

MINUTES

North Carolina Medical Board

November 15-18, 2000

**1201 Front Street, Suite 100
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the North Carolina Medical Board Meeting November 15-18, 2000.

The November 15-18, 2000, meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held at the Board's Office, 1201 Front Street, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2000, by Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD, President. Board members in attendance were: Walter J. Pories, MD, Vice President; John T. Dees, MD; Secretary/Treasurer; Kenneth H. Chambers, MD (absent November 16-18); John W. Foust, MD (absent November 18); Hector H. Henry, II, MD; Stephen M. Herring, MD; Robin N. Hunter-Buskey, PA-C (absent November 17 & 18); Mr. Paul Saperstein; Wayne W. VonSeggen, PA-C (November 15 only); Mr. Aloysius P. Walsh; and Ms. Martha K. Walston. Absent was George C. Barrett, MD.

Staff members present were: Mr. Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director; Ms. Helen Diane Meelheim, Assistant Executive Director; Mr. James A. Wilson, Board Attorney; Mr. R. David Henderson, Board Attorney; Mr. William H. Breeze, Jr., Board Attorney; Ms. Wanda Long, Legal Assistant; Lynne Edwards, Legal Assistant; Mr. John W. Jargstorf, Investigative Director; Mr. Don R. Pittman, Investigative Field Supervisor; Mr. Edmond Kirby-Smith, Investigator; Ms. Donna Mahony, Investigator; Mr. Fred Tucker, Investigator; Mrs. Therese Dembroski, Investigator; Ms. Barbara Brame, Investigator; Ms. Edith Moore, Investigator; Mr. Jason Ward, Investigator; Mrs. Jenny Olmstead, Senior Investigative Coordinator; Ms. Michelle Lee, Investigative Coordinator/Malpractice Coordinator; Ms. Myriam Hopson, Investigative Coordinator; Mr. Dale Breaden, Director of Communications and Public Affairs; Ms. Shannon Kingston, Public Affairs Assistant; Mrs. Joy D. Cooke, Licensing Director; Mr. Jeff A. Peake, Licensing Assistant; Ms. Erin Gough, PA/NP Coordinator; Mr. James Campbell, Licensing Assistant; Tammy O'Hare, Licensing Assistant; Mrs. Janice Fowler, Operations Assistant; Mr. Peter Celentano, Controller; Ms. Sonya Darnell, Operations Assistant; Ms. Ann Z. Norris, Verification Secretary; Gary Townsend, MD, JD, Medical Coordinator; Ms. Judie Clark, Complaint Department Director; Mrs. Sharon Squibb-Denslow, Complaint Department Assistant; Ms. Sherry Hyder, Complaint Department Assistant; Mr. Jeffery T. Denton, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary; Mr. Scott A. Clark, Operations Assistant; Ms. Deborah Aycocock, Receptionist; and Ms. Rebecca L. Manning, Information Specialist.

MISCELLANEOUS

Presidential Remarks

Dr. Kanof gave welcoming remarks at her inaugural meeting as President and commenced the meeting by reading the North Carolina Board of Ethics "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder."

North Carolina Medical Society Annual Meeting

It was noted that the North Carolina Medical Society Annual Meeting was held from November 9 to November 12. Items of interest to the Medical Board from various Medical Society Reference Committees were presented by Board Members who were on those committees. It was mentioned that several Board Members at the meeting were approached by a member of the ophthalmology specialty who implied that reappointment to the Medical Board weighed heavily on the performance of what the Medical Board will do in relation to the optometrist and ophthalmologist issues. Dr. Kanof will express the Board's concerns about this to the Medical society.

Action: Dr. Kanof assigned the following Medical Society resolution to the Policy Committee for consideration: "Resolved, that the North Carolina Medical Society request that the North Carolina Medical Board issue a position statement clarifying how physicians should properly designate their osteopathic or allopathic status in all commonly used media and specify the circumstances under which physicians may be disciplined for non-compliance with the Board's position."

North Carolina Medical Society; A Meeting With

(Robert Seligson, Executive Vice President; Stephen Keene, Government Affairs & Medical Economics; Richard Bruch, MD, Vice Speaker; John Fagg, MD, President; Don Chaplin, MD, Immediate Past-President; Melanie Phelps, Assistant General Counsel for Health Policies; Charles Wilson, MD, Secretary-Treasurer)

Dr. Kanof welcomed all stating that all were here to have frank and open discussions on mutual issues.

Dr. Kanof started the dialogue by stating that raising the annual registration fee from \$100 to \$125 is the number one item on the Board's legislative wish list. Mr. Watry stated "we are a sound Board meeting expenses but the curve is about to change because our budget for operations has increased 1% with the licensee pool increasing 8%. We have a reserve but think it is imprudent to run the Board on the reserve." The \$25 increase will tide the Board over for several years. The increase will be used for: PHP, investigative staff, legal staff, monitoring CME oversight, paperless efforts, assessment/remediation. Dr. Wilson stated that it seems cumbersome to go back to the legislature every time a fee increase is needed. Mr. Saperstein stated that we could do as we did in past years by asking for an increase to \$150 but actually only use \$125 for the next couple of years and then if the need arises then go on up. He stated that the Board would prefer to go ahead and use this "up to" type of language. Dr. Fagg stated that another reason he was in favor of the overall increase is that it would free the Board up for other issues vs fee increases. Dr. Chaplin indicated that the issue of a fee increase of \$25 had been discussed and was favorably received at the Medical Society. He would like to tie it more to inflation.

Mr. Keene then gave the Medical Society's wish list that was specific to the Board:

(1) **Reports to the Medical Board from health plans:** the Medical Society feels that only competence or conduct issues should be reported to the Board and wants the Board to narrow reports to these two issues. Mr. Watry stated the Board is doing what the law tells the Board to do.

Mr. Seligson asks the staff to reconsider this because the Society has a long history of supporting the Board on quality of care issues.

Mr. Keene interjected that the Board initially interpreted the statute to not have hospitals report anything not involving competence or conduct. He feels a record exists of the Board's intention to only obtain reports pertaining to competence or conduct. He believes if the legislature were asked they would probably agree that only reports of competence or conduct should be reported. He stated "if we have to ask them for that then our ability to carry the rest of the agenda is impaired." The Society is asking the Board to review and interpret that only competence and conduct are reported to the Board. He "truly and honestly" believes that if the Board did that it would wind up with more accurate information. He thinks the law allows this interpretation.

Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Keene is right in that the Board said it would only accept reports after institution governing bodies had adjudicated the matter. Then in 1995 the Board discovered a number of things hospitals were not reporting important matters due to the interpretation. The hospitals were not reporting summary suspensions, for example, because these were not the final actions. Then, in 1995 the Board said it wanted all actions since they had previously not gotten some serious actions that had been taken by hospitals. As time went by, institutions thought the requirement to report everything was burdensome. In 1996/97 a law was passed regarding hospitals reporting failure to complete medical records for the third time. It seems the mere passage of that legislation indicates the General Assembly did not intent that only competence or conduct should be reported.

Dr. Dees stated he agreed with the Medical Society and asked what action could the Board take to correct the problem (legislation, position statement, etc.). Dr. Pories suggested getting a more solid interpretation.

Mr. Seligson stated that if the Board and the staff of the Board interpreted the statute like the Medical Society wants and there turns out to be some problems, then the Medical Society will ask to change it back.

