

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

Fiscal Year 2016
May 17, 2016
Schedule Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on May 19, 2016.

Joint Committee members present:

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

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 three 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 May 17, 2016 Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee adopt the Agenda as presented. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On May 17, 2016 Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of April 13, 2016 as distributed. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. License Cards

Ms. Daniel stated this is being presented to bring awareness of the two specific areas of change within the ABN code and the impacted sections of the ABME Code 540-X-8-.06 and .20 that correlate as previously given. Currently, the ABN Rule changes have been submitted to the Legislative Reference Service (LRS) with anticipated official change in July 2016.

Dr. Meigs indicated that there were questions on how to do the CE credits for courses taken. Ms. Daniel stated that the CE cards will be out in July.

Question remains regarding facility liability during an emergency when the nurse does not have a printed license card.

On May 17, 2016 the Joint Committee members received as Information

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Expanded Shave/Punch Biopsy and Cryotherapy

Related Decisions

Cryotherapy was originally denied in 1997. In March 2015, cryotherapy of superficial flat lesions was added to CRNP and CNM standard protocols upon recommendation of the Joint Committee and included standard limitations.

1. Application for Privilege to Perform Skill in Collaborative Practice

Carli Taylor, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Scott R. Freeman, MD, Dermatology, received approval for collaborative practice in October 2015. They applied to add the following procedures to her practice protocol:

- a. Shave/punch biopsies involving the ears, especially the helix and antihelix, and the eye lids. Biopsies will not exceed 2cm in diameter or the level of the dermis, and will not involve the internal ear or the eye.
- b. Cryotherapy to lesions which do not exceed 2cm in diameter or below the level of the dermis. Therapy may be performed on the eyelid, but will not include the eye.

Ms. Taylor is approved to perform punch biopsies and cryotherapy of non-pigmented lesions under the Standard Protocol for FNPs: "biopsies not to exceed 5mm in diameter and not below the level of the full dermis; anatomically sensitive areas, such as eyes and ears, must be evaluated by a physician prior to treatment". The skills request states the physician will be consulted if the FNP is unsure about the eyelid lesion.

Joint Committee members discussed concerns about the lack of a Quality Assurance plan and details regarding procedure contraindications.

On May 17, 2016 Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee make recommendation to deny expanded shave/punch biopsy greater than 5mm on eyelids and ears and cryotherapy greater than 5mm, near eyelids. Ms. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection

B. ThermiVa and ThermiSmooth - CRNP Procedure in Collaborative Practice

On April 21, 2016, the ABN determined: (1) ThermiVa is approved as being within the scope of practice of a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and (2) ThermiSmooth is NOT within the scope of practice of Women's Health Nurse Practitioners. However, the ABN is willing to reconsider the ThermiSmooth procedure upon documentation of additional training.

1. Application for Privilege to Perform Skill in Collaborative Practice

Mitzi Thompson, 1-090635, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and Robert Brown, MD20991, received approval for collaborative practice in August 2007.

Jennifer Lambert, 1-101314 Women's Health NP and Angela McCool-Pearson, MD22429 Obstetrics and Gynecology received approval for collaborative practice in April 2014.

Each NP applied to add ThermiVa and ThermiSmooth to her practice protocol with her respective collaborating physician.

Joint Committee members noted the skills request failed to identify contraindications for both procedures and failed to provide adequate rationale for delegating the performance of the procedures to the NPs.

On May 17, 2016 Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee make recommendations to deny ThermiVa and ThermiSmooth procedures for collaborations between Mitzi Thompson, 1-090635 Women's Health NP with Robert Brown, MD20991, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Jennifer Lambert, 1-101314 Women's Health NP and Angela McCool-Pearson, MD22429 Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by April 22, 2016 for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of April 22, 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.

Period	NP Name	RN License	Physician Name	Physician License
03/14/2016 to 04/05/2016	Dent-Thomas, Takeshia	1-107825	Harmon, Shawn	26378
3/01/2016 to 3/18/2016	Fondren, Elizabeth	1-141516	Conrad, Michael	22430
03/30/2016 to 4/11/2016	Grau, Grace	1-096670	Bittner, Vera	11430
03/02/2016 to 04/21/2016	Lee, Deanna	1-066789	Pollman, Daniel	15883

On May 17, Dr. Baker 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. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. 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 29-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, and/or Remote Locations.

On May 17, Dr. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with Remote Locations, Items 1-1 thru 29-1 as listed on the roster, excluding item 8A, which was terminated. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Items 30-2 thru 45-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, and/or Additional Duties, Restricted Drug Classifications.

Item 31-2 NP Andrea Boohaker, 1-143005 and MD Steven Theiss, 19422 withdrew the requested additional skill for Orthopaedic Specialty protocol.

On May 17, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, and/or Additional Duties, Restricted Drug Classifications, Items 30-2 thru 45-2 as listed on the roster, excluding Item 31-2 withdrawn skill. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. Items 46-3 thru 62-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, and/or Additional Locations, Duties, Restricted Drug Classifications.

Item 46-3 NP Jennifer Bogan, 1-145341 and MD Ronald Roan, 24176: Defer approval of requested skills for CVL, remove replace over guide wire and Critical Care Specialty Protocol Mid-Level pending ABME receipt of protocols.

Item 54-3 NP Jennifer Lambert, 1-101314 and MD Angela McCool, 22429: approval of requested skills: Chemical Peel Superficial depth, Subdermal Contraceptive implant. Deny ThermiVa and ThermiSmooth procedures; and rescind approval for Medium depth Chemical Peel.

Item 59-3 NP Carli Taylor, 1-152005 and MD Scott Freeman, 30842: approval for requested formulary for DMARDs Biologic, Non-Biologic and TNFs. Deny request for Cryotherapy 5mm near eyelids and Shave/Punch Biopsies greater than 5mm on eyelids and ears.

Item 60-3 NP Mitzi Thompson, 1-090635 and MD Robert Brown, 20991: approval of requested skill, Subdermal Contraceptive implant, and Deny ThermiVa and ThermiSmooth procedures.

On May 17, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, and/or Additional Locations, Duties, Restricted Drug Classification, as listed on the roster, excluding Items 46-3 for deferred skills. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Stewart attended a BCBS Primary Select advisory meeting in which BCBS discussed the possibility of increased reimbursement for NPs with verification the NP has a collaborating physician. Ms. Wybenga shared that the collaborative practice information is located on the websites for both the ABME and ABN

Dr. Jordan stated the insurance company is validating the NP is in collaboration with a Primary

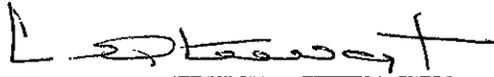
Select physician. BCBS wants to avoid giving the bonus to the wrong physician. The Insurance group is trying to establish a full time solo care situation in order to qualify for the 30% reimbursement bonus.

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Nursing located on 770 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

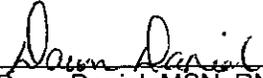
Ms. Hatter moved for adjournment. Ms. Baker seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm on May 17, 2016.



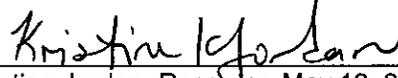
Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN, Chairperson

8-16-16
Date of Approval

Submitted by:



Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN
Alabama Board of Nursing



Kristine Jordan, Recorder, May 19, 2016
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