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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

June 12-16, 1977
The Velvet Cloak Inn
Raleigh, North Carolina

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at The Velvet Cloak Inn, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 12-15, 1977 for the purpose of interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials, conducting other business, and administering examinations for licensure.

Drs. Charles B. Wilkerson, Jr., President, J. Jerome Pence, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, David S. Citron, Bryant L. Galusha, Joyce H. Reynolds, E. Wilson Staub and Bruce B. Blackmon were present. Also present were Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary, Mrs. Betty Joe Barick, Mrs. Diane G. Freeman and Mr. Lee A. Denney, Board Investigator.

Sunday, June 12
3:30 p.m.

The Board convened for business and reviewing credentials of applicants for license by endorsement.

RE: May, 1978 Board meeting -- Dr. Blackmon presented a resolution regarding shortening the agenda at the May Board meetings so that the Board members would be available, if needed, to the members of the Medical Society during their annual meeting. Dr. Citron moved that every effort be made to avoid scheduling meetings of the Board during the hours when the Society House of Delegates is in session during the May meeting, and also eliminate the subcommittee meeting with the Board of Nursing, and cut down as much as possible on the number of applicants scheduled for interviews for license by endorsement of credentials. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Derek H. Spark, Santa Maria, California -- The Executive Secretary advised the Board that Dr. Spark had withdrawn his application for license by endorsement in North Carolina. Dr. Pence moved that this be received as information. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Julita S. Olimpo, Butner, N.C. -- The Board reviewed a request for the issuance of a resident's training license to cover Dr. Olimpo's work at Cherry Hospital prior to results of the FLEX examination, and if she does not pass, the resident's training license be allowed to continue in force until she can take the next examination, if she makes at least a grade of 70 on the June, 1977 examination. Dr. Galusha moved that Dr. Olimpo's request for a special resident's training license to cover her staff work not be granted since she has held a resident's training license previously while taking the FLEX examination in December, 1974 and June, 1975, failing the examination both times, and what she is requesting now is tantamount to what she has already done in her residency training. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

RE: Physician's assistant programs -- County Technical Institute Programs: The President of the Board reviewed for the Board a letter to the AMA Division of Medical Education and a meeting he and the Executive Secretary had attended regarding the opening of these two programs at the Pitt Technical Institute and the Catawba Valley Technical Institute. Dr. Wilkerson told the Board that both institute spokesmen indicated that their institution would fulfill any regulations or qualifications that the Board deemed necessary, and would conform to those regulations.

Also present at that meeting were representatives from the North Carolina Association of Assistants to Physicians, who were not in favor of the two programs being started at the county schools, indicating that there were already assistants in the state who were graduates of approved programs, who were having difficulty finding jobs in the state. The feeling of the Board of Education representatives and representatives from the two county institutes was that the programs were already started and should be followed through. In addition, the Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Ervin Lineberger, Dean of Instruction at Catawba Valley Technical Institute inviting the Board to send an observer at the time of the visit of the accrediting committee from the AMA. Dr. Citron moved that the Board respond respectfully declining their invitation to send an observer at the time of the committee visit. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 13.



9:00 a.m.
Monday, June 13

The joint subcommittee of the Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners met to review applications for registered nurses performing medical acts and consideration of other business. Dr. Pence, Chairman of the subcommittee, gave the following report:

The policy of having orders countersigned within 48 to 72 hours was discussed and the subcommittee recommended that a letter be sent to persons, nurses and physicians, who were involved in this type of situation, conveying the policy of the subcommittee.

Also discussed during this meeting was an application by a nurse to work in an alcohol detoxification center in Durham, N.C. The subcommittee was concerned about registered nurses working in these centers, especially when they have had no training for this type of work. The subcommittee recommended that approval be withheld pending a site visit to the center by Dr. Reynolds and Ms. Nagel, with a report back to the subcommittee at the next meeting.

Dr. Pence reported that a physician had requested the subcommittee to consider allowing a nurse midwife, who had not been certified yet by the American College of Nurse Midwives due to a delay in certification of the examination grades, to go to work before that certification is received to help relieve the shortage in the Lumberton area. The subcommittee responded that while they understood the situation with the shortage, they did not feel they could certify an individual on whom they had no grades from an examination.