Mr. Saperstein agreed that a lot of the institutions do not report at all. He says the Board does not have any teeth to get them to report and when the interpretation came out with loopholes the institutions used it as a tool to say certain of their actions did not come under this reporting category. This is how the Board got into this situation. He supports reporting all actions because it does not make any difference to the Board if a physician does not fill out an application or re-up with an HMO. The problem would be if an HMO is kicking a physician out because of competency level drops. The Board wants to know about it. This is how these institutions are going to read it, as a loophole to not report it to the Board. We need the Medical Society to work with the Medical Board if we put out a different interpretation. We need some type of penalty that can be enforced if the institutions do not report actions to the Board.

Mr. Keen requested the Board work with the Society on the parameters of reporting and then the Society will use their influence with the agencies that are not reporting. He guarantees the reports will go up or the Medical Society will support going back to the broad interpretation.

Mr. VonSeggen stated that one of the Board's concerns is that there is no way to ensure ourselves that an institution would not just quietly let a physician go away if they quietly resigned. There would be no way for the Board to capture that information. Mr. Seligson stated the Medical Society wants to help strengthen the Medical Board in that area. Mr. Keen is absolutely convinced that once the Department of Insurance tells them to report they will do it because "none of them (the institutions) can afford to be sanctioned or put out of business." Dr. Foust emphasized that the Board cannot fine without legislative action. Mr. Seligson interjected that they are talking about the insurance department doing it not the Board.

Dr. Kanof summarized that we understand the concerns on both sides and suggested that both staffs draw up what it looks like with the parameters and get it to the December meeting for review.

(2) **Scope of Practice:** Mr. Keen stated that the Medical Society supports continuation of the 1994 Agreement with the optometrists and the collaborative process that has been put in place to resolve the disagreements between the optometrists and ophthalmologists. The Medical Society is very concerned about the unlicensed practice of medicine and does not want the courts or the legislature to address this issue.

Dr. Kanof relayed confrontations from ophthalmologist at the Medical Society's Annual Meeting. She requested leadership with the Medical Society to back the Medical Board in this collaborative effort as "it may fail and eventually go to the courts or the legislature or both."

(3) **Office Based Surgery:** Mr. Keene has the impression that the Medical Care Commission will regulate office based surgery if the Medical Board does not. He says it should be regulated in a way that guarantees patient safety but does not revolutionize office based surgery and not necessitate major shifts in office based surgery. The Society is pleased with progress thus far.

Dr. Bruch stated that regulating incidental surgery means having to define "incidental." He continued that there are a variety of drugs out there and that there is a different environment as far as patient safety than was available 25 years ago. The movement is here – safe practice of these procedures in other than a hospital or ambulatory center. The safety is there now. Some of the actions in Florida are a whole different type of episode than the safe practice that can be done than in the last quarter century. Dr. Chaplin suggested bringing together a larger group of physicians to help draw that broader base of activity.

Dr. Fagg stated "we are starting down the slope because there are a lot of non-surgical procedures being done (treadmills, allergy testing, etc.) and surgery is just the foot in the door."

Dr. Pories said the Board would appreciate any help in getting a definition. He continued that the problem is it is such a changing target. Incidental surgery five years ago is different than today and will be different in the next five years. Dr. Kanof suggested that the first step is to get statutory authority.

(4) **Medical Expert Testimony:** Mr. Keene stated that the Medical Society has for many years worked on laws and regulations to work for competent medical testimony. They feel very strongly that the Medical Board has a role to play here – since juries do not understand medical issues it is within the ambient of the Medical Board to enforce regulations against false medical testimony. The Medical Society feels this is within the disciplinary grounds the Medical Board currently has and do not believe a licensee should escape scrutiny of the Medical Board if they lie on the stand. They feel the courts are not able to understand or evaluate false medical testimony and have complaints from physicians that feel as though a medical expert provided completely bogus testimony affecting the outcome of certain trials. The Medical Society thinks the Medical Board should address this and they would be happy to work with the Board to develop guidelines if the Board is interested in doing so.

Dr. Kanof interjected that the physician giving the medical testimony must be licensed by the North Carolina Medical Board before the Medical Board can take any actions against their license. Mr. Keene stated that at a minimum the testifying physician should be reported to the state that they have a license in. The Medical Society wants the Medical Board to pursue

and discipline as appropriate. The Medical Society has the impression that this is something the Medical Board has traditionally not gotten involved in. Dr. Kanof said she is only aware of one case that has come before the Board and it is currently under investigation. Mr. Keene said the Medical Society can refer some physicians to the Medical Board. Dr. Dees stated the Medical Board has an "800" number and welcomes complaints.

Mr. Saperstein stated that we (Board/Society) do not differ here at all. He continued, that if a physician lies in court it is a serious offense and we would be very interested in that. Also, if a physician comes into North Carolina to testify and is deemed an "expert witness" and the expert influences the jury we have no control over the outcome. It has to be a situation where the physician has actually lied.

Dr. Kanof summarized by stating to the Medical Society "you refer and we will take for action."

(5) **Nurse Practitioner Joint Subcommittee**: Mr. Keene stated that the Medical Society had heard that the Nursing Board wants to do away with the Joint Subcommittee. The Medical Society's initial take on this is negative, however, they have not seen a specific proposal yet. The Medical Society wonders if they are trying to do away with physician supervision as well, which the Medical Society would never allow. The Medical Society will be looking at this with their legislative cabinet in December 2000. Dr. Kanof stated that the Nursing Board has indicated they would be setting up a meeting with the Medical Society in December 2000.

(6) **Medical Society and Medical Board Relationship**: Mr. Keene stated that the Medical Society would like to improve interaction with the Medical Board in general. He emphasized that the events of the last year or so really underscore the importance of providing correct input from the Medical Society and it is not fair to the Medical Society members on the Medical Board. The Medical Society will let the Medical Board know where they stand on the issues. The Medical Society argues that the legislature intended for Medical Society members on the Medical Board to be real close to the Medical Society, even as Board members. He continued, that the legislature turns to the Medical Society to find out what they think ought to happen with the Medical Board. The Medical Society may not always agree with the Medical Board but they want the relationship to be a close one.

Mr. Keene would like the Medical Board to consider adopting a process that public portions would be scheduled so the Medical Society could have someone here instead of close-open-close-open, etc. and having their people living in the Medical Board's lobby.

In summary, Dr. Foust stated that it was our point tonight to increase our relations with the Medical Society. Dr. Pores stated that this meeting will have no meaning if we do not meet again on a regular basis. He would like to see the two staffs get together to work on the legislative calendar.

Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest (Ethics)

In accordance with Section 4 of Executive Order No. 127, the Medical Board and PA Robin N. Hunter Buskey received copies of a letter from the Board of Ethics citing she had no actual conflict of interest but potential for conflict of interest. "As such, she should not vote or participate on any matters which come before the Board concerning her, and/or employees of Caromont Medical Group/Gaston Memorial Hospital."

New Board Member – Robin N. Hunter-Buskey, PA-C

PA Hunter-Buskey was officially sworn in on Thursday, November 16, 2000 by Mr. Wilson. PA Hunter-Buskey replaced Wayne W. VonSeggen, PA-C.

Agent of the Board – Wayne W. VonSeggen, PA-C

Motion: (JD, PS) A motion passed designating PA VonSeggen as an Agent of the Board.

