

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

Fiscal Year 2015  
December 09, 2014  
Regular Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm on December 09, 2014.

The following Committee members were present at the meeting:

- Grace Grau, MSN, CRNP
- Melissa Hatter, MSN, RN, CNM
- Carol Stewart, MSN, CRNP
- Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
- Paul Nagrodzki, MD

Committee member absent from the meeting:  
John S. Meigs Jr., MD

Staff members attending the meeting included:  
The Alabama Board of Nursing:  
Charlene Cotton, Advanced Practice Consultant  
Kristine Jordan, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:  
Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant  
Amy Wybenga, Collaborative Practice Consultant

**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**

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 December 09**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee adopt the Agenda, as distributed. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**5. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**On December 09**, Ms. Grau moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of October 14, 2014 as distributed. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Collaborative Practice Rule Revisions – Discussion

Ms. Cotton stated this item is for on-going dialog without a request for action.

Pat Ward indicated that the goal is to have rule revised proposals ready for the ABME board in January and bring to the Joint Committee by February meeting. This is an overall clean up and updating of rules and regulations for ABME.

Dr. Nagrodzki stated the substance is more about quality and format instead of a chart review, decreasing burdens on NPs with long standing collaborative agreements with physicians and increasing FTEs hours for physicians.

**On December 09**, the Joint Committee received as information without further recommendations or comments.

### B. Application Processes for Critical Care and Orthopedic Protocols

The Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners concurred with the revisions to the Orthopaedic Specialty Protocol, as proposed in October.

**On December 09**, the Joint Committee received as information without further recommendations or comments.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS.

### A. Joint Committee Meeting Schedule 2015 for

The Committee reviewed the proposed schedule for potential scheduling conflicts. The Wednesday April 15, 2015 meeting date was selected to minimize conflict with the ABME Credentialing Committee, the Board and MASA Annual meetings.

Proposed Joint Committee Dates for 2015 are as follows:

Tuesday, February 17, 2015	to be held at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	to be held at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 16, 2015	to be held at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 18, 2015	to be held at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, October 20, 2015	to be held at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 15, 2015	to be held at 5:30 pm

**On December 09**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee approve the schedule for Joint Committee Meeting dates for 2015. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### B. The expansion of the 'Fast Track' Approval Criteria for Collaborative Practice

ABME staff identified options to expand the 'Fast Track' criteria for direct approval by ABME and ABN Boards, without review by the Joint Committee. The goal is to reduce the variation in the volume of applications processed each month, as well as reduce the lag time between date of application and final Board action.

Dr. Nagrodzki reported that ABME Credentials Committee accepted the following options, and will recommend these procedural changes to ABME Board. If approved by ABME and ABN, the expanded criteria will be implemented with the January 2015 agenda.

Proposed New Fast Track Criteria for Collaborative Practice Applications as follows:

Physician & CRNP / CNM Specialties	Remote Practice Site CRNP/CNM	Covering Physician	Specialty Protocols, Skills or Formulary
Physician & CRNP/CNM Specialties are Consistent or Match without question.	None	<b>No covering physician</b>	None
Consistent or Match without question	None	At least one covering physician	Skills / drugs requested <b>have routinely</b> been approved for this specialty and practice situation. The Board has received all required or requested correspondence and documentation for this application.
Consistent or Match without question	<b>Yes</b>	At least one covering physician	None
Consistent or Match without question	Sites are hospital based critical care areas <u>ONLY</u>	Covering physicians are listed	Request for Mid-Level Critical Care Protocol. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requests for Critical Care Protocol in a facility <u>with no history</u> of approval for these procedures <u>will not be eligible for Fast Track</u> and will be held for Joint Committee review.</li> <li>2. Place Mid-Level Critical Care Protocol on Fast Track if the application is consistent with recent approvals in the same hospital. The facility's policies for instruction, supervised practice, and implementation of the procedures support consistency in the granting and renewing the privileges.</li> <li>3. Fast Track approval for Mid-level Critical Care Protocol will allow physicians to proceed with <b>supervised practice</b> of CRNP in the requested procedures.</li> <li>4. Fast Track approval for supervised practice <b>will not allow</b> the CRNP to perform Mid-Level procedures <b>independently</b>.</li> <li>5. After the CRNP's Documentation of Supervised Practice has been submitted and approved by both Boards, the CRNP and Physician will be notified of the approved privileges and requirements for Annual Maintenance Documentation.</li> </ol>
Use the Fast Track Criteria for applications to Modify Existing Collaboration, rather than delay review of the modification to the Joint Committee agenda.			

Dr. Jordan questioned the option for 'Fast Track' with skills / drugs which have been routinely approved for this specialty and practice situation. Why would these skills not be added to the standard protocol?

