

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

Fiscal Year 2016
December 15, 2015
Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm on December 15, 2015.

The following Committee members were present at the meeting:

Melissa Hatter, CNM, MSN, RN
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
John S. Meigs Jr., MD

Joint Committee members absent with prior notice:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP
Timothy Stewart, MD

Staff members attending the meeting included:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice
Kristine Jordan, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant

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

Prior notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On December 15, Dr. Meigs moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda, as distributed.
Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On December 15, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of October 20, 2015 as distributed. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dermatology Procedures - Reconsideration

In October 2015, the Board of Medical Examiners denied the request of CRNP Amelia Frazier, 1-118246 with Dr. Joshua Wharton, M30140 to perform Intra-Lesional Steroid Injections of Benign Neoplasm; Electrodesiccation and Curettage of Biopsy proven Skin lesions; Topical chemical destruction of benign lesions; and Chemical Peel Medium depths. Dr. Wharton, Dermatologist requests reconsideration based on previous approval of these procedure with two other CRNPs in his practice. In January 2013, the ABME approved the above mentioned skills for Christa Heard, CRNP in collaboration with Joshua Wharton, MD. Additionally, ABME approved the same skills listed above for Brigett Payne, CRNP in collaboration with Joshua Wharton, MD, in February 2014.

Ms. Ward informed Joint Committee members that the ABME Credentialing meeting agreed with the exception for this physician and approve protocols to perform Intra-Lesional Steroid Injections of Benign Neoplasm; Electrodesiccation and Curettage of Biopsy proven Skin lesions; Topical chemical destruction of benign lesions; and Chemical Peel Medium depths.

On December 15, 2015 Dr. Jordan moved to recommend approval for the proposed protocol of skills for board action. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Proposal to exclude Fast Track applications for Joint Committee Agenda**

Ms. Daniel gave an overview; the Board of Medical Examiners and Board of Nursing jointly implemented the current Fast Track policy to allow direct Board approval of selected collaborative practice applications without review by the Joint Committee in the months the Joint Committee does not meet. The volume of applications continues to increase; however, with the adoption of the standard protocols very few applications require individual consideration by the Joint Committee. This proposal requests exclusion of all Fast Track applications from the Joint Committee agenda.

Ms. Ward stated that this will take a large portion of the applications away and help move items along quickly.

On December 15, Dr. Jordan moved the Joint Committee recommend to the Boards that applications meeting "Fast Track" criteria do not require Joint Committee review prior to Board action and approval. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. **UAB application for Flexible Fiberoptic Diagnostic Laryngoscopy**

Ms. Daniel indicated this is information only for the Joint Committee. The Alabama Board of Nursing approved Flexible Fiberoptic Diagnostic Laryngoscopy, not to extend below the vocal cords, as being within the legal scope of practice for a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) with documented education, training and experience. The Board approved the application submitted by the UAB Department of Otolaryngology with the plan for instruction and supervised practice for CRNPs in the Surgical Otolaryngology Clinic, Kirklin Clinic. The department may proceed with didactic instruction only until each CRNP receives Board approval to begin supervised practice.

Ms. Ward stated that the ABME credentialing committee is aware of the procedure and that applications will be coming in for the request to train and open for discussion at the ABME board tomorrow plus the protocol indicated restrictions' are very specific to the UAB Department of Otolaryngology physicians.

On December 15, the Joint Committee received as information.

C. Applications for Privilege to Perform Procedure in Collaborative Practice

1. Angelo Llontop MD and Yolanda Bowie CRNP

Ms. Daniel stated that Dr. Llontop and Ms. Bowie submitted separate requests for the Orthopaedic injection sites (Arthrocentesis and/or Injection of Wrist, Injection of Trigger Finger, Injection of Carpal Tunnel, and Injection of De Quervain's Tenosynovitis) to their respective Boards. BME denied Dr. Llontop's request and the ABN denied the request of Ms. Bowie November 12, 2015.

2. Sanjeev Saxena, MD, FACC and Aimee Kilgo, Family CRNP

Ms. Daniel Aimee Kilgo, Family CRNP, and Sanjeev Saxena, MD, FACC, submitted the request for Ms. Kilgo to complete training and perform Endovenous Ablation of Varicose Vein to treat chronic venous insufficiency.

The ABN denied the request at the November 12, 2015 meeting. ABME Administrative Rules, Chapter 540- X-11.03 Use of Lasers and Other Modalities Affecting Living Tissue in The Practice of Medicine, in item (3), restricts this activity to physicians: "The use of lasers/pulsed light devices or other energy devices for ablative procedures may only be performed by a physician".

On December 15, the Joint Committee received as information.