Nurse Practitioners Soley Under Nursing Board Perview

At the NP Joint SubCommittee meeting it was noted that there is a movement being brought about by the Nursing Association with the Nursing Board supporting it, that NP's should be soley under the Nursing Board's perview without the Medical Board's involvement. Dr. Pories stated that he felt uncomfortable about the ideal, especially with the recent optometry/ ophthalmology issues. It was noted that in 40 states NP's are soley under the Nursing Boards. There was a general consensus that the present situation with the NP Joint SubCommittee is good, why change it? It was suggested that the president and vice president consider what direction the Medical Board should take.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Motion: A motion passed that the September 20-23, and October 3, 2000, Board Minutes be approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director, presented the following information:

I will break from the usual format of reporting by subject areas. My time since the September meeting has been taken with a heavier than normal meeting load. Therefore, I will cover one subject area, office automation, and cover remaining issues based on meeting dates.

- **Office Automation:** Our web page is under continual revision. The latest improvement greatly facilitates physician look-up. It does this on two fronts; first, a citizen seeking a physician by specialty and location can make a query on those parameters and get a list of all physicians meeting those criteria. For example, one can search for all OB/GYNs with Raleigh addresses. Secondly, one can query based on name as has been done in the past. However, the return field provides a basis for downloading any public documents. This is a great enhancement for customers but also has a significant benefit to the Board. A person who wants to obtain copies of these public records can get them much more quickly on the web without any intervention by Board staff. Board staff are relieved of the tremendous labor intensive process of manually going to a hard copy file, photocopying a public record and mailing it out for thousands of requests. We can use the benefits we achieve from this labor reduction for more significant licensure processes. Shannon Kingston, under Dale's direction, has been instrumental in developing these improvements.
- **The following are meetings and general topical areas relevant to Board activities:**

October 2: Regular quarterly meeting with Sheps – postponed. This is to advise that Sheps has asked the Federation to endorse a project for developing demographic data about physicians nationally similarly to the excellent work done by the Sheps Center with our licensure information. The Sheps Center would like to develop a uniform model for national

development of this data by medical boards and has procured some Robert Woods Johnson (RWJ) funding for this purpose. This matter was one of the items presented to the FSMB Executive Director Advisory Council (described later in this report). I supported the effort; however, this project would represent no additional effort for the North Carolina Medical Board because we are already developing this data. It would represent an additional effort for some other boards to collect demographic data about physicians if they are not already doing so, and it may represent additional work for these boards if they are developing it on a different format. Accordingly, even though RWJ funding was involved, the other directors were disinclined to recommend this to membership of the FSMB. So, it is likely the Federation will not be positively inclined towards the Sheps proposal.

October 5: We did a comprehensive interview with WRAL TV concerning the Board's disciplinary activities. WRAL TV had covered the hearings in the September Board Meeting, and this was basically follow-up.

October 13 & 14: FSMB Board Meeting. It is evident there is increasing Federal interest in the activities of medical Boards. There is a pending Senate Labor – HHS Appropriations Bill making 269 million dollars available for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), of which 50 million is earmarked for studies to determine how to reduce medical errors. AHRQ is directed to develop guidelines on the collection of uniform data related to patient safety, to assist healthcare facilities and organizations to test best practices for reducing errors and to determine ways to improve provider training in order to reduce errors.

To date, with the addition of our State, the Federation's Credentials Verification Service has 45 state medical boards accepting the FCVS profile as primary source verification of a physician's core medical credentials.

The Federation has entered into a contract with the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) in the amount of \$97,000 to develop model policy and enforcement procedures to be used by state medical boards in regulating the use of new pharmacotherapeutic adjuncts by individual physicians in office-based settings in the treatment of opiate addiction.

The Federation is an integral part of the development of an international conference on medical regulation. Dale played a prominent role in the development of this activity when he worked for the Federation. The Federation will serve as the initial secretariat of this organization which has now developed a governing committee. Dr. Barrett has more details.

Finally, the Federation is working with a group with Department of Defense (DOD) representatives on an issue where the DOD is considering expanding the role of physicians in the military, possibly to include treatment of certain non-military personnel. The Federation is working to preserve the interests of state licensing boards in this process.

October 18 & 19: Board Retreat. I want to thank the directors and Board Members for working toward making this meeting a success. From the staff perspective, we learned a lot and I hope Board Members did as well.

October 21: FSMB Communications Committee. This is a special committee formed by Dr. Barrett for the purpose of improving communications between boards and between boards and the FSMB. This committee is developing recommendations to present to the House of Delegates.

October 24: FSMB Advisory Committee. This is a group of medical board executives selected by Dr. Winn for the purpose of providing liaison between the executives and the FSMB. He also invites the AIM leadership, including AIM President Diane Meelheim and Vice President Randal Manning from Maine. Diane also attended the exec management seminar. At the administrators roundtable there was commentary about trying to transmit FCVS files electronically, providing board executives a secure area on the web through the FSMB gateway, needs of the new assessment remediation program (they need at least five referrals from boards per month to be viable) and updates as to the FSMB Board Meeting. I brought an item to the table concerning the USMLE. It arose when we had a physician who did not meet our five-year requirement because his NBOME scores were for dates during a time when we did not accept NBOME. I wanted this physician to have an opportunity to take and challenge the entire USMLE track if he chose to and to find a way for that to happen which would be easier than under the present process. Under the present process he needs to separately register for and take the components and this could take several months. Dr. Winn had brought this matter to USMLE and they were positively inclined to consider a faster track for those few individuals who need to take the USMLE as a package. We would look for ways to consolidate the applications and run the applicant through the test components on a somewhat quicker cycle, thus making this a viable alternative for people who do not meet exam requirements.

October 27 & 28: AIM Eastern Regional Meeting. Diane did an excellent job of putting this meeting together. She had an excellent agenda which is available upon request. I presented the results of the AIM Golden Rule Committee, including our Board's FSMB Resolutions.

November 2: Jim Wilson and I presented to the second year medical students at Wake Forest, Dr. Kanof and Diane presented to the medical staff at Womack Army Medical Center.

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 8: Diane, Rebecca and I are demonstrating our database system to the South Carolina Medical Board.
- November 10: NCMB House of Delegates in Greensboro.
- November 16: BioTerrorism Forum, with Dr. Bruton.
- December 7: Meet with medical staff of Raleigh Community Hospital.

Also, Dr. Kanof has put together a meeting schedule including the Greater Greensboro Medical Society, Wake Forest University Hospital, Onslow Memorial Hospital, Alamance Regional Hospital, High Point Medical Society, and Cumberland County Medical Society extending through February 2001. Please let me or Dr. Kanof know if you have interest in any of these meetings.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM REPORT

Dale Braden, Communications Director, presented the following information:

Forum

The third number of the *Forum* for 2000 was released in late October. It features, among other things, an article by Mr Watry on the Board's sensitivity to feedback in the various arenas of its activity; a second piece on domestic violence by Ms Laura Queen, now focusing on battered men; an editorial reprint from the *N&O* on bias in medical treatment; an insightful message from Mr VonSeggen on recent events in the legislature, the ophthalmology/optometry issue, and scope of practice; another piece by Dr Pories, this time on physician assistants and including the personal experience of a physician assistant in his department at ECU; two items related to prescribing, one by David Work of the Pharmacy Board and one by Don Pittman; several excellent letters to the editor; and an extended review of a book on Dr Thomas Cream, one of the earliest known serial killers. Also included is our *Brief Guide to Continuing Medical Education Requirements for Physicians in North Carolina* and a detailed map of our Web site.