Ms. Ward answered that 'Fast Track' option for these skills would allow the physician and NP to

commence supervised procedures. They will still have to submit documentation of supervised procedures for ABME review prior to final approval.

Dr. Jordan indicated concern about the 'Fast Track' option for CRNP requesting skills for practice at a remote location, indicating that the collaborating physician is not on site.

Ms. Cotton clarified the 'Fast Track' option for remote site excludes applications requesting skill or restrictive formulary.

Ms. Ward added that any application that is in question by either staff or Joint Committee members will be held for the next available Joint Committee review meeting.

**On December 09**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved that the Joint Committee recommend to both boards the expansion of the 'Fast Track' criteria approval and implementation with the January 2015 agenda for collaborative practice applications. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by November 17, 2014 for Collaborative Practice agreements.

### A. Physician Fee Unpaid

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners staff provided an update on the unpaid fees as of December 09, 2014.

Item Number	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
3-1	Ashworth-Edge, Leah	1-050939	Barnett, James	12534
4-1	Ashworth-Edge, Leah	1-050939	Vance, Clifton	24308
18-1	Boon, Ashley	1-117973	Carter, Hernando	28511
24-1	Burchfield, Ashley	1-120949	Arciniegas, Joaquin	8266
25-1	Burgess, Marsha	1-063536	Browne, Raymond	13959
26-1	Butler, Tonia	1-076337	Morris, Rodney	12054
63-1	Harris, Robin	1-099499	Walker, Gene	15721
77-1	Jones, Sandra	1-044795	Roy, James	28174
81-1	Kimani, Jacinta	1-115537	Roller, Paul	18110
103-1	Nelms, Julia	1-036847	Avsar, Sadri	11653
126-1	Shoaf, Stephani	1-110320	Gupta, Sadri	32757
127-1	Silas, Sherri	1-061711	Settipalli, Srilakshmi	33622
145-1	Thompson, Rebecca	1-078532	Purcell-Matthew, Samanger	31946
151-1	Warren, Hope	1-082490	Adams, Kynard	10658
152-1	Warren, Hope	1-082490	Casals, Mary	19060
153-1	Watson, Michelle	1-091825	Harrelson, Rick	17429
155-1	Weldon, Jennifer	1-045373	Wilson, Mark	15807
159-1	Wiggins, Rachel	1-123127	Salemi, Hector	22418
169-2	Baliem, Wilma	1-046774	Norden, Carole	12834
171-2	Bonnell, Diane	1-083666	Roth, Eric	22367

Item Number	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
180-2	Gray, Stacie	1-110629	McCool, Alan	27398
190-2	Jones, Vanessa	1-088208	Taylor, William	8982
196-2	Roberson, Jo	1-058198	Sherman, Craig	22322
197-2	Short, Candace	1-079259	Voss, Asha	23245
199-2	Smith, Susannah	1-102256	Cameron, Daniel	25401

Ms. Ward stated that ABME is changing their process for non-payment of physician's fees. Going forward ABME will send one written request for payment by mail to the physician. No phone calls or email follow-up will occur. If the physician fee is not paid prior to the ABME meeting, the physician will be notified to 'cease and desist' practicing with the NP until the fee is paid. After payment is the physician may resume temporary approval while awaiting final Board action.

**On December 09**, Ms. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee defer action and send 'cease and desist' letters on each application for collaborative practice due to non-payment to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

#### B. Terminated or Withdrawn Collaborative agreements

As of December 09, 2009, the following applicants reported withdrawal or termination of collaborative agreement.

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

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
	<b>Withdrawn</b>			
Never worked together	Little, Ashley	1-114193	Perkins, Thomas	22846
	<b>Terminated</b>			
10/28/2014 to 11/04/2014	Adams, Ann	1-114362	Keener, Emily	DO-1283
9/11/2014 to 10/19/2014	Gaudet, Nancy	1-092613	Tyon, Warren	28017
8/25/2014 to 11/06/2014	Shrestha, Ira	1-111664	Chadband, Robert	15685
10/9/2014 to 10/14/2014	Littlejohn, Nakia	1-111424	Leaonhardt, Eric	DO-1142
9/28/2014 to 11/12/2014	McPeters, Steadman	1-106689	Sapp, Mark	32039
9/24/2014 to 10/27/2014	Miller, Susan	1-110128	Murphy, Mark	21871

After the roster was published:

Item Number	Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
246-3	10/8/2014 to 12/08/2014	Haney, Valerie	1-084318	Carmona, Juan	23266

**On December 09**, Ms. Grau 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. Dr. Nagrodzki seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 1-1 through 168-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians

Ms. Ward stated there are several applications' that requested a start date of January 1, 2015. The physicians will not have to pay 2014 fee. The ABME collaborative practice registration will be issued effective January 1, 2015.

