

North Carolina Medical Board  
Allied Health Committee – Agenda  
September 19, 2012  
1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609  
Galusha Conference Room  
9:30 a.m.

William Walker, MD, Chairperson, Peggy Robinson PA-C, Cheryl Walker-McGill, MD

Present:

Absent:

**Open Session Physician Assistants**

1. Audits of PAs working at Federal Facilities.

**Issue:** Discuss audits of PAs working at Federal Facilities.

**Staff Recommendation:** For discussion.

2. PA Education Verification Form Improvements.

**Issue:** Discuss improvements to the PA Education Verification Form.

**Staff Recommendation:** For discussion.

**Open Session Physician Assistants  
Continued**

3. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS 21 NCAC 32S .0213.

**Issue:** Should the NCMB allow Skyping to be used for meetings between a PA and their primary supervising physician?

**21 NCAC 32S .0213 SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

(a) A physician assistant may perform medical acts, tasks, or functions only under the supervision of a physician. Supervision shall be continuous but, except as otherwise provided in the rules of this Subchapter, shall not be construed as requiring the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place that the services are rendered.

(b) Each team of physician(s) and physician assistant(s) shall ensure that the physician assistant's scope of practice is identified; that delegation of medical tasks is appropriate to the skills of the supervising physician(s) as well as the physician assistant's level of competence; that the relationship of, and access to, each supervising physician is defined; and that a process for evaluation of the physician assistant's performance is established.

(c) Each supervising physician and physician assistant shall sign a statement, as defined in Rule .0201(8) of this Subchapter, that describes the supervisory arrangements in all settings. Written prescribing instructions are required for each approved site. This statement shall be kept on file at all practice sites, and must be available upon request by the Board.

**(d) A primary supervising physician and a physician assistant in a new practice arrangement shall meet monthly for the first six months to discuss practice relevant clinical issues and quality improvement measures.** Thereafter, the primary supervising physician and the physician assistant shall meet at least once every six months. A written record of these meetings shall be signed and dated by both the supervising physician and the physician assistant, and shall be available for inspection upon request by the Board agent. The written record shall include a description of the relevant clinical issues discussed and the quality improvement measures taken.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-9.3; 90-18(c)(13); 90-18.1;  
Eff. September 1, 2009.*

**Staff Recommendation:** For discussion.

## **Open Session Physician Assistants Continued**

4. Review Panel Appointments to NCMB – September 05, 2012 Report from Mrs. Hemphill.

### **Issue:**

The Review Panel for the North Carolina Medical Board convened at 6 am on Saturday, August 25 and over the course of two long days, interviewed 35 applicants for seats on the NC Medical Board. No DOs applied this year, but there was strong interest from MDs, PAs and NPs.

For the seat now held by Ms. Peggy Robinson, who is completing her second term and is ineligible for reappointment, the Review Panel is recommending one PA, and one NP. Those persons are:

Scott Klimp, PA-C, family practice and neurology, Womack Army Medical Center  
Helen Dianne Meelheim, FNP, JD, family practice, Womack Army Medical Center

The Review Panel is recommending to Governor Perdue seven physicians to fill three positions (those currently held by Dr. Loomis and Dr. Greene (who is eligible for reappointment), and formerly by Dr. Rao.) The nominees are being put forward in alphabetical order. Those physicians are:

Karen Gerancher, MD, OB/GYN, Winston Salem  
Eleanor Greene, MD, MPH, OB/GYN, High Point  
Subhash Gumber, MD, PhD, gastroenterology, Cary  
Venkatesh Lakshman, MD, gastroenterology, Wilson  
Timothy Edward Lietz, MD, emergency medicine, Charlotte  
Pascal Udeku, MD, general surgery, Raleigh  
Frank Yang, MD, general surgery, Raleigh

The Review Panel is encouraging Governor Perdue to act quickly to fill the vacant physician seat on the Board, and recommends Dr. Gerancher as the person most able to fulfill the duties of a Board member immediately.

Having recommended these applicants, the Review Panel's work is basically done for the year and the ball is in the Governor's court. In the past several years, the Governor has begun the vetting process in late October, and our new appointees have been named in November.

**Staff Recommendation:** For information.

## **Open Session NC Emergency Medical Services**

1. None at present time.

**Issue:** None.

**Staff Recommendation:** None.

North Carolina Medical Board  
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Anesthesiologist Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Pharmacists Practitioners,  
Perfusionists and Polysomnography Technicians  
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1. Open Session Anesthesiologist Assistants
  - a. No items for discussion
2. Open Session Nurse Practitioners
  - a. No items for discussion
3. Open Session Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners
  - a. No items for discussion
4. Open Session Perfusionists
  - a. Open session portion of the minutes of the July PAC meeting.
    - i. Summary: The open session minutes of the July PAC meeting have been sent to the Committee members for review.

Staff Recommendation: Accept as information

5. Open Session Polysomnographic Technologists
  - a. No items for discussion