# **MINUTES**

## North Carolina Medical Board

September 19-21, 2007

1203 Front Street Raleigh, North Carolina -1-

The September 19-21, 2007, meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held at the Board's Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m., Wednesday, September 19, 2007, by H. Arthur McCulloch, MD President (September 19 and 20 only). Board members in attendance were: Janelle A. Rhyne, MD, President Elect; George L. Saunders, III, MD, Secretary; Ralph C. Loomis, MD, Treasurer; Donald E. Jablonski, DO (July 18-19 only); Thelma Lennon; John B. Lewis, Jr., LLB (September 19 and 20 only); Robert C. Moffatt, MD, Michael E. Norins, MD; Peggy R. Robinson, PA-C; and Sarvesh Sathiraju, MD.

Staff members present were: R. David Henderson, JD, Executive Director; Nancy Hemphill, JD. Special Projects Coordinator; Thomas W. Mansfield, JD, Legal Department Director; Brian Blankenship, Board Attorney; Marcus Jimison, JD, Board Attorney; Katherine Carpenter, JD, Board Attorney; Todd Brosius, JD, Board Attorney; Ms. Wanda Long, Legal Assistant; Ms. Lynne Edwards, Legal Assistant; Ms. Cindy Harrison, Legal Assistant; Mr. Curtis Ellis, Investigative Department Director; Don R. Pittman, Investigator/Compliance Supervisor; Mrs. Therese Dembroski, Investigator; Mr. Loy C. Ingold, Investigator, Mr. Bruce B. Jarvis, Investigator; Mr. Robert Ayala, Investigator; Mr. Richard Sims, Investigator; Mr. David Van Parker, Investigator; Mr. Vernon Leroy Allen, Investigator; Mr. David Allen, Investigator; Ms. Jenny Olmstead, Senior Investigative Coordinator; Ms. Barbara Rodrigues, Compliance/Reentry Coordinator; Mrs. Sharon Squibb-Denslow, Investigative Coordinator; Mr. Dale Breaden, Director of Public Affairs; Ms. Dena Konkel, Assistant Director, Public Affairs; Mrs. Joy D. Cooke, Licensing Director; Ms. Michelle Allen, Licensing Supervisor; Ms. Mary Mazzetti, Licensing Coordinator; Ms. Ravonda James, Licensing Coordinator; Ms. Kimberly Chapin, Licensing Assistant; Ms. Lori King, Physician Extender Coordinator; Ms. Quanta Williams, Physician Extender Coordinator; Michael Sheppa, MD, Medical Director; Scott Kirby, MD, Assistant Medical Director; Ms. Judie Clark, Complaint Department Director; Ms. Amy Ingram, Complaint Department Assistant; Ms. Sherry Hyder, Complaint Summary Coordinator; Ms. Carol Puryear, Malpractice/Medical Examiner Coordinator; Mr. Hari Gupta, Operations Department Director; Ms. Patricia Paulson, Registration Coordinator; Mrs. Janice Fowler, Operations Assistant; Mr. Peter Celentano, Comptroller; Ms. Donna Stoker, Receptionist; Ms. Barbara Gartside, Operations Assistant/Licensing Assistant; Mr. Donald Smelcer, Technology Department Director; Ms. Dawn LaSure, Human Resources Director; and Mr. Jeffery Denton, Executive Assistant/Verification Coordinator.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Presidential Remarks**

Dr. McCulloch commenced the meeting by reading from Governor Easley's Executive Order No. 1, the "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder." No conflicts were reported.

Dr. Jablonski is appointed as the Public Affairs Liaison Officer.

Ms. Donna Stoker was introduced as the new Receptionist. Ms. Mary Mazzetti is transferring to the Licensing Department.

Mr. Mansfield presented a ten-year award to Ms. Edwards for her ten years of service to the Medical Board

#### Nurse Practitioners Using the Title Doctor in a Clinical Setting

**Motion:** A motion passed that it is inappropriate for Nurse Practitioners who have a Ph.D. or any other PhD's to refer to themselves as doctors in a clinical setting.

#### Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Visit/Presentation

James N. Thompson, MD, President/CEO, FSMB Freda McKissic Bush, MD, Board of Directors, FSMB

On Thursday, September 20, 2007, representatives of the Federation of State Medical Boards visited the Board and gave a short presentation. Dr. McCulloch kicked-off the visit and made appropriate introductions.

Dr. Bush explained that for Federation purposes she is assigned as the Board Liaison. She commended the Board Members for what they do. Dr. Bush stated the Federation appreciates all you do but is not sure the public fully understands this. She then introduced Dr. Thompson.

Dr. Thompson stated it was a pleasure to be here with Dr. Bush and it was an "absolute pleasure to back in North Carolina." He continued, "It is good to be here with folks I have known for many years and some I even knew as medical students." He then proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Federation of State Medical Boards' services. He emphasized that the Federation's mission is "continual improvement in the quality, safety and integrity of health care through the development and promotion of high standards for physician licensure and practice." Following the presentation Dr. Thompson took questions from Board Members. He stated in part that the Federation exists to make member boards' lives easier.

Dr. McCulloch thanked Dr. Thompson and Dr. Bush for the presentation.

## **MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Motion:** A motion passed that the August 15-16, 2007, Board Minutes are approved as presented.

## **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 and 143-318.11(a) 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.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Written reports on 129 cases were 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.

#### PUBLIC ACTIONS

- Anderson, Robert Michael MD Consent Order executed 9/5/07
- Bader, Joanne Wilson Re-Entry Agreement executed 09/05/2007
- **Chen,** Chih-Cheng MD Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline executed 09/14/2007
- Clark, Richard Stroebe MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 8/22/07
- **Corley,** Charles Austin MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 09/07/2007
- Corry, Beverly Elizabeth, MD Re-Entry Agreement executed 09/10/2007
- Dubey, Subu MD Denial of License executed 08/03/2007
- Fann, Benjamin Bradley MD Consent Order executed 8/15/07

#### Fedak, Jason R PA

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Discipline executed 09/05/2007

#### Fields, Jason Baker MD

Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 8/31/07

Gernert, John O'Dell MD

Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 09/10/2007

- **Glaesner,** Edward Julian NP Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 9/5/07
- **Gustilo-Ashby,** Arlan Marcus MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 08/06/2007
- Hall, Charles Daniel MD Order Terminating Consent Order executed 8/21/07
- Hambleton, Scott Lewis MD Consent Order executed 08/15/2007

#### Harron, Ray A. MD

Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 09/07/2007

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Hooker, Timothy Huntington MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 8/22/07

Howard, Cleve Wilson MD Consent Order; Retired Limited Volunteer License executed 09/13/2007

Hyman, Miles Donald MD Notice of Charges and Allegations executed 08/03/2007

Jellinek, Lawrence Roger MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 08/07/2007

Johnson, Maxwell Kenneth MD Notice of Charges and Allegations executed 07/30/2007

Jones, Robert Glen MD Consent Order executed 07/26/2007

Joslin, Richard Grant MD Public Letter of Concern executed 08/17/2007

Khayata, Mazen H. MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 09/07/2007

Kocich, Darlene Christine NP Termination of Consent Order executed 08/24/2007

Land, Eurgia Charles MD Public Letter of Concern executed 8/17/07

Lowery, Gary Lynn MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 08/06/2007

Manusov, Eron Grant MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 8/10/07

**McGhee**, James Ernest MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 8/31/07

Mercier, Randall Robert MD Consent Order executed 08/14/2007

Mullen, Joseph Patrick MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 9/6/07

**Northrip**, Dennis Ray MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 09/10/2007

**O'Dell**, Kevin Bruce MD Voluntary Surrender Form received 07/25/2007

Padua, Federico Pasudag MD Notice of Dismissal executed 08/02/2007
Pitovski, Dimitri Zivko Consent Order executed 8/7/07
Priestaf, Amy Christine Re-Entry Agreement executed 09/05/2007
Quillen, Rocky C. PA Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 07/26/2007
Quinn, Jane Ann MD Re-Entry Agreement executed 09/13/2007
Rios, Gustavo Ernesto MD Notice of Revocation executed 07/24/2007
Rosenberg, Mark Robert MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 8/31/07
Simmons, Leo Benjamin MD Public Letter of Concern and Consent and Waiver executed 9/17/2007
Sleeper, Arthur Michael MD Consent Order executed 8/14/07
Smith, David Lewis PA Termination of Consent Order executed 08/13/2007
Smith, Michael Lantry MD Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing executed 9/5/07
Sweet, Raymond Charles MD Public Letter of Concern executed 8/3/07
Tompkins, Kenneth James MD Consent Order executed 09/06/2007
Ware, Leslie Ann PA Consent Order executed 9/13/07
White, Steven William PA Termination Order executed 8/1/07
Wood, John Brian Thomas MD Consent Order executed 08/09/2007
Wurster, Samuel Howard MD Consent Order executed 8/15/07

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Arthur McCulloch, MD; Janelle Rhyne, MD; George Saunders, MD; Ralph Loomis, MD; Robert Moffatt, MD

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Medical Board was called to order at 10:50 am, Wednesday September 19, 2007 at the offices of the Board. Members present were: Harlan A. McCulloch, MD, Chair; Ralph C. Loomis, MD; Robert C. Moffatt, MD; Janelle A. Rhyne, MD; and George L. Saunders, MD. Also present were R. David Henderson (Executive Director), Hari Gupta (Director of Operations), and Peter T. Celentano, CPA (Comptroller).

#### **Financial Statements**

Mr. Celentano, CPA, presented the July 2007 compiled financial statements. July is the ninth month of fiscal year 2007.

Mr. Celentano reviewed with the Committee our current cash position as of today and the amount on the Balance Sheet on July 31, 2007. The Statement of Cash Flows was reviewed and accepted as presented. Dr. Rhyne made a motion to accept the financial statements as reported. Dr. Loomis seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. James Willis, Vice President and Portfolio Manager at BB&T, gave a presentation to the Committee on our Investment Portfolio as of September 17, 2007. The Committee agreed Mr. Willis should be prepared to come back in January 2008 to review investment results for 2007.

#### Old Business

<u>E-mail from Dr. Norins re FSMB Journal:</u> Mr. Henderson reviewed with the Committee an email sent by Dr. Michael Norins suggesting that the Medical Board send copies of the FSMB *Journal of Licensing and Discipline* to key legislators. Dr. Norins felt this would be educational and bring key members of the House and Senate up to date on issues felt germane by the Federation. Mr. Henderson proposed that that Mr. Mansfield deliver copies of the FMSB *Journal* to key legislators but only when it contains articles germane to North Carolina.