Among other items, the fourth number of the *Forum* for 2000 will feature the Board's position statements and the Medical Practice Act, another essay by Dr Pories, our first cartoon (courtesy of Dr Pories), an opinion piece on medical errors, and a book review by Dr Roufail. We will also reprint the map of our Web site and feature a news release on the availability of Board action documents on the site.

Shannon Kingston is continuing her work on a searchable data base for all *Forum* articles.

Web Page

Shannon and I hope you have noticed that we are making every effort to see that the overall friendliness of the our Web site is being continually enhanced. It is receiving very positive reactions and we have been informed that it received over 49,000 hits in a recent 35 day period.

As you know, content is what the site is actually about, and our site is rich in content. The Site Map makes that clear. I will not repeat here the long list of items found on the site, but I will point out that each section is regularly reviewed and brought up to date as needed.

The Board's full public record file is now available on line, via DocFinder. This is a major advance for the Web site and enhances its value to the public dramatically. It was announced on WRAL-TV, through a general news release, and on the Web site. It will be further touted in the next *Forum*. Many thanks to Ms Meelheim and the Operations Department for making this advance a reality! Also, we have added a tutorial on the electronic registration system and a section called "QuickCheck," which lists in alpha order and with identifiers every person who has a public file with the Board. Finally, there is a new section that permits a search for lists of physicians by city and/or specialty--which addresses a question we often get from the public.

Shannon and I would welcome any comments or suggestions you might have about the Web site. We are always open to new ideas we can steal. Needless to say, Shannon's technical skill has been invaluable in steadily improving the site.

Informational Brochure/CME Guide

The brochure was published in late October and a copy was sent to all Board members. It will be given to interviewees, members of the public seeking information, applicants, and the media. (The first printing run was done on white instead of the natural paper specified, and was, therefore, a gift from the printer. A second run, on the proper paper, will be available in a few days.) The brochure's text is also available on the Web site.

We have now released the promised brief guide on the CME rule and it is available on our Web site, in the current *Forum*, and as a printed document. It will be given to each interviewee, and we have sent copies to each component of the Medical Society, to the Old North, the AHECs, the state specialty societies, and the deans of the medical schools. It will also appear in the *Forum* once again.

Radio/TV Broadcast Activities

Ms Corey Root, producer at the NC Agency for Public Telecommunications, and I continue to pursue ways in which we can enhance cooperation between the Board and the Agency. The Agency has serious funding concerns but has recently initiated a new health series that may give us an opportunity to work with it on health related programming sometime in the next year. A notice concerning the new series and the Agency's programming appears in the current *Forum*. We expect more material of that kind in future numbers.

Meanwhile, we have now prepared and will soon produce audio versions of our videos on sexual misconduct and ethics. These presentations, by Dr Schneidman and Dr Pellegrino, should prove particularly useful as audio cassettes.

PA/NP Materials

Shannon Kingston's work on the PA/NP section of the Web site has moved ahead quite well. She is also attending meetings of the PA/NP Committee to assist her in developing Web and *Forum* materials related to PAs\NPs.

Presentations to Public and Professional Groups

Over the past year, the following presentations have been made or scheduled and reported to Public Affairs.

Andrew Watry

2000

Davidson Co Medical Society--February 29
UNC/CH third year medical students--March 13
Wake Forest U School of Medicine (MAAP program)--November 2

Diane Meelheim

2000

UNC School of Public Health students--February 22
Duke University School of Nursing/NP students (Fayetteville)--February 24
Wake Forest University PA Program--March 13

Duke PA Program--April 27

UNC School of Nursing, FNP students--May 23
ECU School of Allied Health, PA Students--June 29
AHEC Meeting, Greensboro--October 17

2001

NCCME Meeting, Pinehurst--March 23

James Wilson

2000

UNC School of Law, Presentation to students on Health Law--January 24
ECU Medical School, Fourth Year Students on Health Law--March 6
NC Society of Healthcare Attorneys, Telehealth--October 6
ECU School of Medicine Health Law Forum, Medical Errors--September 13
Wake Forest U School of Medicine (MAAP program)--November 2

Mr VonSeggen

2000

Cape Fear PA Regional Meeting, Wilmington--February 22
East Carolina University PA Program--February 22
Wake Forest University Conference on Inappropriate Patient Relationships--February 25
Wake Forest University PA Program--March 13

NC Medical Group Managers Spring Meeting--March 31
"Job Powwow" session on Regulatory Issues in Job-Seeking, Winston-Salem--April 1
Forsyth Co Med Society, retired physicians, re: Volunteer Licenses, Wake Forest U--April 5

Dr Kanof
2000

Womack Army Hospital-- November 2
Raleigh Community Hospital--December 7
2001

Greater Greensboro Medical Society--January 4
Wake Forest University Hospital--January 18
Onslow Memorial Hospital--February 1
Alamance Regional Hospital--February 5
High Point Medical Society--February 8
Cumberland County Medical Society--February 27

Shannon Kingston handles the scheduling of presentations. She is contacting civic, church, professional, and other groups to determine their interest in having speakers from the Board. She and I would appreciate it if members of the Board who have the appropriate contacts would speak with their local civic groups/clubs to determine if they would be interested in presentations on the work of the Board. Shannon will be happy to make the arrangements once the initial contact is made. At the moment, she is arranging an extensive schedule of presentations for Dr Kanof.

Board Action Report

The detailed bimonthly disciplinary report system continues to function well, making disciplinary information available to all health care institutions and media in the area of subject licensees' practices and to organizations and agencies with statewide responsibilities. A full year of reports appears on our Web site. This use of the Web site, combined with our new e-mail facility, has now made it possible to reduce the number of print copies of the report needed for mailing. A cumulative report also appears in the *Forum*, and special notices concerning revocations, summary suspensions, suspensions, and surrenders are sent out when the information is received by Public Affairs. These are posted on the Web site for several months under AWhat=s News@ and Almmmediate Releases.@ We have also introduced a system for directly informing other state boards of revocations, suspensions, summary suspensions, and surrenders involving their licensees. Shannon does this by checking the AMA data base to determine other states in which the licensees are licensed and then contacting those state boards. Thanks to the Internet, media throughout the state, not just in counties where subject practitioners live, can now receive full listings of Board actions on a regular basis.

Our thanks, as always, go to Mr Wilson and to Jenny Olmstead for reviewing each Board Action Report prior to its release.

[I should note that we do not actively distribute Charges and Allegations when they are filed by the Board. However, they are public record documents and we make them available as soon as they become effective to anyone who requests them. We also send them automatically to all members of the media that have asked us to inform them of any charges filed against practitioners in their coverage areas. We have not placed Charges and Allegations on the Web site.]

Annual Board Action News Release

The Board Action report will be left on our Web site throughout the year. I will be in touch with several leading members of the print media soon to determine how we can get the best impact from next year's data release.

News Clippings

We continue to make the regular weekly packet of clippings from the Internet available to you on disk. Shannon also began sending them by e-mail during September. This approach will make it possible to do away with distribution by disk in time. (Some items, of course, are not available electronically and hard copy must be sent. This includes materials from our own NC clipping service and the FSMB's clippings from Bacon. The latter, as you have noticed, are sent to us by the FSMB in a rather scrambled form, often poorly copied and hard to read.) I should note that the electronic items are received here in a form that is triple spaced, with items running directly into one another. Shannon restructures these into an easily readable form for your convenience.