Another topic discussed was prescription pads for physician extendors. The subcommittee felt that all prescriptions should be written on the physician's prescription pad only (or professional association pad), with the registered nurse's name or assistant's name below or to one side of the pad, with their number for prescribing following their name. The subcommittee recommended that this information be included with the information that is first provided when an application is requested for a physician extendor, and the Pharmacy Board be so notified of this.

Applications: Registered nurses performing medical acts --

The following applications were submitted to the subcommittee, reviewed and approved (all complete):

Dr. Hervy B. Kornegay, Mt. Olive, N.C. -- Marie K. Abrams, GNP
 Dr. Julian C. Brantley, Jr., Nashville, N.C. -- Margaret S. Bass, FPNP
 Dr. John C. Crawford, Elizabeth City, N.C. -- Peggy W. Parker, FPNP

Dr. Pence moved that these application be approved by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

The following applications were submitted to the subcommittee with credentials incomplete, and were approved if and when they were completed satisfactory to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners:

Dr. Richard O. Manning, Fayetteville, N.C. -- Annie L. Hayes, FPNP
 Dr. Wayne R. Martin, Newland, N.C. -- Claudia C. Hayes, FPNP
 Dr. William J. Fetter, Raleigh, N.C. -- Judith K. Parrish, FPNP
 Dr. Elizabeth M. Roberts, Durham, N.C. -- Anna A. Russell, FPNP
 Dr. William J. Fetter, Raleigh, N.C. -- Mary E. Stevens, FPNP
 Dr. William K. Wassink, Elizabeth City, N.C. -- Darlene V. Warren, FNP

Dr. Pence moved that these applications be approved by the Board if and when all credentials are submitted satisfactory to the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

Dr. Pence also reported that several applications were submitted for approval to the subcommittee but were returned to the applicants for further information on supervision, job descriptions, etc., and they were not approved by the subcommittee.

Dr. Citron moved that the subcommittee report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

RE: Audit, Fiscal Year 1975-76 -- Following review of the audit by the State Auditor's office, Dr. Galusha moved that the audit be received as information. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Acupuncture -- Clarification as to whether it is the practice of medicine: Dr. Citron moved that the Board writhe the AMA or the Federation of State Medical Boards to determine if any court has declared acupuncture the practice of medicine, and if it has been, the Board inform the Attorney General's office of the Board's opinion, and the information received. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.



Monday, June 13

11:00 a.m.

RE: Dr. Joseph B. Henson, Jr., Greensboro, N.C. -- A hearing was held upon and concerning charges and accusations preferred by the Board in the above matter in Raleigh, North Carolina on June 13, 1977, at which hearing Dr. Henson appeared in person and was represented by counsel, Gerald C. Parker. Following this hearing and the presentation of evidence, upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, a letter of reprimand from the Board to Dr. Henson was issued.

Meeting adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 14.

Tuesday, June 14

8:00 a.m.

RE: Applicants for license by examination -- The following physicians submitted credentials and appeared and took the North Carolina examination for licensure (FLEX) on June 14, 15, 16, 1977, which was conducted from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on those days:

Vergil R. Abreu
 Yousef H. Adham
 Gildegardo Alidon
 Solane M. M. Amos
 Alton R. Anderson
 Mohammed A. Athar
 Thomas T. Atkinson
 Robert S. Balsley
 Ramakrishna R. Bandi
 Florida S. Basilio
 Ronald L. Bell, Jr.
 Marilyn L. Bell
 Mark W. Bennett, Jr.
 Vijay C. Berdia
 Diosdado L. Bernardo
 James T. Bowman
 Deborah D. Boyd
 Gwendolyn M. Boyd
 Jeffrey G. Brantley
 Brian A. Bross
 Felicitas Bugarin
 Patrick G. Burch
 John W. Byers
 David L. Call
 Julieta M. Calzado
 Joel M. Carter
 Sushil Chandra
 Paik H. Chang
 Oliver P. Charlton
 Jen-Tse Cheng
 Shu-Chung Cheng
 K. M. Chengappa
 Eung H. Choi
 Karolen R. Church
 Jacalyn Coghlin
 Elaine W. Coleman
 John R. Collier, Jr.
 Francis S. Collins
 Wilson S. Comer, Jr.
 Ronald P. Conoley
 James M. Currin
 Richard E. Cytowic
 Nasreen R. Dar
 Rosemary DeLeon
 George R. Dixson
 S. B. Easterling
 Larry D. Eggert
 Mark E. Ellis
 Robert H. Fabrey, II
 Lennart Fagraeus
 Ronald J. Falk
 Jerome H. Feldman
 J. C. Fesperman, Jr.
 James L. Fisher

