

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

Fiscal Year 2016
August 16, 2016
Re-Schedule Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on August 16, 2016.

Joint Committee members present:

Melissa Hatter, CNM, MSN, RN
Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
John S. Meigs Jr., MD
Timothy Stewart, MD (arrived at 6:05 pm)

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

Visitors present:

Eileen S. Meyer, MSN, CRNP, UAB Assistant Director of Advance Practice Providers
Allyson Ann Hill, Physician Assistant, UAB Assistant Director of Advance Practice Providers

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

Ms. Wybenga and Ms. Daniel requested the withdrawal of Item 7 F.

On August 19, 2016 Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee adopt the Agenda to include the withdrawal of Item 7 F as presented. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On August 19, 2016 Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of May 19, 2016 and August No Quorum as distributed. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. License Cards

Ms. Daniel stated ABN no longer prints the security paper approval letters; the ABN officially ended the license card and collaborative security paper approval letters on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

Ms. Daniel did consult with the Board of Nursing general counsel. Liability for those who practice at a specific facility will rest with the individual facility. Some points to remember:

- It is appropriate for the facility to have an emergency disaster plan, including nurses not having a printed license card.
- Professional nursing is about practicing / working for compensation
- Volunteer during an emergency is not compensated
- ABN website is still primary source verification

Dr. Jordan informed the members that they are not covered under Good Samaritan rules because you are held to the standard of practice. You have to function at the individual level of competency.

Dr. Stewart indicated he had contacted an insurance company; and yes, they do hold you to the level of competency for your training, unless there is gross negligence.

On August 19, 2016 the Joint Committee members received the report as Information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 'ThermiVa'

On May 18, 2016, the ABME denied approval for 'Thermiva' and 'Thermismooth' as being within the scope of practice of Women's Health Nurse Practitioners in the respective collaborative agreements between Jennifer Lambert, NP 1-101314 and Angela McCool, MD 22429, and Mitzi Thompson NP 1-090635 and Robert C. Brown, MD 2099. All individuals are in the Brown and McCool Gynecology office, Fairhope, Alabama. Subsequently, the practice submitted revised skill requests with a list of contraindications for the ThermiVa and a Quality Assurance Audit form.

On August 19, 2016 Dr. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee approve the procedure for 'Thermiva' within the collaborative agreements between Jennifer Lambert, NP 1-101314 and Angela McCool, MD 22429, and Mitzi Thompson NP 1-090635 and Robert C. Brown, MD 2099. Ms. Hatter seconded. The Motion carried with three ayes and zero nays.

B. Rule Change for Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT)

Ms. Daniel gave a brief overview of the ADPH request that the ABN change specific portions of the rules which prohibit a CRNP and a CNM from prescribing for anyone who is not a patient of the practice.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) protocols allow any physician to provide a prescription to the partner of an individual diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease without an examination or evaluation. From a nursing perspective, it is only nurses who work for or contract with the ADPH who would be impacted. ABN rule changes will be submitted to LRS for the ABN on August 21, 2016.

Amy Wybenga reported the EPT program is initiated from the health department and involves all physicians, NP and PAs.

On August 19, 2016 Dr. Meigs moved the Joint Committee members recommend approval of the rule changes for the Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) to both boards. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. UAB request for FTE exception for Cardio department

Ms. Daniel introduced the UAB guests. They are part of the newly formed Advanced Practice Provider (APP) core group which has oversight for all advanced practice providers, both NPs and PAs, within the UAB system.

UAB is specifically requesting to expand the full-time equivalent (FTE) allowance from four (4) to seven (7) CRNPs or PAs with each cardiovascular surgeon at UAB Hospital within the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery only. Since 1995, UAB has had expanded FTE allowances for the Neonatologists. UAB is trending away from the standard Residency Model to a NP/PA expanded model of care which schedules mid-levels on a full time, regular basis to designated areas of care.

Eileen S. Meyer, MSN, CRNP, UAB Assistant Director of Advance Practice Providers informed members that there has been a reduction in the number of residents who can cover the services and now only 60 % of the resident slots are filled. UAB has also employed more RNs, NPs, and PAs to compensate in the CICUs.

The APP section was developed at the request of surgeons to create stability for the patients instead of rotating residents; especially in light of fewer residents with shorter work periods. Across the nation there is a decline in applications to train in cardiac surgery.