Shannon has now fully organized our clippings archive for 1999 and 2000. Previous years are being assembled as quickly as possible.

800 Number

Our 800 telephone number remains active. From 8/06/2000-9/06/2000, we received 1,481 calls via that line.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and to preserve attorney/client privilege.

The Legal Department reported on 63 cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

EXECUTED CASES

BANIEWICZ, Frank John MD

Voluntary surrender received 10/5/2000

BENTLEY, Steven Edmunds MD

Order to Terminate Consent Order executed 9/27/2000

BJORK, Paul Edward Jr. MD

Consent Order executed 10/11/2000

CHUMAK, Bogdan Alberto MD

Consent Order executed 9/21/2000

CRADDOCK, Larry Wayne MD

Terminated Consent Order 11/14/2000

CROMER, William B. MD

Consent Order executed 10/27/2000

DIAMOND, Patrick Francis MD
Consent Order executed 10/19/2000

FONDREN, Frank Burkett III MD
Notice of Revocation executed 10/9/2000

KITCHEN, Constance Powell NP
Termination of Consent Order executed 11/14/2000

MARINO, Baptiste Steven MD
Consent Order executed 9/22/2000

MITCHELL, John Bradley PA
Consent Order executed 10/24/2000

REESE, Perry III MD
Termination of Consent Order executed 11/14/2000

SHAFTNER, Kimberly K MD
Consent Order executed 10/4/2000

SHERMAN, Randall Lester MD
Consent Order executed 10/18/2000

TOLLESON, Thaddeus Rex MD
Consent Order executed 10/6/2000

VANZANTEN, Pamela Mae MD
Consent Order executed 11/3/2000

WORLAX, Eric PA
Consent Order executed 10/6/2000

HEARINGS

BRETT, John Montgomery, MD
BOARD ACTION: Consent Order:
Reprimand (for not complying timely with current Consent Order)

BRINTON, Lewis Floyd, MD
BOARD ACTION: Accept Consent Order
(admitting to boundary violations):
Indefinite suspension

KYZER, David Dee, MD
BOARD ACTION: Indefinitely suspend

LOVE, David William, MD
BOARD ACTION: Consent Order:
1. Issue a 6 month temporary license

2. Reprimand (for not timely responding to Board's request)
3. Take and pass SPEX or some other exam approved by the President
4. Submit documentation of CME annually to the Board

MELTON, Katherine Rose, MD

- BOARD ACTION:
1. Dismiss Charges without prejudice
 2. Require physical and mental exam if she ever applies to reactivate her license

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

John Foust, MD, Chair; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Hector Henry, MD; Paul Saperstein; Stephen Herring, MD; George Barrett, MD, Aloysius Walsh

The Policy Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at the office of the Board. Present were: John W. Foust, MD, Chair; Stephen M. Herring, MD; Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD; Walter J. Pories, MD; Aloysius P. Walsh; John T. Dees, MD, Board Member; Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director; James A. Wilson, Board Attorney; Gary Townsend, MD, JD, Medical Coordinator; Dale G Breden, Director, Public Affairs (PC Staff); and Jeffery T. Denton, Board Recorder (PC Staff)

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the October 18, 2000, Policy Committee were reviewed and accepted.

Statement by Committee Chair: Program for the Coming Year

Dr Foust began the Policy Committee meeting by welcoming the new members. He focused attention on the position statements and noted it has been a large undertaking to review all of them to ensure they accurately reflect the current positions of the Medical Board. A discussion about the nature of position statements followed, leading to a consensus that they are useful. (Steve Keene of the NC Medical Society also took this opportunity to distribute a document to the Committee outlining the Society's views on several of the Board's position statements.) The review process will continue. Dr Foust also named Drs Herring and Pories to the Scope of Practice Subcommittee and Dr Kanof and Mr Walsh to the Alternative Medicine Subcommittee for the coming year.

Scope of Practice Subcommittee Update (Dr Herring)

Dr Herring commented that he had been approached by an ophthalmologist at the NC Medical Society meeting who did not feel the collaboration effort between ophthalmology and optometry was going well at present.

He also noted he had been contacted by several nurse anesthetists that have concerns with the Board's new position statement on Office-Based Surgery and he had fielded the questions as best he could. They indicate that the problem with office based anesthesia has not been with the nurse anesthetists but with unqualified physicians administering anesthesia. Mr Keene of the Medical Society stated that the Medical Society supports the Medical Board's Office-Based Surgery Position Statement. Dr Herring pointed out the Board needs a statute in place in order to write rules.

Action: If any nurse anesthetists contact any Board Members, they should be informed that the Policy Committee is an open meeting and they are welcome to attend.

Alternative Medicine Subcommittee Update (Drs Kanof and Walsh)

Dr Kanof noted the Subcommittee is continuing to review materials on alternative medicine that are provided by Ms Meelheim. She also encouraged Board Members to visit the following web sites: www.algy.com/herb and www.herbalgram.org/.

Office-Based Surgery/Anesthesia: Redraft of letter to NCMCC (Dr Herring)

A corrected draft of a letter to be sent to the North Carolina Medical Care Commission (NCMCC) advising them of the Medical Board's activities related to the oversight and regulation of office-based surgery (OBS) was reviewed. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning definition of the word "incidental," which both Mr Wilson and Mr Keene agreed is an essential part of the package. Simply put: if a physician is doing mostly surgery in his or her office, it is probably safe to say that office is an ambulatory surgical center. If a physician is occasionally lancing a boil or removing a mole in his or her office, it is probably safe to say that physician's office is not an ambulatory surgical center. Dr Pories noted the word "incidental" is quite important. For example: a physician who does three vein strippings a day is more qualified than a physician that does only one vein stripping a year and is not covered by the law (no certificate of need, etc.). Mr Watry said the Medical Board has no business telling our physicians that they are exempt from the certificate of need (CON) regulations. Mr Wilson and Mr Keene noted that after reviewing the Mr Watry's letter of October 3, 2000, to the NCMCC, they do not believe the Board is under any obligation to send any additional correspondence.

Action: That the redrafted letter be filed for now and that Drs Pories and Herring make the first effort to define the word "incidental."

Annual Review of Position Statements

The annual review of position statements continued. Proposed changes will be worked out by Mr Breaden and brought back to a later Committee meeting. It was noted that the position statement *Documentation of the Physician-Patient Relationship* is no longer needed since it appears to have been incorporated into the *Medical Record Documentation* position statement. During discussion, Mr Wilson commented that if the Board specifically defines when the physician-patient relationship begins, it would risk expanding malpractice liability for physicians. Also, while reviewing the position statement *Sexual Exploitation of Patients*, it was noted by Mr Keene of the Medical Society that there is a statute regarding patient relationships with mental health service personnel, and suggested we mention this statute in our position statement.

Action: (1) Mr Breaden will prepare the recommended changes and present the revised and new position statements for consideration at a Committee meeting in the near future.

(2) The committee will review a copy of the above statute mentioned by Mr Keene prior to continuing review of the *Sexual Exploitation of Patients* position statement.

Motion: A motion passed that the position statement titled *Documentation of the Physician-Patient Relationship* be deleted.

Chelation Therapy

Dr Foust expressed his concern about the practice of chelation therapy in North Carolina and noted some other states are restricting its use. He noted that the disseminated literature indicates that Chelation therapy has no medical value.