Dr. Rhyne made a motion to accept this proposal. Dr. Saunders seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### New Business

<u>Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 Budget:</u> Mr. Celentano and Mr. Henderson reviewed with the Committee a draft of a proposed fiscal year 2008 Budget. Mr. Henderson reviewed with the Committee the budget process that has taken place over the past two months with members of the staff and Dr. Loomis. Dr. Loomis made a motion to accept the 2008 fiscal year budget as presented and to make available copies of the proposed Budget to all Board Members before the end of this meeting for their review prior to a final vote in October. Dr. Saunders seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

<u>NC Physicians Health Program – Audit FYE 12/31/2006</u>: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Celentano reviewed with the Committee the audit for calendar year 2006 for the NC Physicians Health Program.

<u>Degree designation on website</u>: Mr. Henderson reviewed with the Committee the degree designation (MD or DO) which is shown on the website. Foreign medical graduates confer a number of different designations other than MD or DO. Several options were reviewed including (1) removing the degree from the website or (2) adding another question to the renewal form which asks for the type of degree conferred. Dr. McCulloch made a motion to adopt option two above. Dr. Rhyne seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Full Board Motion:** (Norins, Loomis) A motion passed to retain the MD and DO designation on the web site with a note indicating some physicians licensed to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina graduated from a foreign medical school where the name of the degree conferred differs from the "MD" (medical doctor) degree conferred by medical schools in the United States. For the purposes of licensure, however, the NC Medical Board considers these degrees to be equivalent to a MD degree and, therefore, all persons graduating from an allopathic medical school, regardless of the medical school degree conferred, are given the "MD" designation on the Board's Web site.

<u>Proposed NCMB Advertisement</u>: Mr. Henderson reviewed with the Committee a copy of a newspaper advertisement proposed by the Public Affairs Department to encourage the public to go to the Board's Web site to learn more about their physician and the NC Medical Board. Dr. Rhyne made a motion to run this advertisement for a period of six months in newspapers across the state. The Board will monitor traffic to our website during the times the advertisement will run. Dr. Saunders seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

<u>Public member vacancies</u>: The Board has three positions on the Board which are held by public members. One of these seats is currently vacant. The Boards and Commissions office has asked for suggestions. Mr. Henderson presented a proposal whereby senior members of the staff would attempt to identify outstanding candidates for vacant public member positions, discuss with them the time commitment required of Board members, and ascertain their interest in serving on the Board. Thereafter, staff would submit the names of all interested parties to the Executive Committee. Those who are approved will be sent to the Boards and Commissions office. Dr. Rhyne made a motion to accept the proposal as presented by Mr. Henderson. Dr. Saunders seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Full Board Discussion:** The Board is uncomfortable nominating their own replacements; however, the Public Member vacancies need to be filled as quickly as possible with highly qualified persons. Staff and Board members will identify names to the Board of those who have been vetted (time commitment, etc.). The Board will make the final decision of what names are referred to the Boards and Commissions office. The Board would like to send two or three names to the Governor.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Medical Board was called back to order at 12:35pm, Thursday September 20, 2007 at the offices of the Board. Members present were: Harlan A. McCulloch, MD, Chair; Ralph C. Loomis, MD; Robert C. Moffatt, MD; Janelle A. Rhyne, MD; and George L. Saunders, MD. Also present were R. David Henderson (Executive Director), and Peter T. Celentano, CPA (Comptroller).

<u>Proposed salary ranges</u>: Ms. Dawn LaSure, Director of Human Resources, presented to the Committee a list of proposed salary ranges for all Board staff positions. Ms. LaSure discussed the process, which included completing job descriptions and evaluations for every position at the Board. Ms. LaSure evaluated the job descriptions and collected data from several different

outside sources in order to assign ranges to each position. Dr. Rhyne made a motion to accept the proposed salary ranges as presented by Ms. LaSure. Dr. Loomis seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Medical Board was called back to order at 6:30 am, Friday September 21, 2007 at the offices of the Board. Members present were: Harlan A. McCulloch, MD, Chair; Ralph C. Loomis, MD; Robert C. Moffatt, MD; Janelle A. Rhyne, MD; and George L. Saunders, MD. Also present were Michael E. Norins, MD (Board Member); and R. David Henderson (Executive Director).

<u>Posting malpractice payment reports online</u>: The new law requires the Board to post malpractice payment information online pursuant to rules approved by the Board. The Committee discussed several different options. It was agreed that members of the Executive Committee would meet with representatives of interested organizations during the next two months and report back to the full Board in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15am.

**Motion:** A motion passed to approve the Executive Committee report as amended.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

George Saunders, MD, Chair; Janelle Rhyne; MD; Thelma Lennon

The Policy Committee of the North Carolina Medical Board was called to order at 12:50 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2007, at the office of the Board. Board members present were: George L. Saunders, III, MD, Chair; Janelle A. Rhyne, MD and Thelma C. Lennon. Also attending were: Todd Brosius, Board Attorney; Dale Breaden, Director, Public Affairs; NCMB; Scott Kirby, Assistant Medical Director, NCMB; Dena Konkel, Assistant Director, Public Affairs, NCMB; and Wanda Long, Recorder.

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The minutes from the July 18, 2007, Policy Committee was approved as presented.

**Review of Position Statements:** 

RETENTION OF MEDICAL RECORDS

MEDICAL RECORD DOCUMENTATION

<u>Background</u>: 11/2006 - Mr. Walsh stated that review of these two position statements has been temporarily postponed. Ms. Phelps stated that there has been a serious push regarding the issue of disposition of medical records of deceased physicians. This is a joint effort with the Medical Board and the Medical Society. A task force has been convened to study this area. 11/2006 Action: Postpone review of these two position statements until the above issue is resolved.

1/17/2006 – Brian Blankenship discussed new language that would give suggestions on a retention plan for records if a doctor retires dies, etc. Basically it would be estate planning for records. He further stated that abandonment should be dealt with through rulemaking and legislation. Dr. Rhyne stated that MDs would welcome these suggestions. Todd Brosius suggested that the Committee should consider combining the position statements in an effort

to provide useful information for doctors and patients in a central place. Also, addressed by Mr. Brosius and Mr. Blankenship was the question of what a medical record should contain. Mr. Blankenship pointed out that there are many misconceptions and this should also be addressed.

3/21/2007 – Todd Brosius presented the following draft for the Committee's consideration. Dr. Rhyne reminded the Committee that some MDs organize their medical records according to specific problems and that each individual problem may be addressed by the SOAP method. Dr. Rhyne stated that we should make sure that the position statement does not preclude the records from being problem oriented instead of general. Todd Brosius explained that they made an effort to put all our medical records issues into one position statement. He indicated that the position statements now show on the website in a list. Mr. Brosius suggested that the Board may want to consider grouping its position statements in a hierarchical format on the website. Dr. Saunders recommended numbering the position statements. Dr. Rhyne recommended a search option on the Board's website. Mr. Brosius would like to present a possible change in the organization of the Board's position statements for the committee's recommended.

3/2007 STAFF INSTRUCTION: Dr. Saunders will work with Todd Brosius to develop a proposal for the Committee to incorporate possible restructuring of the Board's website regarding Position Statements.

5/16/2007 – Dr. Rhyne indicated that the Federation is developing a statement and suggested that the Committee should table this issue until the Federation process is completed. Ms. Phelps suggested that the Committee consider updating the Retention of Patient Records position statement to conform to current law. 5/2007 ACTION: Make minor changes to Retention of Patient Records position statement to reflect changes in the law without need of publication in the Forum. A more comprehensive review will be done after the Federation has completed its process.

7/18/2007 – Continue to table issue pending FSMB statement.

9/19/2007 - Continue to table issue pending FSMB statement

Proposed Comprehensive Revision of NCMB Medical Records Position Statement:

#### Patient Records

#### Introduction

Medical considerations and continuity of care are the primary purposes for maintaining adequate patient records. A patient record consists of medical records as well as billing information or "any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes protected health information and is maintained, collected, used, or disseminated" by a physician's practice.

Because of the importance of patient records, physicians should have clear policies in place regarding disclosure of, access to, and retention of patient records. These policies should be communicated to patients preferably in writing when the physician-patient relationship is established and when the policy changes.

#### Medical Record Documentation

Physician should maintain accurate patient care records of history, physical findings, assessments of findings, and the plan for treatment. The Board recommends the Problem Oriented Medical Record method known as SOAP.

SOAP charting is a schematic recording of facts and information. The S refers to "subjective information" (patient history and testimony about feelings). The O refers to objective material and measurable data (height, weight, respiration rate, temperature, and all examination findings). The A is the assessment of the subjective and objective material that can be the diagnosis but is always the total impression formed by the care provided after review of all materials gathered. And finally, the P is the treatment plan presented in sufficient detail to allow another care provider to follow the plan to completion. The plan should include a follow-up schedule.

Such a chronological document:

- records pertinent facts about an individual's health and wellness;
- enables the treating care provider to plan and evaluate treatments or interventions;
- enhances communication between professionals, assuring the patient optimum continuity of care;
- assists both patient and physician to communicate to third party participants;
- allows the physician to develop an ongoing quality assurance program;
- provides a legal document to verify the delivery of care; and
- is available as a source of clinical data for research and education.

Items that should appear in the medical record as a matter of course include:

- the purpose of the patient encounter;
- the assessment of patient condition;
- the services delivered--in full detail;
- the rationale for the requirement of any support services;
- the results of therapies or treatments;
- the plan for continued care;
- whether or not informed consent was obtained; and, finally,
- that the delivered services were appropriate for the condition of the patient.

The record should be legible. When the care giver does not write legibly, notes should be dictated, transcribed, reviewed, and signed within reasonable time. Signature, date, and time should also be legible.

All therapies should be documented as to indications, method of delivery, and response of the patient. Special instructions given to other care givers or the patient should be documented, and the record should indicate who received the instructions and whether the recipient of the instructions appeared to understand them.

All drug therapies should be named, with dosage instructions and indication of refill limits. All medications a patient receives from all sources should be inventoried and listed to include the method by which the patient understands they are to be taken. Any refill prescription by phone should be recorded in full detail.