Allyson Ann Hill, Physician Assistant, UAB Assistant Director of Advance Practice Providers stated from a credentialing stand point all of the current surgeons have the maximum 4 FTE allowed. So even though additional NPs maybe hired, there are no collaborating physicians without an FTE expansion. Currently, 20 NPs/PAs are employed, but 30 total NPs/PAs are needed to cover all the care areas.

Dr. Meigs asked about the extra layers of coverage of physicians, are they also maxed out?

Ms. Meyer responded that the previous backup from critical care intensivists and general surgery residents has been cut. The surgeon doing most of the extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMOs), the Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine (performing transplants), and the Anesthesiologists (who cover the ICUs) are all maxed out. There are many eyes on the patient, for we do have the surgical intensivists for 12 hours a day, and Critical Care Intensivists for about 20 hours a day with a surgeon on call.

Dr. Jordan asked if this was going to be a temporary solution or a long term plan to replace mid-level the residency program.

Ms. Hatter asked is there anyone else in the state who does this level of care? Also, asked are there other facilities in the country who have established a staffing ratio for safe patient care for the procedures in your facility?

According to Ms. Meyer, yes, this is a long term plan, given the increase in ECMOs, the bag program, mechanical support like the LVADS, all high risk patient's with high acuity, and the CICUs for 24/7 care. The current patient to NP/PA care ratio is about 5 to 1. Research showed that other facilities recommended a 5 to 1 ratio for APP for low acuity care. This is one of the reasons for the requested FTE expansion.

Ms. Stewart asked about the oversight and training an NP/PA receives in order to adequately

meet the demands of the job.

Ms. Meyer stated the CICU setting has a minimum 6-month orientation for new NP/PAs. They are then paired with a lead NP mentor; orientation is extended as needed. The stepdown unit has an 8-week orientation program followed by pairing with a lead NP mentor. A new system was recently added for each NP track of all procedures which they complete, along with the outcomes. This data is then reviewed with the collaborating physician each month.

Service areas are outlined below:

CICU – Cardiac Intensive Care Unit:

- 20 beds, critical care coverage for approx. 1,500 patients per year (CV Surgery, ECMO, Lung and Heart transplant, and VAD)
- Six adult surgeons and 12 NPs, recruiting 2 additional adult cardiovascular surgeons

Stepdown Unit

- Unit coverage for approx. 30 patients per day, plus admissions, transfers, consults, off service and ED patients.
- Six NPs weekdays and two NPs on weekends.

The Outpatient Clinic

- One NP for all CV Surgery Patients seen at 7-14 and 30-day post op return visits; anticipate addition of one NP.

The Operating Room

- 3/5 PA's provide call coverage 24/7 and cover all scheduled cases Monday – Friday.
- 2 CV Surgery fellows.

On August 19, 2016 Dr. Stewart moved that the Joint Committee approve the allowance of seven (7) full-time equivalent CRNP or PA personnel with each cardiovascular surgeon at the University Hospital at UAB, Birmingham. Ms. Hatter seconded. The Motion carried with three ayes and zero nays.

D. Implantable Cardiac Monitor

Ms. Daniel gave a brief overview of the timeline of the application, indicating that the NP has fulfilled her two six-month provisional periods and presented the requested documentation including a list of minor complications which occurred during the provisional period.

On August 19, 2016 Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee grant Initial Approval for Insertion of Implantable Cardiac Monitors by Jennifer L. Trampas, Adult-Gerontological Acute Care NP, in collaboration with Paul Tabereaux, MD, Cardiologist. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

E. Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy and Laryngoscopy

Ms. Daniel gave a brief historical timeline. On Aug. 19, 2015, ABME approved the skill of "laryngoscopy with stroboscopy, not extended below the vocal cords" only for CRNPs in the UAB ENT department.

Today's application is for Angela Hall, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Timothy H. Gannon, MD, Otolaryngology, who began their collaborative practice in November 2015. The practice is a single clinic site in Dothan, Alabama. Dr. Gannon's Curriculum Vitae shows he is active on the staff of Flowers Hospital, Southeast Alabama Medical Center, and the Dothan Surgery Center.

After extensive discussion by the Joint Committee members it was recommended to request clarification of: the clinical site where there procedure is performed, the type of staffing on hand during the procedure, protocols for document of training, and knowledge and experience in

diagnosis of abnormal tissue for both the NP and physician when performing the procedure.