Action: There will be future discussions concerning a possible position statement regarding chelation therapy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2000.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Walter Pories, MD; John Dees, MD; Paul Saperstein

Chairman, Paul Saperstein, called the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Medical Board to order at 8:30 am. Members in attendance were Liz Kanof, MD, President; Walter J. Pories, Vice President; John Dees, MD, Secretary/ Treasurer; Andy Watry, Executive Director; Peter Celentano, Controller; Diane Meelheim, Assistant Executive Director; and Wayne VonSeggen, PA-C, immediate past president.

The September 2000 financial reports were discussed in detail. It was noted that the Medical Board's income and expenses are at the budgeted amounts. Investments were discussed and the committee emphasized that the current investment plan of using instruments such as CDs was still a very sound proposal and would be maintained.

The PHP financial statements were reviewed and the committee requested that the NC Medical Board PHP committee be invited to meet with the operations committee in December to review the investment policy of PHP.

The NC Medical Board certified audit process began on November 13, 2000. Lynch and Howard will perform the audit. Mr. Linwood Jackson will present a preliminary report to the Executive Committee at the December committee meeting. The committee anticipates presenting the report to the full Board at the January 2001 meeting.

Mr. Saperstein is investigating the issue of the Board leasing property independently of the NC State Property Office and will report back to the committee with his findings.

It was noticed that Mr. Wilson has resigned to pursue other endeavors. The committee recognized his invaluable assistance during his tenure at the Board.

Mr. Saperstein congratulated Mr. Watry on the success of the NC Medical Board Datalink and the new website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

Motion: A motion passed to approve the Executive Committee Report as presented.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COMMITTEE REPORT

Wayne VonSeggen, PAC; Walter Pories, MD; John Foust, MD; Aloysius Walsh

The EMS Committee met on November 15, 2000. Members present: Walter J. Pories, MD, Chairman; Al Walsh, Ms. Hunter-Buskey

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The EMS Committee reported on 4 investigative cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

Staff recommendation: Approve application.

EMS CERTIFICATION REPORT

Prepared for the North Carolina Medical Board	
Date Range: 8/01/00 to 10/31/00	EMS Committee Meeting: 11/15/2000

Certification Level	Initial	Recert	TOTAL
Emergency Medical Dispatcher	99	103	202
EMT-Defibrillation	125	212	337
EMT-Intermediate	24	49	73
EMT-Paramedic	37	226	263
Mobile Intensive Care Nurse	35	26	61
EMS Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner	1	0	1
TOTALS	321	616	937

Epinephrine Certification Totals	141
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Motion: A motion passed to approve the EMS Committee Report and Certification Report as presented.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE REPORT

Wayne VonSeggen, PAC; Walter Pories, MD; Aloysius Walsh

Routine PA License Applications-

(***Indicates PA has not submitted Intent to Practice Forms)

Board Action: Issue full licenses

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Billups, Jill Ann
Bradley, Jennifer Leigh
Everett, Susan Grace
Leahy, Brendan Thomas
Lewis, Jody Parks
Mulligan, Terry Lee
Smith III, William B.

PRIMARY SUPERVISOR

Garg, Shyam

Almond, Charles
Early, Todd F.

PRACTICE CITY

Hampstead

 Wilmington
 Greensboro

Routine PA Temporary License Applications-

(***)Indicates PA has not submitted Intent to Practice Forms)

Board Action: Issue temporary licenses

<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Cassidy , John Francis	Sowell , J. Richard	Morganton
Daniel , Selwyn G.	***	
Kirch , Eric Jonathan	***	
Wrigley , Kim Christine	***	

The following physician assistants hold temporary licenses and are requesting full licenses by submitting passing NCCPA results-

Board Action: Convert licenses to full, and allow staff to do this automatically in the future.

- Anderson, April Wood, PA-C
- Bell, Robert Bradford, PA-C
- Brewer, Laura Gay, PA-C
- Brown, Suzanne Spivey, PA-C
- Burch, Chad Lee, PA-C
- Caldwell, Chad Cameron, PA-C
- England, Michael Allen, PA-C
- Gates, Rachelle N., PA-C
- Gibson, Cristie Elvin, PA-C
- Hardee, Kristine Lawson, PA-C
- Humphreys, Eileen Marter, PA-C
- Kelly, Theresa Louise, PA-C
- Kilburn, Emily Towles, PA-C
- Kohler, Melissa Athena, PA-C
- LaVigne, Caroline Elizabeth, PA-C
- Lev, Dana Meredith, PA-C
- Pugh, Carolyn Knowlton, PA-C
- Shiminski, Alison L., PA-C
- Spinner, Tricia T., PA-C
- Strong, Garon Rindane, PA-C
- VanDyke, Leslie Bryant, PA-C
- Webb, Laura Lee, PA-C

PA License Application for Committee Review-

A motion passed to close the session to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.

The Board reviewed one licensure application. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

PA Intent to Practice Forms Acknowledged-

<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Allen , Dianne Browning	Wilson Jr. , James Stephenson	Durham
Ball , Richard Dennis	Templeton , David Wesley	Salisbury
Barrow , Kern Lee	Taylor , Francis Marvin	Ahoskie
Bay , Charles Frederick	David , Ivan	Wilmington
Bell , Robert	Murphy , William Alton	Wilson
Bernadt , Bruce Edward	Nathan , Henry Paul	Clyde
Bressler , Suzanne Siegel	Cummings , DeLora Bertha	Durham
Brewer , Laura	Gage , John Finucan	Seagrove
Bryan , Kimberly	Friedland , Michael Brian	Charlotte
Campiti , Jacqueline M.	Schenk Sr , Gary Scott	Gastonia
Colley , Harvey Gene	White , Thomas Rhyne	Cherryville
Cordial , Roger	Rogers , Otto Floyd	Pinehurst
Dagleish , Debra Copeland	Petrazzuoli , Marco	Winston-Salem
Davidson , Richard Wayne	Lake , Josephine Hooten	Wadesboro
Donovin , Christopher	Mauriello , John	Charlotte
Dowdy , Karen Graue	Bunio , Richard Allan	Cherokee
Echard , Earl Vester	Reyes , Rodolfo Constantino	Lillington
Feltz , Todd Alan	Johns , Shari Schneider	Monroe
Fillman , Kimberly Mallick	Faircloth , William Joseph	Shallotte
Germينو , Victor Hugo	Potter , Joan Garska	Durham
Gerni , Kimberly	Woodbridge , Michael Vincent	Kenly
Getty , Christine	Miller , Ryan Vern	Morganton
Gibson , Jennifer B.	Sullivan , Sharon Bird	Charlotte
Grafton , Nancy Jean	Stephens , Wayland Chad	Kernersville
Hardee , Kristine	Fowler , Fred Charles	Charlotte
Haswell , Betty Jo	Cummings , DeLora Bertha	Durham
Heath , Jerry Anderson	Yuan , Shang-Hsien	Morganton
Henry , Jennifer	Sheitman , Brian Barry	Raleigh
Hood , Rachel Bonita	Fink Jr. , James Thomas	Winston-Salem
Hood , Rachel Bonita	Kelly , William Sherwood	Kernersville
Kohler , Melissa	Fietsam Jr. , Robert	Fayetteville
Lamonica , Jami	Tonog Jr. , Jose Tan	Fayetteville
Lamonica , Jami	Glatz , Guy Gregory	Fayetteville
Langley , Dawn Tracy	Butler , Rushia	Lumberton
LaVigne , Caroline	Pita Jr. , James Lawrence	Wilson
Lawhorn , Robert Lee	Oaks , Timothy Eugene	Winston-Salem
Lewis , Kenneth Edgar	Cummings , Robin Gary	Pinehurst
Love , Sue Lynn Miller	Fernandez , Gabriel Ignacio	Raeford
Maldonado , Manuel	Belk , Harold Dean	Monroe
Martin , Jeffrey Brian	Janeway , David Van Zandt	Winston-Salem
Martin , Jeffrey Scott	Russell III , William Alton	Wilmington
Martin , Kimberly Jayne	Jones , Michelle Fleeman	Carolina Beach
McCorison , Andrew B.	Seroska , Phillip John	Whiteville
McElroy , Shannon Glynn	Renfrow , Juliette Langner	Holly Ridge
Merrell , Gerald Lee	Forstner , James Robert	Southport