Judith D. Fisher
 Diane C. Fones
 Robert D. Francis
 Hal A. Franklin, II
 Gloria D. Frelix
 Jose Garcia-Saul
 Boyd B. Gasque, Jr.
 Herve F. Gentile
 Patrizia E. Gentile
 James O. Goldman, Jr.
 Stephen A. Goscin
 Richard D. Grady
 Manohar S. Grewal
 Adrian M. Griffin
 Peter C. Gruenberg
 Alfred R. Hansen
 James B. Hardin
 Claudette A. Hardy
 Robert N. Harper, Jr.
 Larry C. Harris
 Robert M. Harris
 David C. Henke
 Douglas E. Henley
 George W. Henry
 Marianna M. Henry
 Eugene L. Herzog
 John L. Hoffer
 Alan S. Hollister
 James B. Holt
 Yong W. Hong
 Charles W. Hoover
 Lawrence D. Hopkins
 Billy R. Hunter
 Cary F. Irons, III
 William L. Isley
 Eric Jelly
 George M. Johnson
 Mary M. Johnson
 Peter G. Johnson
 Wade T. Jordan
 Lerla G. Joseph
 Ho S. Jung
 John Kabal
 Chang G. Kang
 Richard J. Kelly
 Masood N. Khan
 Kevin A. Kilbride
 Moyra E. Kileff
 Moon C. Kim
 Young O. Kim
 Soon H. Kimm
 Michael E. King
 Bertha Klempman
 Albert K. Kuhne

Aruna Kumar
 Ganesh Kumar
 Anjana Kundu
 Ann D. Latimer
 Ho-Kyung Lee
 Abdul G. Loya
 Marvin E. Lymberis
 Frederick H. Mabry, Jr.
 Mark P. Maier, Jr.
 F. S. Manansala
 William H. Marsh
 Paul G. Martin
 Donald P. McCurdy
 Albert S. McGann
 Samuel B. McLamb
 Atul C. Mehta
 Thomas M. Miller
 Ashok K. Modh
 Warren H. Moore
 Calvin F. Morrow, Jr.
 K. Mudigonda
 Robert L. Munt, Jr.
 Talat Naderi
 N. P. Narayana
 Pamela A. Nelson
 Steven R. Nesheim
 Josphat A. Nginyo
 Dinh T. Ngo
 Jack W. Noneman, Jr.
 Julita S. Olimpo
 Khairia Y. Omran
 Benjamin W. Page
 Yeshwant B. Paranjape
 Chang B. Park
 Hyun K. Park
 Soung H. Park
 Yong B. Park
 Vinod I. Patel
 Melinda R. Paul
 Louis M. Perlmutt
 Steven Piantadosi
 Jesse C. Pittard
 Ronald L. Plemmons
 Donald T. Pole
 Michael L. Pool
 Robert B. Price
 David L. Putnam
 Catherine M. Radovich
 Ewa Radwanska
 Samuel H. Rakestraw
 Keith M. Ramsey
 Hernane C. Restar
 Hee S. Rhee
 Riazuddin



6/77 Examination applicants, cont'd.

Bertha P. Richardson
William L. Richardson
Arun B. Rindani
John G. Roach, III
Janifer C. Roberts
Ronald W. Roberts
Lee R. Rocamora
Charles A. Rogerson
Elbert A. Rudisill, Jr.
William H. Ryan, III
Aaron J. Samuel
Ferdinand K. Samuel
Jerry L. Self
Jitendra N. Shah
Shirish S. Shahane
Vishwan M. Sharan
Pai W. Sheen
Pamela B. Shirley
Sally F. Shu
Ronald N. Skufca

Charles G. Smith
John B. Smith, Jr.
Ronald S. Smith
Mi Soh
Lewis E. Speagle
David N. Spees
Howard J. Stang
Elisabeth M. Stanger
John H. Stanley
Vaughn A. Starnes
Bo Y. Suh
Young S. Suh
Chalres L. Sykes, Jr.
Cheryl A. Szpak
Robert J. Tallaksen
Yachai Thitathan
John B. Thomas
Mathai S. Thomas
Shirley S. Tillman

Alberto Trillo
Jaydevi H. Tripathi
Sidi Tuchfeld
Kenneth M. Twiddy
Maya M. Vazirani
John C. Vick
Sheela U. Vinod
James B. Vogler, III
Lester B. Wallace
John W. Ward, III
Richard G. Weaver, Jr.
Wolf Weinberg
Michael S. Wheeler
Elsie E. Winstead
Christopher M. Wise
Alan K. Woelfel
Phillip C. Wood
Wayne G. Woods
Young J. You
Tiamco E. T. Yu

9:00 a.m.

