Eichold and Laura Wolf, CRNP, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner to perform Insertion and Removal of Intrauterine Devices with documentation of supervised practice and protocols. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Selection of Chairperson for 2013 - 2014

Background:

The position of Chairperson alternates each year between physicians and nurses. The term of office begins October 1st, 2013 through September 2014.

On September 17, Ms. Grau nominated Ms. Cynthia Messer as the new chairperson. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

The Committee congratulated Ms Messer on selection as Chairperson for October 2013 through September 2014.

Schedule of Meetings for 2014

Background:

The Joint Committee reviewed proposed meeting dates for 2014, giving consideration to the ABME and ABN meeting schedules. The date, time and location of each meeting is posted on the website for the Secretary of State at least two weeks prior to the meeting date, in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The last meeting this year is November 12, 2013. The proposed Joint Committee Review schedule is as follows:

- Feb 19
- Apr 15
- Jun 17
- Aug 19
- Oct 14
- Dec 9

On September 17, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approve the proposed Joint Committee meeting schedule. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Review of Additional Duties

The Committee received the report on historical decisions on Additional Duties exceeding the Standard Protocol for CRNPs and CNMs.

Ms. Cotton informed the Joint Committee that Alabama Board of Nursing plans to post information on the website for all permissible procedures. Procedures on the Additional Duties list that are RN practice will not be included or referenced. ABN will only publish advance practice duties that require approval beyond standard protocol. Ms. Ward asked for clarification on the graded exercise testing (GXT) for RN practice compared to CRNPs who request approval for this activity.

Ms. Cotton explained that RNs monitor patients during GXT under the supervision of the on-site physician. If the CRNP will be the supervising provider, rather than a physician, then the CRNP must request approval to be the supervising provider.

Dr. Harrison posed concerns about Independent Clinical Laboratories where CMS will not allow Family Physicians to supervise GXT. He was concerned that CRNP would be unaware of the implications and hazards of CMS audit. It was noted that the CRNP protocol specifies the practice sites where the CRNP will practice. Private physician offices are not affected by the CMS rule on Independent Clinical Laboratories. Hospitals have credentialing requirements that CRNP must meet before monitoring GXT patients under physician supervision or directly supervising GXT patients when physician is not immediately available.

On September 17, the Joint Committee members received the report as information.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by August 28, 2013. Item numbers refer to the published roster.

A. Physician Fee Unpaid

As of September 17, 2012, there were two physician fees unpaid to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners fee.

Item	RN License	Nurse	Phys License	Physician
35	1-118592	Kennedy, Hayley	24516	Mahaganasan, Julian
148	1-114235	Eure, Elizabeth	26067	Wilson, David

Discussion on Ms. Eure and Dr. Wilson application ensued:

Ms. Cotton stated that an RN from out of state reinstated her RN license in the state of Alabama and applied to be a CRNP for the purpose of working at the Riverview Camp for Girls. The collaborating physician was Dr. David Wilson and the practice site as the Riverview Camp for Girls in Mentone.

Ms. Ward said she has tried to reach the physician numerous times. Ms. Ward said that they worked under temporary approval, because they received it, even though she informed the physician that they needed a covering physician in the vicinity of the camp, in order to meet the rule.

Dr. Wilson's practice is actually in Clanton and the summer camp has come and gone. Ms. Cotton also, indicated she has tried to contact the camp director and CRNP

while camp was in session. The physician fee has not been paid so collaboration cannot be approved.

On September 17, Ms. Messer moved that the Joint Committee defer action on CRNP Kennedy and Dr. Mahaganasan application for collaborative practice for failure of payment to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Further, Ms. Messer moved that the Joint Committee deny the application for Ms. Eure and Dr. Wilson with stipulation that written notice follow up be sent to both parties. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Terminated during Temporary Approval

As of September 17, 2012, the following applicants reported termination or withdrawal of collaboration prior to Joint Committee Review Meeting action. Item numbers refer to the published roster

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
7/26/2013 to 8/14/2013	Abel, Robin Boggs (organization orientation, never saw patients)	1-079196	Speigel, William Robert	22863
7/18/2013 to 8/5/2013	Banks, Melaney Rene (organization orientation, never saw patients)	1-097500	Strogov, Peter	30426
6/20/2013 to 8/5/2013	15. Coats, Misty	1-117621	Mollohan, Ernest	DO-0592
7/31/2013 to 8/4/2013	21. Flaherty, Amanda	1-119243	Smithson, Kenneth	DO-1307
7/26/2013 to 8/14/2013	71. Liner, Kari	1-121764	McKinney, Dahlia	29940
7/15/2013 to 8/29/2013	130. Taylor, Ameshia	1-081016	Sforzini, Michael J	16569