The physician needs and the patient deserves clear and complete documentation.

#### Access to Patient Records

A physician's policies and practices relating to patient records under their control should be designed to benefit the health and welfare of patients, whether current or past, and should facilitate the transfer of clear and reliable information about a patient's care. Such policies and practices should conform to applicable federal and state laws governing health information.

It is the position of the North Carolina Medical Board that notes made by a physician in the course of diagnosing and treating patients are primarily for the physician's use and to promote continuity of care. Patients, however, have a substantial right of access to their patient records and a qualified right to amend their records pursuant to the HIPAA privacy regulations.

Patient records are confidential documents and should only be released when permitted by law or with proper written authorization of the patient. Physicians are responsible for safeguarding and protecting the patient record and for providing adequate security measures.

Each physician has a duty on the request of a patient or the patient's representative to release a copy of the record in a timely manner to the patient or the patient's representative, unless the physician believes that such release would cause harm to the patient or another person. This includes patient records received from other physician offices or health care facilities. A summary may be provided in lieu of providing access to or copies of medical records only if the patient agrees in advance to such a summary and to any fees imposed for its production.

Physicians may charge a reasonable fee for the preparation and/or the photocopying of patient records. To assist in avoiding misunderstandings, and for a reasonable fee, the physician should be willing to review the records with the patient at the patient's request. Patient records should not be withheld because an account is overdue or a bill is owed (including charges for copies or summaries of medical records).

Should it be the physician's policy to complete insurance or other forms for established patients, it is the position of the Board that the physician should complete those forms in a timely manner. If a form is simple, the physician should perform this task for no fee. If a form is complex, the physician may charge a reasonable fee.

To prevent misunderstandings, the physician's policies about providing copies or summaries of medical records and about completing forms should be made available in writing to patients when the physician-patient relationship begins.

Physicians should not relinquish control over their patients' patient records to third parties unless there is an enforceable agreement that includes adequate provisions to protect patient confidentiality and to ensure access to those records.

When responding to subpoenas for patient records, unless there is a court or administrative order, physicians should follow the applicable federal regulations.

#### Retention of Patient Records

Physicians have an obligation to retain patient records which may reasonably be of value to a patient. The following guidelines are offered to assist physicians in meeting their ethical and legal obligations:

- Medical considerations are the primary basis for deciding how long to retain medical records. For example, operative notes, chemotherapy records, and immunization records should always be part of the patient's chart. In deciding whether to keep certain parts of the record, an appropriate criterion is whether a physician would want the information if he or she were seeing the patient for the first time.
- If a particular record no longer needs to be kept for medical reasons, the physician should check applicable state and federal laws to see if there is a requirement that records be kept for a minimum length of time including but not limited to:
  - Medicare and Medicaid Investigations (up to 7 years);
  - HIPAA (up to 6 years);
  - Medical Malpractice (varies depending on the case but should be measured from the date of the last professional contact with the patient)—physicians should check with their medical malpractice insurer);
  - North Carolina has no statute relating specifically to the retention of medical records;
- In order to preserve confidentiality when discarding old records, all documents should be destroyed; and
- Before discarding old records, patients should be given an opportunity to claim the records or have them sent to another physician, if it is feasible to give them the opportunity.

Similarly, the Medical Board recognizes the need for, and importance of, proper maintenance, retention, and disposition of medical records. Accordingly, the Board recommends that physicians prepare written policies for the secure storage, transfer and access to medical records of the physician's patients. At a minimum, the Board recommends the policies specify:

- The procedure by which the physician will notify each patient in a timely manner if the physician terminates or sells his/her practice in order to inform the patient of the future location of the patient's medical records and how the patient can access those records;
- The procedure by which a physician may dispose of unclaimed medical records after a specified period of time during which the physician has made good faith efforts to contact the patient;
- How the physician shall timely respond to requests from patients for copies of their medical records or to access to their medical records;
- In the event of the physician's death, how the deceased physician's executor, administrator, personal representative or survivor will notify patients of location of their medical records and how the patient can access those records;
- The procedure by which the deceased physician's executor, administrator, personal representative or survivor will dispose of unclaimed medical records after a specified period of time;
- How long medical records will be retained; and
- The amount the physician will charge for copies of medical records and under what circumstances the physician will charge for copies of a patient's medical record.

9/19/2007 ACTION - Continue to table issue pending FSMB statement. Mr. Brosius will check with Dr. Thompson regarding the status of this statement.

#### Initial Review of Position Statements:

END-OF-LIFE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PALLIATIVE CARE ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND PATIENT AUTONOMY Background: 11/2006 - Dr. Rhyne said that she and Ms. Phelps were working with the Bar Association and the Medical Society to improve and make these documents more user friendly and practical. 11/2006 Action: Postpone review.

1/17/2007 – Dr. Rhyne reported on the progress the Medical Society Committee and the Bar Association had made regarding this issue. The Medical Society Committee has created a MOST form (Medical, Orders, Scope, Treatment), and the Estate Section of the Bar Association is working on legislation.

1/2007 STAFF INSTRUCTION: Postpone until after Dr. Rhyne and Mrs. Phelps have had an opportunity to meet regarding these issues.

- 5/16/2007 Dr. Rhyne and Melanie Phelps presented the following proposed changes for Endof-Life Responsibilities and Palliative Care position statement. 5/2007 ACTION: Publish END-OF-LIFE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PALLIATIVE CARE position statement in the Forum for comments. The ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND PATIENT AUTONOMY position statement is current and needs no updating at this time.
  - 7/18/2007 Additional comments will be sought by Dr. Rhyne and Melanie Phelps. Goal is for the END-OF-LIFE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PALLIATIVE CARE position statement will be published in the October Forum.

9/19/206 – Mr. Brosius and Mrs. Phelps will review this statement prior to submitting for publication.

North Carolina Medical Board Position Statement

#### END-OF-LIFE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PALLIATIVE CARE

#### Assuring Patients

Death is part of life. When appropriate processes have determined that the use of life sustaining life prolonging measurers or invasive interventions will only prolong the dying process, it is incumbent on physicians to accept death "not as a failure, but the natural culmination of our lives."\*

It is the position of the North Carolina Medical Board that patients and their families should be assured of competent, comprehensive palliative care at the end of their lives. Physicians should be knowledgeable regarding effective and compassionate pain relief, and patients and their families should be assured such relief will be provided.

Palliative Care

Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification an impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other physical, psychosocial and spiritual problems. Palliative care:

- provides relief from pain and other distressing symptoms;
- affirms life and regards dying as a normal process;
- intends neither to hasten nor postpone death;
- integrates the psychological and spiritual aspects of patient care;
- offers a support system to help patients live as actively as possible until death;
- offers a support system to help the family cope during the patient's illness and in their own bereavement;
- uses a team approach to address the needs of patients and their families, including bereavement counseling, if indicated;
- will enhance quality of life, and may also positively influence the course of illness;
- [may be] applicable early in the course of illness, in conjunction with other therapies that are intended to prolong life, such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy, and includes those investigations needed to better understand and manage distressing clinical complications.\*\*

There is no one definition of palliative care, but the Board accepts that found in the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine: "The study and management of patients with active, progressive, far advanced disease for whom the prognosis is limited and the focus of care is the quality of life." This is not intended to exclude remissions and requires that the management of patients be comprehensive, embracing the efforts of medical clinicians and of those who provide psychosocial services, spiritual support, and hospice care.

A physician who provides palliative care, encompassing the full range of comfort care, should assess his or her patient's physical, psychological, and spiritual conditions. Because of the overwhelming concern of patients about pain relief, special attention should be given the effective assessment of pain. It is particularly important that the physician frankly but sensitively discuss with the patient and the family their concerns and choices at the end of life. As part of this discussion, the physician should make clear that, in some cases, there are inherent risks associated with effective pain relief in such situations.

#### Opioid Use

The Board will assume opioid use in such patients is appropriate if the responsible physician is familiar with and abides by acceptable medical guidelines regarding such use, is knowledgeable about effective and compassionate pain relief, and maintains an appropriate medical record that details a pain management plan. (See the Board's position statement on the Management of Chronic Non-Malignant Pain Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain for an outline of what the Board expects of physicians in the management of pain.) Because the Board is aware of the inherent risks associated with effective pain relief in such situations, it will not interpret their occurrence as subject to discipline by the Board.

#### Selected Guides

To assist physicians in meeting these responsibilities, the Board recommends *Cancer Pain Relief: With a Guide to Opioid Availability*, 2nd ed (1996), *Cancer Pain Relief and Palliative Care* (1990), *Cancer Pain Relief and Palliative Care in Children* (1999), and *Symptom Relief in Terminal Illness* (1998), (World Health Organization, Geneva); *Management of Cancer Pain* (1994), (Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Rockville, MD); *Principles of Analgesic*  Use in the Treatment of Acute Pain and Cancer Pain, 4th Edition (1999)(American Pain Society, Glenview, IL); Hospice Care: A Physician's Guide (1998) (Hospice for the Carolinas, Raleigh); and the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine (1993) (Oxford Medical, Oxford).

(Adopted 10/1999)

#### (Amended 5/2007)

\*Steven A. Schroeder, MD, President, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

\*\* <u>Taken from the world Health Organization definition of Palliative Care (2002):</u> (http://www.who.int/cancer/palliative/definition/en)

9/19/206 ACTION– Mr. Brosius and Mrs. Phelps will review this statement prior to submitting for publication.

#### Physician Mobile Cardiac Catheterization Service:

3/21/2007 – The Committee heard from Mr. Luckey Welch, CEO and President Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Mr. Welch stated that patient safety was the central issue related to its letter from December 2006 in which it wrote about its concerns of a cardiac catheterization unit being used in a separate facility and not associated with any hospital. The matter was not merely physician versus hospital. When asked, Mr. Noah Huffstetler, Attorney for Southeastern Regional Medical Center stated that there are nine such mobile capacity units in North Carolina that were grandfathered in prior to the requirement of acquiring a certificate of need. Those units can be used either in a fixed or mobile capacity. The representatives from Southeastern Regional Medical Center indicated their concern that the mobile unit is being used at a physician's office and not a facility which is equipped to handle complications that might arise out of a cardiac catherization which may include cardiac surgery or emergency response.

Dr. Saunders questioned whether this could be a small facility versus large facility or a rural versus urban issue.