Mortier, Nicole
Mowrey, Sharon Ann
Nichols, Jean Ellen
O'Branski, Erin Eileen
Oyama, Oliver Neal
Peterson, Alan
Reynolds, Della Sue
Schoonmaker, John
Segal, Ellen
Sepka, Richard Stephen
Simon, Spencer Eric
Sterling, David Matthew
Strong, Garon
Trombley, Richard Walter
Van Dyke, Carole Lynne
Van Wallendael, Shawn
Velazquez, Louis Manuel
Walters, Tammy Elaine
Weaver, Scott Thomas
Woglom, Peter B.

Chiodo , Mary Ann
Talerico , Paul J.
Henihan , Robert D. Jonathan
Ellis , Matthew
Vazquez , Angel Luis
Liljeberg Jr., Robert Louis
Horan , William John
Butler , Rushia
McDonald , Ralph Norman
Clem , Kathleen Janette
Holt Jr., John Plummer
Lowry , Brian Patrick
Carey , Edward Daniel
Griggs Jr., James Philip
Honeycutt , Danny Morris
McDeavitt , James Thomas
Sawyer III, Charles Judson
Faber II, David Ray
Jarrett , Thomas Edward
Powell , Jerry Lamon

Dunn
Raleigh
Wilmington
Durham
Elizabethtown
Hickory
Asheville
Lumberton
Hickory
Durham
Raleigh
Morehead City
Robbins
Charlotte
Charlotte
Charlotte
Ahoskie
Ahoskie
High Point
Colerain

Non Public Agenda Items for Committee Discussion-

A motion passed to close the session to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.

The Board reviewed 2 licensure applications. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

NURSE PRACTITIONER COMMITTEE REPORT

Wayne VonSeggen, PAC; Walter Pories, MD; Aloysius Walsh

NP Initial Applications Recommended for Approval after Staff Review-

Board Action: Approve

NURSE PRACTITIONER

Brandt, Valerie Ann
Brunatti, Caryn Dunster
Bunting, Shelley Kincaid
Champion, Sherry Rose
Dickerson, Beth Lynn
Farringer, Gina Mills
Gardner, Brad Vance

PRIMARY SUPERVISOR

Keener, Stephen R.
Bennett, Ward E.
Ketcham, William S.
Hoang, Bang Co
Guerriero, Gregory P.
Marsh, Stephen S.
Levy, Frederic E.

PRACTICE CITY

Charlotte
Raleigh
Garner
Charlotte
Concord
Zebulon
Gastonia

Helms, Amy Parks
Hewett, Tina Felisa
Johnson, Linda Jean
Jones, Carolyn West
Kallweit, Judith Eileen
Koffman, Sandra Gail
Lee, JoAnn
Rinkacs, Thomas Joseph
Smith, Denene P.

Dingman, Catherine H.
Almirall, Peter D.
Manusov, Eron G.
Rathbun, Mary Anne
Swinker, Marian L.
Rowlett III, Joseph P.
Leget, Gail A.
Grandey, Emilymarie
Redfearn, Allison L.

Raleigh
Oak Island
Gilead
Charlotte
Greenville
New Bern
Lumberton
Laurinburg
Lumberton

NP Subsequent Applications administratively approved-

Board Action: Approve

<u>NURSE PRACTITIONER</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Aycoth , Emma R.	Yelton , Blane W.	Thomasville
Baise , June B.	Shore , Cathy H.	Yadkinville
Ballard , Marcia H.	Terry , William V.	Pinehurst
Beachum , Sarah L.	Berkowitz , Gerald P.	Charlotte
Beasley , Cherry M.	Brooks , Martin L.	Pembroke
Benton , Jennifer D.	Renfrow , Juliette L.	Holly Ridge
Blue , Maxine	Roberts , Joseph	Lumberton
Campbell , Theresa J.	Hart , George M.	Charlotte
Coltrane , Lisa Y.	Coward , Karen	Tarboro
Craig , Joan	Gaffney , Mary E.	Charlotte
Dowell , Jo A.	Hilton , Suzanne E.	Winston-Salem
Evans , Roseanne W.	Coward , Karen	Macclesfield
Ferree , Bette M.	McKenzie , William M.	Lexington
Fisher , Julie K.	Grandis , Arnold S.	Greensboro
Fisher , Julie K.	Walsh , Kim M.	Burlington
Gilbert , Paula L.	Hansen , Hans C.	Hickory
Gilliam , Karen A.	Murphy , Nancy L.	Winston-Salem
Haynie , Angela W.	Berkowitz , Gerald P.	Charlotte
Kersh , Amy R.	Augustine , Santosh	Lumberton
Laliberte , Sally E.	Vukoson , Matthew B.	Chapel Hill
Lavoie-Vaughan , Nanette	Westover , Edward T.	Raleigh
Lewis , Veronda S.	Phillips , Bruce A.	Elizabethtown
Macon , Teresa A.	Nelson , David S.	Winston-Salem
Matthews , Kathryn B.	Weatherly-Jones , Cathi	Raleigh
Ray , Danna K.	Skwerer , Robert G.	Charlotte
Reilly , Pamela R.	Ayers , Tracy E.	Stantonsburg
Smith , Tabettha L.	Chavez , Alexander	Cherry Point
Wenning , Pamela J.	Abrons , S. Albert	Wilmington
Yewcic , Stephanie J.	Edwards , Ellison	Charlotte

LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Hector Henry, MD; Kenneth Chambers, MD; Martha Walston

A motion passed to close the session to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.

The Board reviewed 8 licensure applications. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

SPLIT BOARD LICENSURE INTERVIEWS

A motion passed to close the session to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.

Eleven licensure interviews were conducted. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session

FULL BOARD LICENSURE INTERVIEWS

A motion passed to close the session to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.

Two Full Board licensure interviews were conducted. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

APPLICANTS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Maria Karina Faelnar Abad
Thanaa Nelly Khalil Abraham
Mark Jeffrey Abrams
John Christopher Agola
Ali Akbary
Jocelyn Mabunga Aquino
Erhan Cemil Atasoy
Erin Louis Balden
Susan Bane
Stephen Joseph Barr
Angela Renee Barron
Felicia Marie Baxter
Jeanette Marie Billett
Shankha Suvra Biswas

Richard Daniel Blair
Larry Reinhardt Boehme
Catherina Marie Bostelman
Carl V. Bundschuh
Robert David Callahan
Mary Elizabeth Chmura
Saira Ali Choudhri
Norman Bull Clinkscales
Nancy Coates
Steven James Colwell
Alan Stewart Coulson
David Ryan Cook
Kenton Rollin Cook
Samuel Demetrios Critides, Jr.