RE: Interviews for license by endorsement of credentials -- Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, were individually interviewed by the Board and approved for licensure this date:

Verne L. Adams
William L. Aldis*
Jose A. Bardelas, Jr.*
Norman N. Bein
Clifford B. Bell*
Oscar M. Blackwell, III*
Timothy J. Blanchat*
Otto R. Boehm*
Stephen A. Branning
Glenn E. Bryan, Jr.*
Helen C. Cannon
Woodward Cannon
Robert D. Capell
Roger W. Catlin
Eric L. Ceithaml*
John D. Cheesborough*
Lloyd K. Comstock*
Mary Ellen Coulter*
Byron P. Croker, Jr.*
Robert M. Day*
Alfred A. DeMaria, Jr.*
Ronald W. Digby*
Martin W. Durkin*
Charles D. Edmondson *
John R. Feussner*
Joal Fischer*
Paula K. Fischer*
Gregg A. Freidman*
Jerome H. Goldschmidt
Richard L. Grantham*
John P. Greene
Mac A. Greganti*
Jerome E. Groll
William H. Gronemeyer
Wesley K. Haisty, Jr.
Ngoc N. Hang

Frances A. Harmatuk
David G. Harrison*
Rodney J. Hawk
Philip J. Hess
Stephen M. Holmes*
Frederick L. Howell
Seung Nam Ji
Richard G. Joslin*
Bruce R. Kaden*
Joon Kang
Vincent L. M. Keipper*
Suhrah A. Khan
James T. King
Michael W. Knoelke*
Barbara B. Lankton
James W. Lankton
Marc F. Levenson*
Eugene W. Linfors
John C. Lippert
Clifford W. Lober*
Wallace E. Lowry
Linda K. Magness
Michael R. Malinovsky
Peter R. Manes
Morgan G. Martin
Russell E. McDow, Jr.*
John H. McMurray*
Martin B. Meyerson
Alfonso J. Mooney, III*
Arl Van Moore, Jr.*
Joseph O. Moore
Steven L. Morganstern*
James V. Mulholland
Dan Allen Myers*
David T. Noyes*

Roger M. Olander
Joseph P. Olmert, Jr.
Kuang-Yu Ou
Michael S. Parish*
Walter J. Pories
Andres J. Pumariega*
Charles E. Putman
David M. Reid*
Richard A. Reinhart
Joseph L. Robertson, Jr.*
Taylor Robinson
James K. Roche
Stephen C. Rochman
Jeffrey K. Russell*
Francis J. Samperisi
Susan N. Schmielau*
Douglas D. Schocken*
Elston Seal, Jr.*
Ghazi Saleem Shaba
William Sharpe, Jr.
Douglas D. Sheets*
Reginald L. Simmons
Lawrence S. Slotnick
Stephen J. Spann*
Robert G. Steele*
John E. Stone, Jr.
Edwin R. Swann*
Adnan Taj-Eldin
William T. Thorwarth, Jr.*
Thomas L. Tiller, Jr.
James C. Vance
Leopoldo U. Vocalan
Charles C. Voorhis, III
Richard F. Walton
Ronald L. Washburn*
Mary L. W. Witt*

*Indicates applicant who appeared before the Executive Secretary or an individual Board member for his personal interview applying for license by endorsement of credentials and was approved for licensure by the Board on this date.



License by endorsement, cont'd.

Physicians who appeared at previous Board meetings applying for license by endorsement and completed credentials after that meeting date and were approved for licensure this date:

Waled H. Chowdhury
Naji E. Hajjar
Mouhamed B. Kashlan

Martha M. MacGuffie
Ward L. Mould

Prasadarao B. Mukkamala
John J. Shine

Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement with incomplete credentials and were held until later Board meetings for approval:

Radhakrishna M. Bellam
William J. Hockett
John A. Holmes

William J. Kuhns
Rasiklal H. Lakhani
Louis G. Nuernberger

Phillip J. Walker
Stanley W. Weitzner

Dr. Pence moved that the actions of the two groups of Board members be approved. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

Dr. Citron moved that the action of the Executive Secretary and other Board members in recommending approval for those applicants interviewed by them be approved. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14
2:00 p.m.