Mr. Huffstetler encouraged the Committee to review the 3/8/07 letter from Gaston Memorial Hospital supporting the recommendation of Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Linwood Jones, Attorney for the NC Hospital Association encouraged the Committee to look into quality of care for patients and a safety perspective. Mr. Jones stated that the NC Hospital Association is concerned about patient care.

3/2007 ACTION: The Committee will present information to the full Board and continue to gather information.

5/16/2007 – Todd Brosius informed the Committee that he had spoken with Troy Smith, Attorney for the Mobile Cardiac Cath lab in question. Mr. Smith offered to meet with the Committee. 5/2007 ACTION: Mr. Brosius is to obtain written statements regarding safety from the hospital, Physician who the Mobile Cardiac Cath lab, CEO of NOVANT, and the manufacturer of the Mobile Cardiac Cath labs. Upon receipt of this information the Committee will review and consider further. 7/18/2007 – Dr. Saunders reported that he and Todd Brosius had been gathering information regarding the issue. Dr. Saunders stressed that the answer is not black and white, stating that a major issue seems to be serving the rural communities and the transportation issues. The Committee is anticipating letters to be submitted from several interested parties prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee. 7/18/2007 COMMITTEE ACTION: Table until the next meeting of the Committee, when more information is available.

9/19/2007 – Troy Smith, Attorney for Dr. Royal, provided the Committee with several documents supporting: American College of Cardiology/Society for Cardiac Angiography And Interventions Clinical Expert Consensus Document on Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Standards; and Mobile cardiac catheterization laboratories increase use of cardiac care in women and African American patients. When asked about the percentage of patients who are uninsured, Dr. Royal indicated that the patient population is very diverse, and most patients are uninsured or on Medicare or Medicaid. Dr. Royal was also questioned about hand-picking his patients. Dr. Royal stated that insurance is not a factor for accepting patients. Dr. Royal explained that his facility only sees adults. Additionally these patients cannot be high risk to be a good candidate for their facility. When asked about the issue with EMS, Dr. Royal stated that the procedure now is that anyone being transferred from his facility to a hospital, must first go to the emergency room. Dr. Royal indicated that the procedure was put in place by EMS, and he is following their instructions.

9/19/2007 ACTION: Mr. Smith to provide raw data for actual complication rate to Mr. Brosius for the Committee's review. Committee will consider information provided and make a decision at a later date.

#### Expert Witness Testimony

Background: 11/2006 - Dr. McCulloch stated that this is a large and complex issue. He added that whether to adopt a Board policy as a position statement versus a rule is also a big issue. Mr. Mansfield suggested that the Board try to approach this through a position statement. Superior Court judges reviewing cases coming from the Board expect licensees to be on notice of conduct that might result in disciplinary action. A position statement could express clearly the Board's opinion on the subject. If at the end of that process the Board has not accomplished their goal of putting licensees on notice, then they could look at rule-making. Mr. Brosius distributed a draft position statement. He explained that it is pretty basic, incorporating several guidelines from the American College of Surgeons and the applicable American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics opinion. Mr. Mansfield went on to say that he wanted it to be clear that the Legal Department sees the draft position statement as applying equally to physician expert witnesses no matter which side of a legal matter engages the witness to appear. The issue of honesty as a witness goes to the character component of licensing and the Medical Practice Act permits the Board to take disciplinary action where a physician engages in dishonest conduct.

1/17/2007 – Dr. Saunders stated that telling the truth and giving a balanced view should be more clearly stated in the last paragraph of the statement.

3/2007 ACTION: Defer review at this time.

5/2007 ACTION: Defer review at this time.

7/2007 ACTION: Defer review at this time.

9/2007 ACTION: Defer review at this time.

POSITION STATEMENT:

#### Medical Testimony Position Statement

The Board recognizes that medical testimony is vital to the administration of justice in both judicial and administrative proceedings. In order to provide further guidance to those physicians called upon to testify, the Board adopts and endorses the AMA Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 9.07 entitled "Medical Testimony." In addition to AMA Ethics Opinion 9.07, the Board provides the following guidelines to those physicians testifying as medical experts:

- Physician expert witnesses are expected to be impartial and should not adopt a position as an advocate or partisan in the legal proceedings.
- The physician expert witness should review all the relevant medical information in the case and testify to its content fairly, honestly, and in a balanced manner. In addition, the physician expert witness may be called upon to draw an inference or an opinion based on the facts of the case. In doing so, the physician expert witness should apply the same standards of fairness and honesty.
- The physician expert witness is ethically and legally obligated to tell the truth. The physician expert witness should be aware that failure to provide truthful testimony may expose the physician expert witness to disciplinary action by the Board.

#### The language of AMA Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 9.07 provides:

In various legal and administrative proceedings, medical evidence is critical. As citizens and as professionals with specialized knowledge and experience, physicians have an obligation to assist in the administration of justice.

When a legal claim pertains to a patient the physician has treated, the physician must hold the patient's medical interests paramount, including the confidentiality of the patient's health information, unless the physician is authorized or legally compelled to disclose the information.

Physicians who serve as fact witnesses must deliver honest testimony. This requires that they engage in continuous self-examination to ensure that their testimony represents the facts of the case. When treating physicians are called upon to testify in matters that could adversely impact their patients' medical interests, they should decline to testify unless the patient consents or unless ordered to do so by legally constituted authority. If, as a result of legal proceedings, the patient and the physician are placed in adversarial positions it may be appropriate for a treating physician to transfer the care of the patient to another physician.

When physicians choose to provide expert testimony, they should have recent and substantive experience or knowledge in the area in which they testify, and be committed to evaluating cases objectively and to providing an independent opinion. Their testimony should reflect current scientific thought and standards of care that have gained acceptance among peers in the relevant field. If a medical witness knowingly provides testimony based on a theory not widely accepted in the profession, the witness should characterize the theory as such. Also, testimony pertinent to a standard of care must consider standards that prevailed at the time the event under review occurred.

All physicians must accurately represent their qualifications and must testify honestly. Physician testimony must not be influenced by financial compensation; for example, it is unethical for a physician to accept compensation that is contingent upon the outcome of litigation.

Organized medicine, including state and specialty societies, and medical licensing boards can help maintain high standards for medical witnesses by assessing claims of false or misleading testimony and issuing disciplinary sanctions as appropriate. (II, IV, V, VII) Issued December 2004 based on the report "Medical Testimony," adopted June 2004.

9/2007 ACTION: Defer review at this time.

#### 21 NCAC 32R .0102 Approved Categories of CME – proposed language change

5/16/2007 – The Medical Board staff had requested that the Policy Committee consider a language change in 32R .0102(1)(c) to clarify what enduring materials were. Information and a resource contact was provided to the Medical Board staff by a representative of the Medical Society to clarify this issue. 5/2007 ACTION: Issue will be tabled until July for further discussion if needed.

7/18/2007 – Todd Brosius will check with Melanie Phelps and Patricia Paulson to determine if this issue has been resolved. Dr. Saunders stated that the Board may not need to dedicate much time to this issue as it is a quickly changing topic.

7/18/2007 COMMITTEE ACTION: Table for next meeting, unless it is determined that this issue has been resolved by staff.

9/19/2007 ACTION: Issue resolved by staff. Remove from agenda.

#### Telepsychiatry

7/18/2007 – A request from ACT Medical Group for the Board to provide clarification regarding internet prescribing after a telehealth visit conducted via internet-based, real-time, interactive audio/video telecommunications as it relates to the Board's position statement, *Contact with Patients Before Prescribing*, was reviewed.

Dr. Saunders and Dr. McCullouch agreed that the internet prescribing issue is a related topic. Dr. McCullouch recommendation that we check with the Federation to determine their position on the issue.

7/18/2007 COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee will address as time permits.

9/19/2007 ACTION: Table discussion at this time.

#### NCCN Wilkes Chronic Pain Initiative

Issue: Request from Wilkes Regional Medical Center for the Board's opinion on minimum requirements for patient encounters under naloxone prescribing circumstances.

9/2007 - Dr. Rhyne reviewed the information provided. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of naloxone for chronic pain versus heroine addicts. Dr. Rhyne indicated that the intention of the pain initiative was to have protocols to use naloxone in both situations.

9/19/2007 ACTION: Defer decision to provide for public input. Provide for a Pubic Forum at the November 2007 Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Brosius to work with the Public Affairs department to get notice published.

Motion: A motion passed to accept the Policy Committee Report.

## ALLIED HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Jablonski, DO ; Savesh Sathiraju, MD; Peggy Robinson, PA-C;

#### Allied Health Committee Report – September 19, 2007

Present: Dr. Jablonski, Chairperson, Dr. Sathiraju, Peggy Robinson, PA-C, Marcus Jimison, Legal, Lori King, CPCS, Licensing, Quanta Williams, Licensing, Jeffrey Katz, PA-C, Dana Simpson, Ellen Allingo, Elmira Powell.

#### NPDB & HIPDB Reports

Catchline: Is it the Board's desire to require PA applicants to provide NPDB & HIPDB reports as part of the application process?

Board Action: Require PA applicants to provide NPDB & HIPDB reports as part of the application process.

M. Jimison to check whether or not this needs to be a regulatory Rule.

#### **NC EMS Advisory Council Meetings**

EMS Advisory Council Meetings 08/09/07 EMS Advisory Council Meeting 05/08/07.