D. Request for Opinion on House Calls

The Sirote letter describes a new limited liability company ("LLC") in Alabama whose goal is to provide advanced practice nursing services to patients on an "as needed, on-call" basis. The LLC plans to employ CRNPs in approved collaborative practice agreements with duly licensed physicians to see patients in their homes or work environments. CRNPs will not furnish any professional services at the physician's principal practice site.

After discussion, the Joint Committee members asked that a letter be sent to Sirote requesting clarification. Specifically, the members want to know how the physician and nurse practitioner will comply with the medical oversight required by the collaborative practice rules when conducting home visits and non-home visits. The intent of collaboration is to practice together for some portion of time and it is unclear how the application for collaboration will address the non-home visits which are expected to occur in a work environment.

On December 15, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee recommend to the Boards a letter be sent to clarify a mechanism for face-to-face collaboration and provision for medical oversight, to meet the collaborative practice rules; to include principle practice sites; such as primary sites, homes, and remote locations. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by November 15, 2015 for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Physician Fee Unpaid

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners staff will provide an update on the unpaid fees at the Joint Committee meeting on December 15, 2015. ABME Staff report the following physicians have unpaid fees.

Item Number	NP Name	RN License	Physician Name	Physician License
35-1	Cooley, Judith	1-048423	Kinnebrew, Terry	12977
50-1	Fagan, Shannon	1-100148	Passarella, Michael	26409
84-1	Jones, Veronica	1-098626	Sahawneh Maher	10414
100-1	Meads, Brandi	1-091535	Felton, Lonnie	23770
117-1	Quarles, Wesley	1-132502	Sinha, Hemant	22164
123-1	Shepherd, Robyn	1-055861	Duryea, Kathleen	DO-0564
142-1	Walker, Angela	1-110012	Bryd, James	25906
156-1	Zeitbogel, Jana	1-089341	Bidkov, Igor	20761

On December 15, Dr. Jordan, recommended that the Joint Committee defer action on each application for collaborative practice for failure of payment to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of November 15, 2015 the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

Applicants received temporary approval. The physician or CRNP reported withdrawal of the collaborative agreement prior to publication of the roster

Withdrawn				
Period Temp approval	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
10/22/2015 To 11/09/2015	Cronier, Elizabeth	1-084308	Bell, Rosa	23542
10/30/2015 To 11/06/2015	Brown, Cortney	1-101781	Nolen, Charles	14531
11/06/2015 To 11/11/2015	Odum, Molly	1-105530	Smith, Robert	10568

Applicants received temporary approval. The physician or CRNP reported termination of collaborative practice after publication of the roster.

Terminated					
Item Number	Period	NP Name	RN License	Physician Name	Physician License
103-1	11/6/2015 to 12/08/2015	Michon, Elizabeth	1-082655	Cameron, Mark	34077
124-1	10/27/2015 To 11/10/2015	Shirley, Amy	1-116147	Holley, Warren	13116

On December 15, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of withdrawal or termination, as stated. Dr. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 1-1 thru 157-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or, Covering Physicians

On December 15, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians for Items 1-1 thru 157-1 as stated on the roster, excluding items 35-1, 50-1, 84-1, 100-1, 117-1, 123-1, 142-1 and 156-1, which were deferred due to nonpayment of physician fees; also, Items 103-1 and 124-1 which were terminated. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 158-2 thru 174-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

Item 158-2 CRNP Melissa Bagwell-Seifert, 1-087518 with MD Heidi Blair, 19923 withdrew skill request for Insertion of Intrauterine Devices.

Ms. Ward informed Joint Committee members that ABME credentialing approved the request for Ultra-Violet (UV) Therapy, Maintenance and Direction based on the physician's UV parameters and protocols.

On December 15, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications for items 158-2 thru 174-2 as stated on the roster; excluding skills for item 158-2 which were withdrawn. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

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

Items 178-3 thru 222-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications

Item 189-3 CRNP Connie Geimer, 1-106800 with MD William Tyndall, 11265 withdrew skill request for Critical Care Mid-Level specialty protocol

Ms. Ward stated that ABME credentialing has requested a letter of clarification for Item 216-3 CRNP Jessica Voss, 1-107711 with MD William Stewart, 13003 and protocols for the Fracture reduction on the ankle and wrist injections.

On December 15, Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Modify Existing Collaborative Practice for Additional Locations, Duties, and/or Restricted Drug Classifications for items 178-3 thru 222-3 as stated on the roster; excluding skills for item 189-3 Critical Care Mid-level, which was withdrawn and item 216-3 Fracture reduction which is deferred until the next meeting. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Board of Nursing, 770 Washington Ave Suite 250, AL Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Hatter moved for adjournment. Dr. Meigs seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned 5:51 pm on December 15, 2015.



Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN, Chairperson

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Date of Approval

Submitted by:



Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN
Alabama Board of Nursing



Kristine Jordan, Recorder, December 15, 2015
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