RE: Foreign medical graduates -- presentation of original documents. The Board considered the situation of a foreign medical graduate who has trouble obtaining original certification on the application form for license by endorsement from his medical school, and who requests the Board to consider accepting his original diploma or other official document presented to them in lieu of having the application form completed. The Board instructed the Executive Secretary that he would have the authority to examine original documents presented by applicants, compare them with photocopies of those documents with a notation that he has seen the originals and the copies are the same as the original, and the Board will accept this in lieu of retaining the original documents on file.

RE: Visiting Professors -- Clarification of Board policy: Dr. Ewald Busse, Dean of Duke University School of Medicine, appeared to discuss with the Board clarification of the rules and regulations regarding physicians who have been granted a Certificate of Registration as a Visiting Professor who later wish to apply for a full license in North Carolina, whether by examination or endorsement of another state license. Dr. Busse was advised that the Board could not, by statute and policy, refuse to consider an application for full license if he met all the qualifications for it, and therefore, just because a physician held a VIP registration when he originally came to North Carolina would not automatically disqualify him from applying for a full license in North Carolina. The Board stressed that although the purpose of the Visiting Professor registration was not to let physicians come to North Carolina on a sabbatical at a medical school and obtain a visiting professor registration until they could take the examination, if the physician did come, and decided that he would like to stay here permanently, they could not deny him the privilege of applying for full licensure in the state. The Board urged Dr. Busse to contact them if he saw a trend developing that would indicate that foreign physicians are using this registration certificate as a means of coming to this country until they can take the examination, while still being able to practice medicine in the state at a medical school without having to go through the standard procedures for either a full license or a resident's training license. Dr. Busse indicated he would be glad to do so, and thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

RE: Chiropractors -- The Board's attorney reported on new legislation being considered by the North Carolina General Assembly to: re-define the definition of chiropractic; change the requirements for licensing of chiropractors; give chiropractors the right to have access to hospital records and tests concerning their patients; and qualify chiropractors as expert witnesses in court proceedings within certain guidelines. Dr. Citron moved that this be received as information. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.



RE: License by endorsement -- interviews for recent graduates: Following discussion regarding the length of time involved in interviewing applicants for license by endorsement at Board meetings, Dr. Pence moved that the Board increase the number of years that a physician is out of medical school (year M.D. degree received) from five (5) years to eight (8) years, for interviews with the Executive Secretary or a Board member, in the member's discretion, instead of appearing before the full Board at a regularly scheduled meeting when applying for license by endorsement of credentials. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Conversion -- limited to full license: Dr. Keh-Fang Chen has applied for conversion of his geographically limited license to a full North Carolina license. He is now an American citizen. Dr. Pence moved that if all credentials are complete, he be approved for conversion of his limited license. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Biennial Registration -- Reinstatement: Dr. Pence moved that if all fees and penalties have been paid, licenses for the physicians which were suspended for failure to register as required by N.C. General Statute 90-15 be duly registered:

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| Melvin W. Heine | Douglas U. Kalls | Edmond Lee Rice |
| Edward T. Davison | John C. Merritt | Karen Anne Whedon (Green) |

Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Emergency Medical Services Program -- C. J. Harris Community Hospital, Inc., Sylva, North Carolina: Request to allow licensed practical nurses to be present in the emergency room to monitor any calls received from the Mobile Intensive Care Unit and the technician when the registered nurse supervisor is not in the emergency room, but still available in the hospital. Dr. Wilkerson moved that this request be denied. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Emergency Medical Technicians-IV: Henderson County Applications -- Review of applications by Dr. Staub, who informed the Board that no grades obtained on the examination were indicated in the application forms for the technicians for the Board's review. Dr. Citron moved that these applications be approved if and when the grades are indicated on the application form, and they are passing grades. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

Rockingham County Applications -- Following review of the applications, Dr. Staub moved that the applications be approved following clarification regarding the two different grades indicated on the application form. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 15.

Wednesday, June 15

9:00 a.m.