Board Action: Accept as information

#### Initial Physician Assistant Applicants Licensed 08/08/07 - 08/31/07

Buschbach, Stacie Anne Colin, Jill Marie Collins, Ann Marie Crowe, Daniel Patrick Edelstein, Christopher J. Ferland, Jennifer Ann Mann, Benjamin Lowell Popchak, Nicholas James Rosas, Rosalyn Wallace, Ellee Lyn Whitley, Megan Anderson Woodard, Rebecca Lee

#### **PA-C's Reactivations/Reinstatements/Re-Entries**

- Reinstatement
<ul> <li>Reinstatement</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Reinstatement</li> </ul>
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#### Initial Physician Assistant Applicants Licensed 07/19/07 – 08/08/2007

Ajo, Donna Marie Bailey, Kyle Frank Boehmke, Karen Louise Brooks, Amanda Elizabeth Callahan, Gwen Susan Cognac, Gregg Alan Collins, Ann Marie Davidson, Patrick Michael Eck, Mary Ann Fallis, Lauren Grace Fossum, Kurt Hassler, Heather Carson Hoag, David Floyd Holder, Paige Nichol Kramer, Olga Maria Livengood, Lawrence William Nicol, Kristi Lynn Skiles, Megan Christina Skillman, Katherine Elizabeth Taylor, Anne Marie Wagner, Jeffrey Douglas Wolf, Audrey Jean York, Marianne Louise Cochran

#### Physician Assistant Additional Supervisor List – 08/01/2007 – 08/31/2007

<u>PA</u>

Primary Supervisor

Practice Site City

Althisar, Henry Ambroise, Marie-Jacques Ardelean, Rhonda Baker, Robin Barksdale, Rebecca Beach, Charles Beauman, Cheryl Best, Jessica Blount, Kelly Boehmke, Karen Bradshaw, Sarah Brooks, Amanda Brooks, AmyLee Bryant, Thomas Buchanan, Misty Buck, Philip Buller, Shawn Calhoun, Anna Campbell, Kimberly Carter, James Carter, Laura Cevasco, Michael Chavis, Anthony Chazan, Jennifer Chester, David Christian, Michelle Christian, Michelle Collins, Emma Cook, Ashly Cronin, Rachelle Crowe, Daniel Currin, Ann

Davis, Jerome Pitts, Venus Harmaty, Myron Zammit, Joseph Hines, Marcono Hart, Oliver Medina, Victor Breiner, Jeffrey Flynn, Matthew Vu, Khanh Levy, Jay Coxe, James Johnson, Earlie Meltzer, Morton Cox, Craig Pita, James Locascio, David Thompson, Christopher Perry, John Obi, Reginald Klinepeter, Kurt Kimberly, George Moran, Joseph Andersen, William Carroll, Raymond Curzan, Mark Gollehon, Douglas Martini, Douglas Reinke, Derek Szura, Brian Welch, Gerald Albright, Daniel Benevides, Marc Bhiwandiwalla, Pouruchis Holmes, Douglas Cox, Craig Singh, Pradeep Singhi, Sushil Tooke, Sydney Penrose, John Vallat, Val Fink, Gary DeCoy, Donald

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Currin, Ann Currin, Ann Czaja, Jill Davis, Richard Dewar, John Dewar, John Dewar, John Donovan, Christina Doss, Brian Drinkwater, Don Edelstein, Christopher Ellis, Leland Elmore, Melanie Epps, Clyde Farmer, Kimberly Ferland, Jennifer Ferrill, Elizabeth Ferron, Christopher Fisher, Jessica Gauthier, Cherie Gibson, Jacqueline Giordano, Joseph Glasgow, Cheryl Gore, William

Hussieno, Muhammad Sommer, Steven Horger, Edgar Pacos, Andrew Polanco, Leonard Rosenbloom, Alan Voulgaropoulos, Menelaos Chaudhry, Abdul Pacos, Andrew Andersen, William Carroll, Raymond Curzan, Mark Gollehon, Douglas Martini, Douglas Reinke, Derek Szura, Brian Holmes, Douglas Moulton, Michael Simpson, Marshall Welch, Gerald Albright, Daniel Andersen, William Benedict, Frederick Carroll, Raymond Curzan, Mark Gollehon, Douglas High, Rhett Lambeth, William Lyle, William Martini, Douglas Reinke, Derek Szura, Brian Hosseini, Sid Murray, Gina McGowen, Timothy Akman, Steven Williamson, Charles Gebrail, Ayman Armistead, Hal Patterson, Kristine Spangenthal, Selwyn Roy, Raymond Beittel, Timothy

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Gray, Lee Gregg, Lauren Griffin, Lindsay Grove, Randall Hall, Jonathan Hanes, Heather Haser, Thomas Hedgecock, Suzann Hensler, Robert Hicks, Cullen Hinds, David Hoffman, Karen Holder, Paige Hollingsworth, Robert Horton, Tiffany Hunt, Scot Hutchens, Michele Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Glen Johnson, Mary Ann Justice, Brenda Keeler, Nancy Keeler, Nancy Kirk, John Kline, Angela Kramer, Olga Kuhn, Lindsay Kurtz, Harry Lawson, Valerie Layman, Paul Lee, Laurie Lefler, Ronald Lehman, Michael Lehman, Michael Maddux, Joseph Mahar, Suzanne Mangin, Ross Mann, Benjamin Mattera, Paul McClure, Kathleen McDowell, Julie McInnis, Kimberly McNeil, John

Cox, Craig Lohr, Lloyd Brick, Wendy Garrett, James Cox, Craig Smith, Teresa Maitra, Ranjan Jarrett, Thomas Liguori, John Rowe, John Ahmed, Magsood Perino, Lisa Kelling, Douglas Whitman, Bruce Njapa, Anthony Rowson, Jonathan Rocamora, Lee Aul, Christopher Pita, James Solovieff, Gregory Reyes, Rodolfo Benevides, Marc Doshi, Hirendra Phillips, Bruce Fleury, Robert Hall, Timothy Katibah, William Parnell, Jerome Liffrig, James Harmaty, Myron Yarborough, Kimberly Templeton, David Low, William Yaeger, Edwin Doshi, Hirendra Jones, Colin Ghim, Michael Olin, Matthew Doshi, Hirendra Loper, Peter Arnold, Terry Massenburg, Althea Biddle, James

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Melgar, Tammy Meyer, Kim Mitchel, Roger Modrow, Michael Moore, Beth Mullins, Diane Murphy, Michael Murray, Joanna Nicol, Kristi O'Branski, Erin Ogilvie, James Oliver, Linda Otey, James Page, Constance Patel, Surahi Pedacchio, Misty Phillips, Jason Pilkington, Cynthia Putnam, Marshall Putnam, Marshall Ranson, Kristina Ranson, Kristina Renn, Amber Revels, Christina Riley, Elizabeth Robinson, Anthony Rojas, Brian Rojas, Brian Rojas, Brian Rojas, Brian Rojas, Brian Romblad, Katrina Rorie, Brandon Rouchard, John Russell, Karen Scime, Kseniya Sepka, Richard Simmons, Cynthia Skiles, Megan Skillman, Katherine Smith, Kimberly Soebbing, Kara Stevens, Lisa

Traylor, Henry Martinko, Thomas Aarons, Mark Chaudhry, Abdul Sutton, Linda Tayloe, David Case, Michael Lazio, Barbara Harmaty, Myron De Castro, Carlos Horn, Jennifer Henretta, John Grant, Terry Minior, Daniel Subramanian, Thoppe Medford, Mark Pacos, Andrew Andrews, Robert Rose, Noralea Pita, James Collins, Roger Holton, Alan Madan, Ragini Melton, Kenneth Withrow, Glenn Cairns, Bruce Benevides, Marc Edrington, Richard High, Rhett Lyle, William Stocks, Lewis Cox, Craig Pacos, Andrew Barker, Robert Barnhill, Peggy Harmaty, Myron Hocker, Michael Pacos, Andrew Powell, Bayard Daniel, Terry Chaudhry, Abdul Pita, James Cox, Craig

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Swansiger, David	Rosen, Robert	Winston Salem
Tignor, Gayle	Amor, Antonio	Charlotte
Travis, Tara	Landis, Darryl	Winston Salem
Trzcienski, Michael	Andersen, William	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Carroll, Raymond	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Curzan, Mark	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Gollehon, Douglas	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Martini, Douglas	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Reinke, Derek	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Szura, Brian	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Welch, Gerald	Cary
Trzcienski, Michael	Albright, Daniel	Raleigh
Trzcienski, Michael	Holmes, Douglas	Raleigh
Van Wallendael, Shawn	Lavis, Timothy	Charlotte
Wall, Luvae	Greenberg, Gary	Raleigh
Wallace, Connie	Howard, Chad	Monroe
Webster, William	Fernandez, Eldaliz	Greensboro
Wheeler, Merritt	Bechtel, Mark	Charlotte
Whitley, Megan	Williams, John	New Bern
Winn, Michael	Francis, Sabina	Rockingham
Wolf, Audrey	Burns, Martin	Charlotte
Wright, Sharon	Corvino, Timothy	Gastonia
York, Marianne	Magod, Marc	Greensboro

#### Administration of vaccines by pharmacists

Catchline: Following further study on this issue it is felt that it is possible for pharmacists to administer the zoster vaccine safely as long as it is performed under the same conditions as those for pharmacists administering the pneumococcal vaccine. Dr. Rhyne has indicated she will be available to discuss this issue with the committee.

BOARD ACTION: Approve (a physician's order is required to give the vaccine).

#### **Perfusionist Report**

Catchline: Open session portion of PAC meeting minutes – July and August meetings

BOARD ACTION: Accept as information

#### **Perfusionist Rules**

Catchline: The rules were approved and will be presented to the Rules Review Commission.

BOARD ACTION: Accept as information

#### **Request for re-appointment of PAC Members**

Catchline: Ian Shearer, LP, CCP and Michael Hines, MD have submitted requests for reappointment to the Perfusionist Advisory Committee.

BOARD ACTION: Approve requests for re-appointment.

#### Perfusionist Fee rule

Catchline: Approval of proposed rule NCAC 32V. 0115

BOARD ACTION: Approve

#### Application process for AAs

Catchline: Is it the Board's desire to mirror the application process for PAs, i.e. routine applications will be reviewed by a Board member to determine the necessity for a license interview?

BOARD ACTION: Approve this process

#### Anesthesiologists Assistants application

Catchline: Review proposed AA application

BOARD ACTION: Accept proposed application

Anesthesiologists Assistants Regulatory Rules

Catchline: Review proposed AA regulatory rules

BOARD ACTION: Accept the following proposed regulatory rules:

#### SUBCHAPTER 32W. ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT REGULATIONS

#### .0101 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Subchapter:

(1) "Board" means the North Carolina Medical Board.

(2) "Anesthesiologist" means a physician who has successfully completed an anesthesiology training program approved by the Accreditation Committee on Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association or who is credentialed to practice anesthesiology by a Hospital or an Ambulatory Surgical Facility.

(3) "Anesthesiologist Assistant" means a person licensed by and registered with the Board pursuant to Rule .0102 of this Subchapter to provide anesthesia services under the supervision of a Supervising Anesthesiologist.

(4) "Anesthesiologist Assistant License" means the authority for the Anesthesiologist Assistant to provide anesthesia services under North Carolina law.

