

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

Fiscal Year 2016  
April 13, 2016  
Reschedule Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on April 13, 2016.

Joint Committee members present:

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

Joint Committee members attending by telecommunication:

Timothy Stewart, MD

Joint Committee members absent:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP

Staff members present:

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  
Amy Wybenga, Collaborative Practice Consultant

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared with two 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 April 13, 2016 Dr. Meigs moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda as presented. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**5. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

On April 13, 2016 Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of January 15, 2016 as distributed. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

A. None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. CRNP and CNM Additional Procedure/Skill Listing - Standard/Specialty Protocols not included

Ms. Daniel gave a brief overview of the annual skills review. Committee members were provided an opportunity to address changes in current practices that may require special consideration. Skills designated with a "5-Do Not Allow" were the most critical to review in for the purposes of collaborative practice.

Joint Committee member's reviewed the report and did not make any recommendation for realignment of skills to Standard or Specialty Protocols.

Ms. Ward indicated that ABME is looking to create a standard language repository for all skills, formularies and how to request and receive approval. The information would be available to all stakeholders (website, public, PA, NPs, and Joint Committee, etc....).

**On April 13, 2016** Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee receive as information with no recommendations for changes related to the additional skills/procedure listing at this time. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection

### B. CRNP and CNM Standard Formulary Review of Legend Drug Classification

Ms. Daniel reported working with Amy Wybenga to consolidate the two pages of Standard and Specialty Formularies into a single Formulary of Legend Drugs containing Standard and Specialty drugs. Amy Wybenga was very helpful with the organization of the Biologics and the Biosimilars as a result of her work with the rheumatology group. Prescriptive authority for CRNP and CNM under the single Formulary does not include controlled substances in any schedule.

The Specialty Legend drugs will retain the standard language which requires the drug "must be given within the scope of the collaborative specialty. The initial dose must be prescribed by a physician, with authorization to prescribe continuing maintenance doses according to written protocol (available for review on site) or direct order of the physician." This statement is included on the Formulary as it pertains to the Specialty Legend Drugs.

ABN is not aware of any issues in connection with specialty approvals currently in use, which is consistent with the NPs training and specialty practice of the physician.

This single Formulary would help streamline the application process and allow the CRNP or CNM to request the Standard Formulary or decline prescriptive authority entirely. A separate request for Specialty Drugs would not be needed.

**On April 13, 2016** Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee recommend approval of the consolidation of the Standard and Specialty Formularies into a single Standard Formulary CRNP and CNM in the prescribing of legend drugs. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection

### C. ABN Rule Revisions to Discontinue License Cards

Ms. Daniel stated that ABN at its September 2015 Board Meeting voted to stop issuing license cards for LPNs, RNs, and APRNs as well as security paper approval cards for CRNPs and CNMs. This is in light of recent incidents involving fraudulent nursing license cards and verifications across several states; plus, the most recent case here in AL. This is presented to highlight the two specific areas of change within the ABN Administrative Code and the correlating sections of the ABME Code [540-X-8-.06 and .20] which are impacted. Currently, the ABN Rule changes have been submitted to the Legislative Reference Service (LRS) with anticipated certification by the ABN in April 2016, publication in May 2016 and official change in June 2016.

Joint Committee members discussed concerns of license verification during manmade or natural disasters (i.e., tornado, plane crash, or school destruction). There were concerns about how to identify a nurse as a licensed healthcare professional during an emergency. In many emergencies, the only thing available is the license wallet card in the possession of the nurse. In addition to the time constraints of the emergency, there is often no electricity to validate licensure online at the ABN website. One of the suggestion was creation of a mobile app for NPs as a way to verify licensure. A second suggestion involved inclusion of a NP identifier on the driver's license.

Ms. Daniel reminded the committee that the ABN website is available via a smart phone for the purpose of license verification. Moreover, ABN staff will always assist via phone during disasters.

Concern was also raised about notification and verification of licensure to insurance companies and credentialing groups. Ms. Daniel shared that Peggy Benson, ABN Executive Officer, has been in contact with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama and there are no concerns about discontinuing license cards. Ms. Wybenga encouraged contact with VIVA and HealthSpring. Additionally, a statement could be sent to all firms reminding them that License Lookup on the ABN website is primary source verification.

On April 13, 2016 Dr. Jordan moved the Joint Committee members request additional information on how ABN will handle alternative methods of verification during an emergency situation. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection

**8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE**

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by February 19, 2016 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 April 13, 2016. If the fee is not paid, ABME will send the physician a letter to cease and desist from collaborative practice until the fee has been paid. After payment, the application will be re-listed on the next Joint Committee agenda for final action.

On April 13, Dr. Jordan recommended removal of this section in future agenda's due to enforcement of the application process which requires proof of physician payment prior to application processing. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**B. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations**

As of March 15, 2016 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 termination of collaborative practice after publication of the roster.

Terminated					
Item Number	Period	NP Name	RN License	Physician Name	Physician License
5-1	1/14/16 to 3/8/2016	Davis, Rana	1-097280	Nelson, Byron	10889

On April 13, 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. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**C. Applications for Full Review**

The applications for Full Review include remote site locations without a covering physician and requests for additional skills or special formularies.

1. Items 1-1 thru 33-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with Remote Locations without Covering Physicians.

**On April 13** Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with Remote Locations without Covering Physicians, Items 1-1 thru 33-1 as listed on the roster, excluding items 5-1 which was terminated. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Items 34-2 thru 41-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications with/without Covering Physicians.

**On April 13**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, Additional Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications with/without Covering Physicians, Items 34-2 thru 41-2 as listed on the roster. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. Items 42-3 thru 54-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications with/without Covering Physicians

**On April 13**, Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, Additional Locations, Duties and/or Restricted Drug Classifications with/without Covering Physicians, Items 42-3 thru 54-3 as listed on the roster. 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 May 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Medical Examiners located on 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

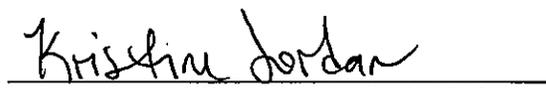
Ms. Hatter moved for adjournment. Dr. Jordan seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned 6:30 pm on April 13, 2016.

  
 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, April 13, 2016  
 Alabama Board of Nursing