Wayne Matthew Dankner
Dena Karen Daybell
Paul A. DeClerck
Ernesto De La Torre
David Roberts M. Dennison
Andrea Mikolajczyk Dupont
Vera Cermin Dvorak
Douglas Ray Eitel
Aikya Somea Fisher
Jerome Robert Freund
Jared Samuel Friedman
Edward Simon Garbacz
Allison Kay Gard
Ganesh Terbenie Ghooray
Corey William Gilliland
Ashraf Samir Habib
Ziad George Hanhan
Mollie Elizabeth Harrington
Mitchel Brion Harris
Timothy Ryan Heider
Frederick Kelker Hilton Jr
Benjamin Stuart Huneycutt
Syed Adil Husain
Richard John Ing
Stephen Brian Irvin
Shawn Barrett Jackson
Seth Lewis Jaffe
John Kunnuthara John
Rekha Elizabeth John
Heidi Sue Johnson
Alicia Merritt Johnston
MaryLouise Elizabeth Kalmar
Gayatri Narasinha Kamat
Tobi Beth Karchmer
James Morgan Kyle
Jeffrey Roy Larson
Robert Quillen Latham Jr.
Albert Jackson Lilly III
Anne Gin We Lin
Keith Pinkney Mankin
William Oliver Mann
Steven Leland McCune
Luther Morris McEwen, III
Philip Michael McGuire
Lida Patricia Mesa
Leslie Catherine Murphy
Phong Huu Nguyen
Jeffrey Winther Nielsen
Tandeka Moneak Nix
Steven Arthur Olson
Alexander M Ostrovsky

Manish Govind Patel
Kristine Leigh Blair Patterson
Edwin Ariel Perez
June Hazel Pollydore
Kimberly Priebe
Caroline Corthren Prochnau
Jennifer Anne Ranton
John Make Ray
Anthony Kieler Rice Jr.
Harvard Keith Riddle Jr.
Derry Ridgway
Shelly Lynn Riley
Michael James Roshon
Shannan Christie Ross
Raymond Charles Rubner
Yusuke Sagawa
John S. Sappington
Morsi Ali Shaaban
Ewa Maria Sikora
Joseph Aaron Sliman
Alan Wayne Smith
Brice Thomas Smith
Sandra Maurita Smith
Vittorio Guy Sonnino
Robert Stephen Spadafora
David Wayne Stewart
George Andrew Stouffer
John Edward Strobeck
James Rodney Talton
Sigve Kristian Tonstad
Thuy Mai Tran
Maruthi Vadapalli
William Archie Van Horn
Rustan Joel Van Wyk
John Volkert Whitbeck
Eric Anders Whitsel
Allison Curtis Whitton
David Collin Williams Jr.
Frances Elizabeth Williams
Siew-Jyu Wong
Mark Xenakis

LICENSES ISSUED BY ENDORSEMENT AND EXAM

Maria Karina Faelnar Abad	Albert Jackson Lilly III
Thanaa Nelly Khalil Abraham	Anne Gin We Lin
Mark Jeffrey Abrams	Keith Pinkney Mankin
John Christopher Agola	William Oliver Mann
Ali Akbary	Steven Leland McCune
Jocelyn Mabunga Aquino	Philip Michael McGuire
Erhan Cemil Atasoy	Leslie Catherine Murphy
Erin Louis Balden	Phong Huu Nguyen
Stephen Joseph Barr	Tandeka Moneak Nix
Angela Renee Barron	Steven Arthur Olson
Felicia Marie Baxter	Alexander M Ostrovsky
Jeanette Marie Billett	Manish Govind Patel
Shankha Suvra Biswas	Kristine Leigh Blair Patterson
Richard Daniel Blair	June Hazel Pollydore
Larry Reinhardt Boehme	Kimberly Priebe
Catherina Marie Bostelman	Caroline Corthren Prochnau
Carl V. Bundschuh	Jennifer Anne Ranton
Robert David Callahan	John Make Ray
Mary Elizabeth Chmura	Anthony Kieler Rice Jr.
Saira Ali Choudhri	Harvard Keith Riddle Jr.
David Ryan Cook	Shelly Lynn Riley
Kenton Rollin Cook	Michael James Roshon
Wayne Matthew Dankner	Shannan Christie Ross
Dena Karen Daybell	Raymond Charles Rubner
David Roberts McDade Dennison	Yusuke Sagawa
Vera Cermin Dvorak	Morsi Ali Shaaban
Douglas Ray Eitel	Ewa Maria Sikora
Aikya Somea Fisher	Joseph Aaron Sliman (Ltd Vol–military)
Jared Samuel Friedman	Alan Wayne Smith
Allison Kay Gard	Brice Thomas Smith
Ganesh Terbenie Ghooray	David Wayne Stewart
Mollie Elizabeth Harrington	George Andrew Stouffer
Mitchel Brion Harris	John Edward Strobeck
Timothy Ryan Heider	Sigve Kristian Tonstad
Frederick Kelker Hilton Jr	Rustan Joel Van Wyk
Benjamin Stuart Huneycutt	John Volkert Whitbeck
Syed Adil Husain	Eric Anders Whitsel
Stephen Brian Irvin	Allison Curtis Whitton
Seth Lewis Jaffe	David Collin Williams Jr.
John Kunnuthara John	Frances Elizabeth Williams
Rekha Elizabeth John	Mark Xenakis
Heidi Sue Johnson	
Alicia Merritt Johnston	FACULTY LIMITED LICENSES
Gayatri Narasinha Kamat	Ashraf Samir Habib
Tobi Beth Karchmer	Richard John Ing
James Morgan Kyle	
Jeffrey Roy Larson	REACTIVATIONS (short process)
Robert Quillen Latham Jr.	Samuel Demetrios Critides, Jr.

Sandra Maurita Smith
Luther Morris McEwen, III

REINSTATEMENTS (long process)
Norman Bull Clinkscales

Steven James Colwell
Jerome Robert Freund
Andrea Mikolajczyk Dupont
Jeffrey Winther Nielsen
Siew-Jyu Wong

NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM (NCPHP) COMMITTEE REPORT

Kenneth Chambers, MD; John Dees, MD; Stephen Herring, MD

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to section 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Board reviewed 22 cases involving participants in the NC Physicians Health Program. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

John Dees, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Walter Pories, MD; Martha Walston; Aloysius Walsh

The full Board reviewed and approved the complaint committee report noted below.

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Complaint Committee reported on 58 complaint cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul Saperstein; Hector Henry, MD; Stephen Herring, MD; Robin Hunter-Buskey, PA-C; John Foust, MD

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Investigative Committee reported on 6 investigative cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation

to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

INFORMAL INTERVIEW REPORT

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16 and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Thirty-eight informal interviews were conducted. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Split Boards' recommendations and approved the written report as modified. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

MALPRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

John Dees, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Walter Pories, MD; Martha Walston; Aloysius Walsh

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Malpractice Committee reported on 20 cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

Motion: A motion passed to approve the report as presented.

A motion passed to return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned on November 18, 2000.

John T. Dees, MD
Secretary/Treasurer

November 15-18, 2000