**On December 09**, Dr. Nagrodzki 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 168-1 as listed in the roster, excluding those items numbered: 3-1, 4-1, 18-1, 24-1, 25-1, 26-1, 63-1, 77-1, 81-1, 103-1, 126-1, 127-1, 145-1, 151-1, 152-1, 153-1, 155-1, and 159-1 in 8A that have been deferred for non-payment of fees. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 169-2 through 202-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications.

Ms. Cotton Summarized the changes for section two as reported in Item 8A, due to unpaid physician fees. Approve collaboration and defer action on additional skills pending decision by ABME for the following Items:

Defer Action on Additional Skill until approved by ABME and due to Un-Paid Physician Fees

Item Number	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Phy Lic	Additional Request Deferred until Approved by ABME
169-2	Baliem, Wilma	1-046774	Nordon, Carole	12834	Antineoplastic Agents and Anti-Rheumatic TNF Inhibitors
196-2	Roberson, Jo	1-058198	Sherman, Craig	22322	Midwifery Specialty Protocol
197-2	Short, Candace	1-079259	Voss, Asha	23245	Subdermal Contraceptive Implant

Defer Action on Additional Skill until approved by ABME

Item Number	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Phy Lic	Additional Request Deferred until Approved by ABME
174-2	Butler, Barbara	1-039070	Hunter, James	17433	CVL, remove and replace over guide wire
192-2	May, Carmen	1-045084	Pearsall, Albert	21279	Orthopaedic Specialty Protocol
193-2	Perkins, Lauren	1-122339	Brown, Stephen	12788	Cryotherapy of Non-pigmented Superficial Lesion

Ms. Cotton indicated that there are two applications 176-2 and 202-2, are existing collaborations and should have been listed in the Modify Existing Collaboration applications section are listed as

follows:

Item 176-2 NP Meloni Carter (1-094336) and Dr. Maarten Wybenga (13662) application to modify their approved collaboration with the addition of Cryotherapy of non-pigmented superficial lesions.

Item 202-2 NP Ashley Tureaud (1-117908) and Dr. Michael Faircloth (15983) application to modify their approved collaboration with addition of Cryotherapy of non-pigmented superficial lesions and subdermal contraceptive insertion.

**On December 09**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for approval of applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 169-2 through 202-2 as listed in the roster, excluding those items numbered: 169-2, 171-2, 180-2, 190-2, 196-2, 197-2, and 199-2 in 8A that have been deferred for non-payment of fees. Also, approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary and defer action on requested additional skills for 174-2, 192-2, and 193-2. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 203-3 through 307-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications.

**On December 09**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for approval of applications for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications, items 203-3 through 307-3 as stated in the application. Excluding item numbered 246-3 in 8B that has been terminated. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**F. Addendum: Application omitted from roster.**

Ms. Cotton reported this application was received and logged in; but unintentionally omitted from the roster distributed to the committee. This application was submitted upon the unexpected death of Ms. Pelham's previous collaborating physician, Dr. William Jerry Howell, of Birmingham. Dr. Logue was covering physician for their practice.

Patricia Pelham, 1-030135, Psych-Mental Health NP and Harry Edward Logue, MD 5861, Psychiatry.

Physician's Principal Practice Site:

Associated Mental Health Services, 100 Century Park South Ste 206, Birmingham AL 35226

CRNP Practice Site:

American Behavioral, 17 Office Park Circle STE 100, Birmingham, AL 35223

**On December 09**, Dr. Nagrodzki moved for approval of the collaborative practice agreement for CRNP Pelham and Dr. Logue for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, No Covering Physician, and Remote Site. Ms. Grau seconded. Motion carried without objection

**9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

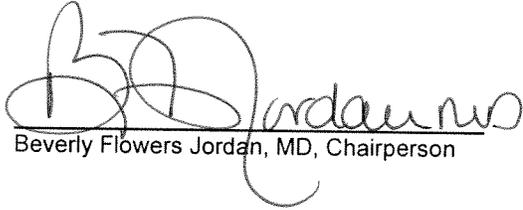
No further information at this time

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday February 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. At the Board of Medical Examiners located on 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Grau moved for adjournment. Ms. Stewart seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on December 9, 2014.

  
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD, Chairperson

2.17.15  
Date of Approval

Submitted by:

  
Charlene Cotton  
Alabama Board of Nursing

  
Kristine Jordan, Recorder, December 09, 2014  
Alabama Board of Nursing