(5) "Renewal" means paying the annual renewal fee and providing the information requested by the Board as outlined in Rule .0104 of this Subchapter.

(6) "Supervising Anesthesiologist" means an anesthesiologist who is responsible for supervising the Anesthesiologist Assistant in providing anesthesia services. A Supervising Anesthesiologist must be licensed by the Board, actively engaged in clinical practice as an anesthesiologist, and immediately available onsite to provide assistance to the Anesthesiologist Assistant.

(7) "Primary Supervising Anesthesiologist" is the Supervising Anesthesiologist who accepts primary responsibility for the Anesthesiologist Assistant's professional activities, including developing and implementing the Anesthesiologist Assistant's Supervision Agreement and assuring the Board that the Anesthesiologist Assistant is qualified by education and training to perform all anesthesia services delegated to the Anesthesiologist Assistant.

(8) "Supervision" means overseeing the activities of, and accepting responsibility for, the anesthesia services rendered by an Anesthesiologist Assistant.

(9) "Supervision Agreement" means a written agreement between the Primary Supervising Anesthesiologist(s) and an Anesthesiologist Assistant that describes the anesthesia services delegated to the Anesthesiologist Assistant consistent with the Anesthesiologist Assistant's qualifications, training, skill, and competence, and these rules.

(10) "Certifying Examination" means the Certifying Examination for Anesthesiologist Assistants administered by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants or its successor organization.

#### .0102 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Subchapter, an individual shall obtain a license from the Board before practicing as an Anesthesiologist Assistant. The Board may grant an Anesthesiologist Assistant license to an applicant who has met all the following criteria:

- (1) submits a completed license application on forms provided by the Board;
- (2) pays the license fee established by Rule .0113 in this Subchapter;

(3) submits to the Board proof of completion of a training program for Anesthesiologist Assistants accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its preceding or successor organization;

(4) submits to the Board proof of current certification by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA) or its successor organization, including passage of the Certifying Examination for Anesthesiologist Assistants administered by the NCCAA within 12 months after completing training;

(5) certifies that he or she is mentally and physically able to safely practice as an Anesthesiologist Assistant;

(6) has no license, certificate, or registration as an Anesthesiologist Assistant currently under discipline, revocation, suspension, or probation;

(7) has good moral character; and

(8) submits to the Board any other information the Board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

(b) The Board may deny any application for licensure for any enumerated reason contained in G.S. §90-14 or for any violation of the Rules of this Subchapter.

(c) An applicant may be required to appear, in person, for an interview with the Board, or its representatives upon completion of all credentials.

#### .0103 INACTIVE LICENSE STATUS

(a) By notifying the Board in writing, any Anesthesiologist Assistant may elect to place his or her license on inactive status. An Anesthesiologist Assistant with an inactive license shall not practice as an Anesthesiologist Assistant. Any Anesthesiologist Assistant who engages in practice while his or her license is on inactive status shall be considered to be practicing without a license.

(b) An Anesthesiologist Assistant who has been inactive for less than six months ma;y request reactivation of his or her license. He or she shall pay the current annual fee as defined in Rule .0113 of this Subchapter, provide documentation to the Board verifying current certification by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants and shall complete the Board's registration form.

(c) An Anesthesiologist Assistant who has been inactive for more than six months shall submit an application for a license and pay the application fee as defined in Rule .0113 of this Subchapter. The Board may deny any such application for any enumerated reason contained in G.S. 90-14 or for any violation of the Rules of this Subchapter.

#### .0104 ANNUAL RENEWAL

(a) Each person who holds a license as an Anesthesiologist Assistant in this state shall renew his or her Anesthesiologist Assistant License each year no later than 30 days after his or her birthday by:

- (1) completing the Board's registration form;
- (2) verifying that he or she is currently certified by the the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA), or its successor organization; and
- (3) submitting the annual renewal fee under Rule .0113 of this Subchapter.

(b) The license of any Anesthesiologist Assistant who does not renew for a period of 30 days after certified notice of the failure to the licensee's last known address of record shall automatically become inactive.

#### .0105 CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

(a) In order to maintain Anesthesiologist Assistant licensure, each Anesthesiologist Assistant shall complete at least 40 hours of continuing medical education (CME) as required by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA), or its successor organization, for every two year period. CME documentation must be available for inspection by the Board or an agent of the Board upon request.

(b) Each licensed Anesthesiologist Assistant shall comply with all recertification requirements of the NCCAA, or its successor organization, including registration of CME credit and successful completion of the Examination for Continued Demonstration of Qualifications of Anesthesiologist Assistants administered by the NCCAA.

#### .0106 STUDENT ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS

(a) A student in any Anesthesiologist Assistant training program shall be identified as a "Student Anesthesiologist Assistant" or an "Anesthesiologist Assistant Student," but under no circumstances shall the student use or permit to be used on the student's behalf the terms "intern," "resident," or "fellow."

(b) Student Anesthesiologist Assistants are authorized to provide anesthesia services under the supervision of a Supervising Anesthesiologist, provided that the student Anesthesiologist Assistant is participating in a training program accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization and a qualified anesthesia provider is present at all times while the patient is under anesthesia care. Such training programs shall provide the requisite training to allow the Student Anesthesiologist Assistant, upon graduation, to apply for certification by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants and licensure as an Anesthesiologist Assistant under this Subchapter.

#### .0107 EXEMPTION FROM LICENSE

Nothing in this Subchapter shall be construed to require licensure

(1) a Student Anesthesiologist Assistant enrolled in an Anesthesiologist Assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization; or

(2) agents or employees of physicians who perform delegated tasks in the office of a physician consistent with G.S. §90-18(c)(13) and who are not rendering services as Anesthesiologist Assistants or identifying themselves as Anesthesiologist Assistants.

#### .0108 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

(a) Anesthesiologist Assistants may provide anesthesia services only under the supervision of a Supervising Anesthesiologist and consistent with the Anesthesiologist Assistant's Supervision Agreement as defined by Rule .0101(9) of this Subchapter and the

Rules of this Subchapter. No Anesthesiologist Assistant shall practice where a Supervising Anesthesiologist is not immediately available onsite to provide assistance to the Anesthesiologist Assistant.

(b) Anesthesiologist Assistants perform those duties and responsibilities that are delegated by their Supervising Anesthesiologist(s). The duties and responsibilities delegated to an Anesthesiologist Assistant shall be consistent with the Anesthesiologist Assistant's Supervision Agreement and the Rules of this Subchapter.

#### .0109 SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS

(a) The Primary Supervising Anesthesiologist shall ensure that the Anesthesiologist Assistant's scope of practice is identified; that delegation of anesthesia services is appropriate to the level of competence of the Anesthesiologist Assistant; that the relationship of, and access to, each Supervising Anesthesiologist is defined; and that a process for evaluation of the Anesthesiologist Assistant's performance is established.

(b) The Supervision Agreement defined in Rule .0101(9) of this Subchapter must be signed by the Primary Supervising Anesthesiologist(s) and Anesthesiologist Assistant and shall be made available upon request by the Board or its agents. <u>A list of all Supervising Anesthesiologists, signed and dated by each Supervising Anesthesiologist, the Primary Supervising Anesthesiologist, and the Anesthesiologist Assistant, must be retained as part of the Supervision Agreement and shall be made available upon request by the Board or its representatives.</u>

(c) A Supervising Anesthesiologist, who need not be the Primary Supervising Anesthesiologist, shall supervise the Anesthesiologist Assistant and ensure that all anesthesia services delegated to the Anesthesiologist Assistant are consistent with the Anesthesiologist Assistant's Supervision Agreement.

(d) A Supervising Anesthesiologist may supervise no more than two Anesthesiologist Assistants or Student Anesthesiologist Assistants at one time. The limitation on the number of Anesthesiologist Assistants or Student Anesthesiologist Assistants that an anesthesiologist may supervise shall in no way affect the number of other qualified anesthesia providers an anesthesiologist may concurrently supervise.

(e) Entries by an Anesthesiologist Assistant into patient charts of inpatients (hospital, long term care institutions) must comply with the rules and regulations of the institution.

#### .0110 LIMITATIONS ON PRACTICE

An Anesthesiologist Assistant shall not:

(1) perform a task which has not been listed and delegated in the Supervision Agreement;

(2) prescribe drugs, medications, or devices of any kind; however, this Rule shall not preclude the Anesthesiologist Assistant from implementing or administering a treatment or pharmaceutical regimen prescribed by the Supervising Anesthesiologist.

#### .0111 TITLE AND PRACTICE PROTECTION

(a) Any person who is licensed to provide anesthesia services as an Anesthesiologist Assistant under this Subchapter may use the title "Anesthesiologist Assistant," "AA," "Anesthesiologist Assistant–Certified," or "AA-C."

(b) Any person not licensed under this Subchapter is in violation of G.S. 90-18.5 and is subject to penalties if he or she:

(1) falsely identifies himself or herself as an Anesthesiologist Assistant;

(2) uses any combination or abbreviation of the title "Anesthesiologist Assistant" to indicate or imply that he or she is an Anesthesiologist Assistant; or

(3) holds himself or herself out to be an Anesthesiologist Assistant or to be so licensed, or in any other way acts as an Anesthesiologist Assistant, without first obtaining a license.

#### .0112 IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

An Anesthesiologist Assistant licensed under this Subchapter shall keep proof of current licensure and registration available for inspection at the primary place of practice and shall, when engaged in professional activities, wear a name tag identifying the licensee as an "Anesthesiologist Assistant," which may be abbreviated as "AA," or as an "Anesthesiologist Assistant – Certified," which may be abbreviated as "AA-C."

#### .0113 FEES

The Board requires the following fees:

(1) Anesthesiologist Assistant License Application Fee—one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(2) Annual Renewal Fee—one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), except that an Anesthesiologist Assistant who registers not later than 30 days after his or her birthday shall pay an annual registration fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00).

#### 21 NCAC 32W .0114 VIOLATIONS

The Board pursuant to G.S. 90-14 may place on probation with or without conditions, impose limitations and conditions on, publicly reprimand, assess monetary redress, issue public letters of concern, mandate free medical services, require satisfactory completion of treatment programs or remedial or educational training, fine, deny, annul, suspend, or revoke the license, or other authority to function as a anesthesiologist assistant in this State. The following acts constitute violations:

- (1) Failure to function in accordance with the rules of this Subchapter or with any provision of G.S. 90-14 shall constitute unprofessional or dishonorable conduct;
- (2) Representing oneself as a physician constitutes dishonorable or unethical conduct.
- (3) Allowing one's certification with the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA) or its successor organization to lapse at any time.