RE: Assistants to physicians -- applications:

RE: Dr. Roger L. Engelbert, Polk County, N.C. -- Application complete for Evelyn L. Laugherty. Following review of the application form, Dr. Wilkerson moved it be returned to Dr. Engelbert for documentation of coverage by a back-up physician for the assistant, and be approved if and when this is received; and if there will be no back-up physician, he be written and advised that the assistant is not to function in any manner when he, Dr. Engelbert, is out of town, ill, etc. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Betty L. Whitener, Butner, N.C. -- Application complete for Andrea Hackel. Dr. Wilkerson moved that Ms. Hackel be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.

RE: Dr. James C. Gunnells, Durham, N.C. -- Application complete for Charles A. Mitchell. Dr. Blackmon moved that Mr. Mitchell be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. William W. Levis, III, Swansboro, N.C. -- Application complete for Charles Donau. Dr. Reynolds moved that Mr. Donau be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Eugene V. Maynard, Goldsboro, N.C. -- Application complete for Steven M. Pulliam. Dr. Galusha moved that Mr. Pulliam be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.



Assistants to physicians, applications, cont'd.

RE: Dr. Sampson Harrell, Durham, N.C. -- Application misplaced for Joan A. Lederer at Board meeting. Dr. Galusha moved that Dr. Wilkerson review the application when it is located, and make the proper consideration and recommendation. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed. Application located June 15, 1977, and reviewed by Dr. Wilkerson June 20, 1977: Dr. Wilkerson recommended that the application be returned for documentation of coverage by a back-up physician for the assistant, and be approved if and when this is received; and if there will be no back-up physician, he be written that the assistant is not to function in any manner when he is out of town, ill, etc. (Dr. Harrell advised of this recommendation by Executive Secretary June 21, 1977)

RE: Dr. Ned Kelly, Hot Springs, N.C. -- Application complete for Daniel J. Kirchberg. Dr. Pence moved that Dr. Kelly be requested to supply the name of the back-up physician for his assistant, and if there is no back-up physician, Dr. Kelly be advised by letter that his assistant is not to work in any manner when he is out of town, ill, etc. Seconded by Dr. Staub and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Donald R. Coffman, Norlina, N.C. -- application complete for Anthony T. Elliott. Dr. Galusha moved that Mr. Elliott be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. William R. Thornhill, Columbia, N.C. and Dr. Walter L. Holton, Manteo, N.C. -- Request to serve as back-up physicians for each other's physician's assistant, when short absences from their offices are required, but not for vacation or extended leave times. Dr. Holton and Dr. Thornhill have indicated that although they are about 45 minutes away from each other's offices, there is a shortage of physicians in that area, and they feel with each other's back-up and use of their assistants, they could serve the area better. Dr. Galusha moved that this be accepted on a one-year trial basis, at the end of which time, Dr. Holton and Dr. Thornhill will be requested to send a report on the situation to the Board. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Meeting with representatives from the State Attorney General's office -- Dr. Alan Baughcum, Economist, Ms. Catharine Arrowood, attorney, and Mr. John Silverstein, attorney, met with the Board to discuss antitrust and constitutional problems with the statutes and rules and regulations under which the Board operates. They told the Board that the Federal government was becoming very interested in occupational and professional licensing matters, and in that regard, the attorney general's office hoped to be able to provide advice in the problem areas for all state agencies dealing with licensing procedures.

Dr. Baughcum stated that many of the problems arose from the legislatures in various states delegating too much authority to the licensing Boards in setting up their rules and regulations, and the statutes were too vague in dealing with guidelines and standards to be set up for licensing procedures. He indicated that the attorney general would work with the Board, help in drafting new legislation and work for changes in the Medical Practice Act when deemed necessary.

Ms. Arrowood presented a memorandum regarding potential problems in the Medical Practice Act and some possible solutions and ideas for changing any questionable rules and regulations. Some of the problem areas discussed involved composition of licensing board membership; delegation of authority by the legislature to the board regarding accreditation of education of applicants; vague terms such as "good moral character", "immoral or dishonorable conduct", and "unprofessional conduct"; citizenship requirements; regulations regarding para-professional groups such as assistants to physicians, registered nurses performing medical acts and emergency medical personnel. (Copy of this memorandum filed in Board's office.)

The Board thanked Dr. Baughcum, Ms. Arrowood and Mr. Silverstein for appearing and discussing these problems with them, and their suggestions and advice in dealing with these situations.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.


 J. J. Pence, Jr., M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF
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