On August 19, 2016 Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee recommend request of clarification of practice site and procedure protocols to both ABN and ABME boards. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

F. Trident USA FTE Hour Exception

On August 19, 2016, Item removed from agenda.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications completed by July 15, 2016 for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn /Terminated Collaborations

As of July 15, 2016 the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

Prior to publication of the July 19, 2016 roster:

Period	NP Name	RN License	Physician Name	Physician License
5/31/2016 to 06/07/2016	Cameron, Katie	1-122763	Boyle, James	22105
6/07/2016 to 06/18/2016	Livingston, Carol	1-060431	Stidham, Jeremy	28400
05/04/2016 to 06/18/2016	Allen, James	1-131182	Lynn, Susie Warren	16543
6/24/2016 to 07/05/2016	Zeitvogel, Jana	1-089341	Cranford Jr., James	10465
05/24/2016 to 07/12/2016	Hamm Jr., Ralph	1-066609	Hood, Jonathan	12971
06/29/2016 to 07/15/2016	Holston, Jane	1-076770	Thomas, Vanessa	29849
6/20/2016 to 07/20/2016	Alexander, Susan Sargent	1-074757	Thomas, Vanessa	29849
6/07/2016 to 7/11/2016	Day, Gwendolyn	1-074486	Stacy, Sylvie Rose	33410
6/15/2016 to 07/21/2016	Howell, Heather	1-141305	Thompson, Edward	2939
6/14/2016 to 7/25/2016	Taylor, Carli	1-152005	Freeman, Scott	30842

On August 19, Ms. Hatter 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. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. Item 55-1 Fast Track for Tele-Dermatology

Ms. Daniel brought to the attention of the Joint Committee members that a Registration Agreement was approved for PA Monica Sanchez (RA 3619) with Dr. David N. Lortscher (MD 32555), Dermatology, Curology, San Diego, California.

Roster item 55-1 is the collaborative practice request for CRNP Jennifer Kolinski (1-154299) and Dr. Charlene Kakimoto, (MD 34315), Dermatology, Curology, San Diego, California. Dr. Kakimoto serves as a covering physician for PA Monica Sanchez.

Ms. Daniel brings this as information and to highlight that there are more companies and applications requesting approval to practice telehealth in the state of Alabama.

On August 19, 2016 Joint Committee members received the report as information.

B. Date and Time of September and November Joint Committee Meetings

Ms. Daniel informed the Joint Committee members, that an alternate date is needed for September to follow the posted schedule of meeting dates for the calendar year.

After conversing over available dates and conflicts of schedules between the Joint Committee Members, it was recommended to forgo the September meeting and instead meet on October 18th and November 16th, 2016.

On August 19, 2016 Dr. Meigs recommended that the Joint Committee approve the next meeting dates as Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, November 16th, 2016. Dr. Stewart seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Appointment of Chairperson and announcement of departing Joint Committee Members

Ms. Daniel informed the Joint Committee members it is time to elect a new chairperson from the six members since there will be no meeting in September. The position of chairperson alternates between physician members and nurse members.

Ms. Daniel, also notified the Joint Committee members that normally one physician and one nurse will roll off the committee each year. Currently, Carol Stewart's term of office ending is September 2016, so this will be her last meeting. Her service to the Joint Committee is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Ward will discuss physician appointment with Dr. Falgout.

Dr. Jordan nominated Dr. Stewart as the Chairperson for October 2016 through September 2017. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

On August 19, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the appointment of Dr. Stewart as chairperson for the period of October 2016 through September 2017. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

D. Proposed Meeting dates for Calendar year 2017

Ms. Daniel informed the Joint Committee members that currently the meetings are every other month prior to the meeting of the Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners, usually on Tuesday evening. Ms. Daniel handed out a worksheet with purposed dates for 2017 with possible conflicts: members are to review and confirm dates at the next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Ward stressed the need for expedience of finalizing the schedule as soon as possible so the PA's 2017 meeting schedule can be completed.

On August 19, 2016 Joint Committee members received the report as information.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

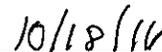
The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners located on 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jordan moved for adjournment. Ms. Hatter seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7.15 pm on August 16, 2016.



Carol Stewart, CRNP, MSN, Chairperson
Timothy Stewart, MD Acting Chairperson

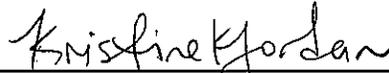


Date of Approval

Submitted by:



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Kristine Jordan, Recorder, August 19, 2016
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