#### 21 NCAC 32W .0115 PRACTICE DURING A DISASTER

An Anesthesiologist Assistant licensed in this State or in any other state may practice as an Anesthesiologist Assistant under the supervision of an Anesthesiologist licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina during a disaster within a county in which a state of disaster has been declared or counties contiguous to a county in which a state of disaster has been declared (in accordance with G.S. 166A-6). A team of Anesthesiologist(s) and Anesthesiologist Assistant(s) practicing pursuant to this Rule shall not be required to maintain on-site documentation describing supervisory arrangements as otherwise required in Rules .0109 of this Subchapter. The Board may waive other regulatory requirements regarding licensure and practice to facilitate an Anesthesiologist Assistant practicing during a disaster consistent with G.S. 90-12.2.

A motion passed to close the session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) 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 5 license 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 because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

#### **INITIAL NURSE PRACTIONER VOTE LIST**

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Glass, Danica	McGrath, Timothy	Mebane
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# NURSE PRACTITIONER JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Don Jablonski, DO ; Savesh Sathiraju, MD; Peggy Robinson, PA-C;

Time & Place of Meeting	A meeting of the Joint Subcommittee was held at the North Carolina Board of Nursing office in Raleigh, NC on July 18, 2007. Meeting convened at 12:30 p.m.		
Presiding	Gale Adcock, RN, FNP (NCBON)		
Members Present	Mary Ann Fuchs, RN (NCBON) Martha Harrell, Public Member (NCBON) <i>(Substituting for Daniel Hudgins)</i> Sarvesh Sathiraju, MD (NCMB) Donald E. Jablonski, DO (NCMB) Peggy Robinson, PA-C (NCMB)		
Members Absent	Daniel C. Hudgins, Public Member		
Staff Present	Polly Johnson, Executive Director (NCBON) Julia L. George, Associate Executive Director of Programs (NCBON) Donna Mooney, Manager of Discipline Proceedings (NCBON) Eileen Kugler, RN, MSN, MPH, FNP – Education & Practice Consultant (NCBON) David Kalbacker, Director – Public Information (NCBON) Mary Shuping, Legal Counsel (NCBON) Marcus Jimison, Legal Counsel (NCMB) Rick Sims, Investigator (NCMB) Curt Ellis, Investigator (NCMB) Judie Clark, Director – Complaints Department (NCMB) Micheal Sheppa, Medical Director (NCMB) Quanta C. Williams, Physician Extender Coordinator (NCMB) Jean H. Stanley, Administrative Assistant to MJC and NCBON Paulette Young, Administrative Secretary – Practice (NCBON)		
Guests	Bette Ferree, FNP – NP Council Cheryl Duke, FNP – NP Council Deborah Varnum, FNP - NP Council Michelle Skipper , RN Tom Bush, NP Mike Borden – NCAPA Sonya Harden Bobby Lowery, FNP		
Reading of Ethics Statement (Conflict of Interest)	Ms. Adcock asked committee members to state any conflict of interest. No conflict or appearance of conflict of interest was identified.		
Announcements	Ms. Adcock welcomed committee members, staff, and guests.		
Joint Subcommittee Agenda of July 18, 2007	The Joint Subcommittee approved the July 18, 2007 agenda as re-ordered with extracted cases as first item to be reviewed.		
CLOSED SESSION (12:34 p.m.)	<b>MOTION:</b> That the Joint Subcommittee go into Closed Session for purpose of discussing extracted cases. Fuchs/Passed.		

	See Closed Session Minutes for details		
OPEN SESSION (1:11 p.m.)	<b>MOTION:</b> That the Joint Subcommittee go into Open Session for purpose of discussing open meeting agenda items. Jablonski/Passed.		
NP FAQs	Committee members reviewed the NP Application Process FAQ - Additions.		
	<b>MOTION:</b> That the Joint Subcommittee approve the NP Application Process FAQ – Additions and that the FAQ be posted on the Internet. Jablonski/Passed.		
	Committee members reviewed the proposed additional FAQ for NPs document (dated July 17, 2007) related to name identification in the direct care practice setting.		
	<b>TABLED:</b> Issue was tabled until the September meeting. BON staff will contact other NC regulatory boards whose licenses have doctorates and bring information to the next JSC meeting. In the interim the basic issue of titling will be discussed by both Boards.		
Proposed NP Rule language to clarify CE requirement	Committee members reviewed the proposed NP Rule language.		
	<b>MOTION:</b> That the Joint Subcommittee approve proposed NP Rule language clarifying the CE requirement with the following revision (new language in bold/underline):		
	the nurse practitioner shall <u>have</u> <u>earned</u> 50 contact hours Sathiraju/Passed.		
NP Site Visit Form	Committee members reviewed the NP Site Visit Form; the form was approved at a prior meeting.		
Protocols for NP Compliance Reviews	<ul> <li>Committee members categorized the following as major noncompliance:</li> <li>No Collaborative Practice Agreement</li> <li>Important components of the CPA missing (ie, drug &amp; device agreement, pre-approved plan for emergencies)</li> <li>No proof of annual CPA review or required signature page</li> <li>No proper identification</li> </ul>		
	Committee members requested that the workgroup prepare recommendations for staff action when non-urgent documentation is not available at the practice site (ie, copy of RN license, copy of DEA certificate, proof of CE, missing parts of the CPA).		
	The work group was also asked to prepare recommendations for what would be considered 'minor' vs. 'major' noncompliance and what would then constitute formal vs. informal measures.		
	Discussions are in process about how to notify NPs and give them access to the form in advance.		
Policy - Emergency Situations related to the NP's Approval to	Committee members reviewed the policy on Emergency Situations related to the Nurse Practitioner's Approval to Practice Agreement.		

Practice Agreement	MOTION:	That the Joint Subcommittee adopt the revised Emergency Situations NP policy. Jablonski/Passed.	
CLOSED SESSION	MOTION:	That the Joint Subcommittee go into Closed Session for purpose of discussing NP Public Action cases. Robinson/Passed.	
		(Details are not public.)	
OPEN SESSION (2:10 p.m.)	MOTION:	That the Joint Subcommittee go into Open Session for purpose of adjournment. Jablonski/Passed.	
Next Meeting		er  19, 2007, 12:00 p.m. until 2 p.m (lunch from 12:00 p.m12:30 h Carolina Board of Nursing – Raleigh, NC	
Motion: A motion passed to approve the NP Joint Subcom Minutes.			

### LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ralph Loomis, MD, Chair; Robert Moffatt, MD; John Lewis, JD

### Puerto Rico Medical Board

Catchline: NCMB has received several communications from the FSMB regarding a situation involving the Puerto Rico Board of Medical Examiners. The board has been the subject of an investigation for alleged irregularities, including allegation that the board licensed individuals who did not achieve a passing score on the Revalida, the Board's Spanish-language exam for licensure. There was some discussion by NCMB several years ago as to whether to continue to accept this examination for NC licensure and the decision was to not change the regulatory requirements. Does the Board want to continue to accept this examination? Staff has checked NCMB's data base against the list of names provided in the DEA News Release and did not find any licensees matching any of the names.

BOARD ACTION: Have staff review current rules and report back to the Committee.

A motion passed to close the session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) 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 18 license 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 because 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.

Twenty-two 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 because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

#### **Applicants Presented**

Aachen-Winans, James Mervl Abdelsaved, Ehab Ebrahim Abraham, Daniel Joseph Adams, Robert McLain Adcock, Rachel Alison Adusumilli, Sankar Naidu Ahrens, William Albert Ali. Mir Omar Alimard, Ramin Altomare, Ivy Paige Amani, Hamed Anderson, Keith Alan Appling, Jon Scott Armstrong, Michael Brannon Attigere, Rekha Nagappa Autry, Ernest David Awh, Mark Hyunchol Bagheri, Shahla Bahadur, Rosanna Baig, Mirza Khalid Ball, Tracei Denise Banks. Kevin Patrick Barnum, LaMonica Yvette Beal-Landis, Esther Rebecca Bellinger, Christina Rose Berberich, Joel John Berding, Herbert Berger, Erica Lynn Blessitt, Kristi Lynn Bludoy, Boris Bluth, Kirk Daniel Bollig, John Joseph Boteva, Kalina Kirilova Bringardner, Benjamin David Brooks, John Howard Brown, David Warren Brooks, Olga Yevseyvna Brown, William Francis

Bubb. Lori Catherine Buzzard, Terry Lee Byakika, Richard Luboga Cain, Kressida Tirea Campbell, Garlon Lee Cantees, Kimberly Knight Catarino, Pedro Carroll. John Francis Cazan-London, Kevin Michael Center, Brian Charles Chalmers, Thomas Henry Chander, Archana Vijava Charlton, Glenn Baker Chen, Beiyun Cherukuri, Vijaya Lakshmi Chick. Jeffrev Beecham Christmann, Linda Mewis Church, Lori Ann Cinemre, Hakan Claus, Steven Corry, Beverly Elizabeth Crawford, Regina Denise Criswell, Bryan Keith Criswell, Kara Kane Cunill, Erica Sandra Cutting, Paul Jerome Dalton, Rory Ralph Daly, Jennifer Ann Dasher, Lance Geoffrey Dauda, Mohamed Sheku Davillier, Kelly Richards Davis, Lance Lee Deben, Sophia E Delatore, Luca Richard Desrochers. Danielle Devoe, Lane Alan Dobson, Burt William Dolce. Charles James