On September 17, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice as listed noting the indicated dates of temporary approval and termination. Ms. Messer seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary

Items 1 – 45 Fast Track with Covering Physician(s)
Items 46 – 96 No Covering Physician

D. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Remote Sites

Items 97 – 136 Covering Physician(s)
Items 137 – 161 No Covering Physician

E. Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, No Prescriptive Privileges

Items 162 Remote Sites, No Covering Physician

On September 17, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee approve the new collaborative practice agreements, items 1 – 162, as stated in the application, excluding Items 35 and 148 for which the physician has not paid the fee to ABME and those items in 8B that have been terminated. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection

9. REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by August 28, 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 163 - 165	Plus Restricted Drugs, Covering
Items 166 - 167	Plus Restricted Drugs, No Covering
Items 168 – 178	Additional Skills, Covering
Items 179 – 180	Additional Skills, No Covering

B. Modify Existing Collaborative Practice Applications.

Items 181 - 212	Additional Practice Site
Items 213 – 229	Additional Skills, and / or Restricted Drugs

Ms. Cotton and Ms. Thomas indicated some corrections that needed to be done to the roster are as follows:

Item # 214 for CRNP Joanna Bundrum, 1-039155 and Dr. Sunil Chandra, 20650 for additional drug of Antineoplastic has prior approval in 2012.

Item # 215 for CRNP Benjamin Campbell, 1-044442 and Dr. Louis Brunsting, 31578, Additional Duties are to be deferred because the request was not on the BME Credentials Committee agenda.

Item # 216 CRNP Nancy Gaudet, 1-092613 with Dr. Sherri Arledge, 28132 approvals for the additional duties of bone marrow aspiration and administration of chemotherapy only.

Item # 217 CRNP Leia Hunt, 1-115085 with physician Clancy Johnson, 27235 approval for additional duties for chemical peels and removal of skin tags. Delete laser protocols, sclerotherapy, shave biopsy lesion, which were printed by error.

Item # 227 CRNP Kristin Waddell, 1-112823 with physician Margaret Winkler, 17821 approval of additional formulary for Antineoplastic agents and Heavy Metals specify for IV Iron only.

On September 17, Ms. Grau moved for approval of the collaborative practice agreements, items 163 – 229, as stated in the roster and the corrections for items 214, 215, 216, 217, and 227. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection

10. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. MASA Class program for Controlled Substance Prescribing

Dr. Harrison stated that MASA informed him that the class on November 23-24 has been moved to a larger site to accommodate the large registration.

Ms. Cotton asked if there was a specific person for contact to ask questions about the program. Dr. Harrison indicated to contact Judy DeBray.

B. Relook at Oversight of CRNPs-CNMs and Quality Assurance (QA) rules.

Dr. Harrison requested the Committee to develop some ideas that will make the Quality Monitoring oversight more meaningful and more clinically relevant to both the CRNP and Physician. Dr. Harrison stated that some NPs are dissatisfied with the current requirements. May be there could be an option that for first year NPs to have a greater amount of chart review compared to a nurse that has been within the same collaboration for 20 years.

Ms. Cotton stated that the Nurse Practice Act does not specify the quantity of chart review. The requirement for review of adverse outcomes and 10% sample of charts was added to Administrative Rules for clarity and fairness, to put physicians, CRNPs and CNMs on notice of Board expectations. The CRNP/CNM and the physician can adapt the standards to provide meaningful information for their practice. CRNPs and CNMs who practice exclusively in hospitals must deal with facility policies that may limit access to closed records.

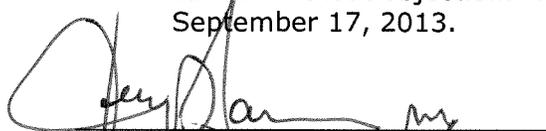
Ms. Thomas commented that the Seminar on Collaborative Practice includes many suggestions for flexible and meaningful chart review processes.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Medical Examiners located at 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On September 17, Ms. Grau moved for adjournment. Ms. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on September 17, 2013.


B Jerome Harrison, MD Chairperson

11/12/2013
Date of Approval

Submitted by:


Charlene Cotton
Alabama Board of Nursing


Kristine Jordan, Recorder, September 17, 2013
Alabama Board of Nursing