Domnina, Yuliya Anatolievna Doty, John Douglas Downing, Brian Elliott Dozier, Fred Augustus Drapkin, Brock Dweik, Husni Wasif Eigles, Stephen Barnett Ejindu, Uwadiogbu Odinaka Ellis, Patrick Christopher Elsaid, Hind Izzeldin Ernest, Roger Charles Everett, Robert Scott Exum, Kelvin Demont Fadevi, Emmanuel Adegoke Fakeye, Oluwapelumi Oyinkansola Faltermayer, William Cook Farzaneh-Far, Afshin Feaster, George Ray Fenton, Peter Edward Ferguson, Julie Renee Fernandez. Peter Mark Firszt. Rafael Fisher, Dion Grant Flederbach, Greta Flowers, Jeanne Smith Floyd, Willie Cecil Foral, Jonathan Michael Forshag, Ann Selser Foster, Tanya Denise Fox, Fredrick Joel Fox, Kevin Baruch Foy, Rudolph Valentino Frisch, Harold Michael Gadi, Rajyalakshmi Game, Robert Clifford Garg, Sanjay Garrison, Aaron Paul Gaspar de Alba, Mario Jose Gay, April Lavelle George, Ayodeji Tokunbo Giegengack, Matthew Gillis, Jacinta Irene Gizdarski, Veselin Stoyanov Goad, Bradley Jackson Goodison-Ollivierre, Renee Gorman, Alfred Carl Greenberg, Rebecca Ann Griffin, John Joseph Grimson, James McCall Gulati, Ajay Sujan Hannum, Jennifer Lyn

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Lesher, John Michael Liang, Yinghua Lloyd, Lancelot Augustus Loaiza, Jose Leonardo LoCascio, Elizabeth Spence Loeffler, Michael Loehr, Mary Margaret Logan, Brent Justin Longarini, Ricardo Lopez, Fernando A Louis. Emault Lovorn, Megan Beth Lyman, Gary Herbert Macomber, Christine Linz Madani, Navid Maleki Fischbach, Mehrnaz Marcus, David Edward Mathew, Thomas Maturani, Larry Joe Maturen, Katherine Elizabeth McBraver, Daniel Enoch McCord, Jennifer Elizabeth McCord, Jennifer Elizabeth McCov, Keith Hunter McGibbon, Karen Esther McKimmie, Ryan Lee McManus, Shea Eamonn McNeal, Jenea Nicole Mearns, John Floyd Meka, Rajana Melton, M Stephen Mercier, Randall Robert Michael, Laura Ellen Michel, Eduard Miller, Aaron Michael Miller, Ann Elizabeth Miller, Timothy Ellis Miralles, Gines Diego Mirza, Alamgir Mittal, Yogesh Moore, Carlton Reid Moore, Laura Verde de Fornos Moore, Robert Allen Moorhead, Andrew Slemmons Moskowitz, Edward Myers, Michael Glenn Nasim, Ali Khalid Nasruddin. Shaheda Nejeres, Raymond Nyarko, Stanley J. O'Brien, James Patrick

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#### LICENSES APPROVED (July 21 – September 21, 2007)

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Faltermayer, William Cook Farzaneh-Far, Afshin Feaster, George Ray Fenton, Peter Edward Ferguson, Julie Renee Fernandez, Peter Mark Firszt, Rafael Fisher, Dion Grant Flowers, Jeanne Smith Floyd, Willie Cecil Foral, Jonathan Michael Foster, Tanya Denise Fox, Kevin Baruch Foy, Rudolph Valentino Frisch, Harold Michael Gadi, Rajyalakshmi Game, Robert Clifford Garq, Sanjay Garrison, Aaron Paul Gaspar de Alba, Mario Jose Gay, April Lavelle George, Ayodeji Tokunbo Giegengack, Matthew Gillis, Jacinta Irene Gizdarski, Veselin Stovanov Goad, Bradley Jackson Goodison-Ollivierre, Renee Greenberg, Rebecca Ann Grimson, James McCall Gulati, Ajay Sujan Hannum, Jennifer Lyn Harris, William Thomas Heiner, Mark David Helmrath, Michael Anthony Hessenthaler, Mark Eric Hightower, Michael Dean Hinckley, Michael Richard Hollingshead, Michael Christian Hook, Carol Kikkawa Horton, Todd Hossain, Mirmohd Mosharaf House, Joseph Bernard Hulsemann. Susan Jane Iarussi, Richard Joseph Icenogle, Daniel Lee Individual Tester, MR Magoo The Iqbal, Mohammad Omer Ji. Na Young Johnston, Michael Joseph Joshi, Deepak Kairouz, Jeanne Marie

Kapoor, Sakshi Karl, Patrick Thomas Kasthuri, Raj Sundar Kawatu, Rita Mthunduwatha Kevs. Kristal Tamara Keys, Kristal Tamara Kinback, Rita Marie King, Bridget Demor Kirsch, David Guy Kletzing, Karl Herbert Kliesch, John Francis Kovaz, Joseph Michael Kowal, Kathleen Tammara Kramer, Paul Ronald Krishnan, Vinod Mangapathy Kwiatkowski, Linda Diane Lally, Patricia Elaine Landau, Ronald Israel Lane, Kenneth Stuart Larbi-Siaw, Kwame Larson, Jeanette Pueschel Latham, Ruth Christina Aurelia Lauder, Craig Thomas Lee, Marvin Lee, Melvin Gordon Lenhard, Amanda Hymel Leonard, Stephen David Lesher, John Michael Liang, Yinghua Lloyd, Lancelot Augustus Loaiza, Jose Leonardo LoCascio, Elizabeth Spence Loeffler, Michael Loehr, Mary Margaret Logan, Brent Justin Lopez, Fernando A Louis, Emault Lovorn, Megan Beth Lyman, Gary Herbert Macomber, Christine Linz Madani, Navid Maleki Fischbach, Mehrnaz Mathew, Thomas Maturen, Katherine Elizabeth McBrayer, Daniel Enoch McCord, Jennifer Elizabeth McCord, Jennifer Elizabeth McCoy, Keith Hunter McGibbon, Karen Esther McKimmie, Ryan Lee McNeal, Jenea Nicole

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Rose, Gregory Hugh Rose, Heather Jayne Ross Webb, Susan Donna Rossi, Victor Roy Chowdhury, Kishore Rynties, Mark Anthony Sahinci, Semra Saini, Shermini Saldivar, Laura Escoto Sampat, Smita Naresh Sandifer, John Pettey Sanoff, Scott Leonard Sauer, Ryan Nathan Savera, Adnan Tabrez Schmidt, Jeffrey Eugene Schroer, Brady Joe Scott, Charles Livingood Senor, Brett Blackmon Setlik, Andrea Maria Sharma, Anup Kumar Sheikh, Shehzad Zafar Shenoy, Chetan Nagendra Simha, Shruti Vijaya Skeens, Heather Michelle Smith, Regina Lynn Smith, Richard Allen Snetman, Lawrence Amdur Sohn, Ivy Ellen Stalvey, Christopher Fenwick Stashenko, Gregg Joseph Stoune, Amy Annelle Stuckert, Jody Bovard Styner, Maya Shalev Sunshine, Calamity Jane Suslow, Gregory Richard Svecharnik, Marina Taylor, Aaron Milford Thyagarajan, Ruta Nene Tiede, Roger Helmut Tinney, Qionna Mariel Toppin, Jean Michelle Torquati, Alfonso Troxler, Joyce Anne Urgo, Richard Charles Vass, Kimberly Rae Vora, Parul Vasant Vvas, Hema Walker, Courtnye Allyson Wallace, Eric Lee Wallach, Adam Philip

Waller, Elizabeth Reitman Wang, Chunsheng Joseph Waqas, Muhammad Wedlake, Tiffany Michelle Whatley, James Bushnell Whyte, Brian Roland Wiese, Kathleen Marie Wieting, Richard John Wilder, Christine Marie Wilson, Amelia Pugh Wilson, Kathy Tingle Wohlrab, Kurt Patrick Wright, Nioke Paula Yamusah, Nadine Anne Yanchik, Lori Michelle Yentzer, Brad Alan Zapadka, Michael Edward Zelinka, Peter Bohuslav Zervos, Emmanuel Emmanuel

#### Reactivation

Bahadur, Rosanna Forshag, Ann Selser Gorman, Alfred Carl Longarini, Ricardo Marcus, David Edward Mittal, Yogesh Quinn, Jane Ann Sunshine, Calamity Jane

#### Reinstatement

Corry, Beverly Elizabeth Griffin, John Joseph Hood, Alton Lee Hopper, David Hershey Mercier, Randall Robert

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Sweeney, Charles Leslie

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Sunshine, Calamity Jane

## **DISCIPLINARY (COMPLAINT) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Janelle Rhyne, MD; Michael Norins, MD; Donald Jablonski, DO; Ralph Loomis, MD; John Lewis, JD

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 Disciplinary Committee (complaints) reported on two 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 because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

### **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE PAYMENTS**

Janelle Rhyne, MD; Michael Norins, MD; Donald Jablonski, DO; Ralph Loomis, MD; John Lewis, JD

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 Professional Liability Insurance Payments Committee reported on 71 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 because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

### **DISCIPLINARY (MEDICAL EXAMINER) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Janelle Rhyne, MD; Michael Norins, MD; Donald Jablonski, DO; Ralph Loomis, MD; John Lewis, JD

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 Medical Examiner Committee reported on six 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 because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

### **DISCIPLINARY (COMPLAINT) REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

Robert Moffatt, MD; E. K. Fretwell, PhD; George Saunders, MD; Michael Norins, MD; Sarvesh Sathiraju, MD

In addition to the report noted below the Board discussed process changes as a result of changes to NCGS 90-16. It was decided that the complainant/patient and the licensee would be made aware of the law change which states that the patient or their legal representative may be provided a copy of the licensee's response. The response will be provided unless it is determined by staff that the response would be harmful to the patient. The staff will review any rebuttals and determine whether or not it changes the final resolution. Additionally the law change will apply to complaints received on or after October 1, 2007.

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 Disciplinary (Complaint) Review Committee reported on 80 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 because these actions are not public information.

A moiton passed to return to open session.

## NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM (NCPHP) COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarvesh Sathiraju, MD; George Saunders, MD; Thelma Lennon

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 51 cases involving participants in the NC Physicians Health Program. 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.

### **DISCIPLINARY (INVESTIGATIVE) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Janelle Rhyne, MD; Michael Norins, MD; Donald Jablonski, DO; Ralph Loomis, MD; John Lewis, JD

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 Disciplinary (Investigative) Committee reported on 34 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 because 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.

Twenty-six 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 because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

### DISCIPLINARY (INVESTIGATIVE) REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Moffatt, MD; E. K. Fretwell, PhD; George Saunders, MD; Michael Norins, MD; Sarvesh Sathiraju, 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 Disciplinary (Investigative) Review Committee reported on 46 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 because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

### ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m., September 21, 2007.

George L. Saunders III, MD Secretary