

MINUTES

Perfusionist Advisory Committee
of the North Carolina Medical Board

January 03, 2011

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The January 03, 2011 meeting of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee was held at the North Carolina Medical Board's (NCMB) Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 4:48 p.m. by Ian Shearer, CCP, LP. Members in attendance were: Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, BSN, MSN-C; William Hodges, CCP, LP; and Gretta Evans, CCP, LP. Michael Hines, MD; Shikha Sinha, MSPH; and Rick Gannotta, NP, MBA were absent.

Staff members present were: Mr. Marcus Jimison, Board Attorney; Mrs. Joy Cooke, Director of Licensing; and Ms. Quanta C. Williams, Perfusionist Coordinator.

Opening Comments

Mr. Shearer thanked the members for their participation in the meeting and reminded all in attendance of the Conflict of Interest statement.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting have been reviewed by the PAC members.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the September meeting.

Discussion: Mr. Shearer asked about the letters of recognition & plaques for Mr. Lawson & Mr. Gannotta. Staff advised that this had not been taken care of yet, but it will be by the next meeting. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

Motion: Passed.

Board Actions

The Committee reviewed the actions regarding perfusionists from the November NCMB meeting.

Licenses Issued/Converted

Ms. Williams reported that two licenses had been issued since the last meeting and one provisional license had been converted to a full license.

Changes to Education Certification Form

The Medical School Certification form has been changed on the MD/DO application. In order to be consistent with the other applications, the Education Certification form in the perfusionist application will need to be revised. The changes were reviewed by the Committee. They also discussed the best way to make the perfusionist community aware of the change. Mr. Hodges is the president of the NC Perfusionist Society. He said the NCPS will send the information out.

Motion: Approve the changes to the Education Certification form. **Passed.**

ABCP Recertification Process

Dr. Hines has drafted a letter to be sent to the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion addressing the requirements for certification renewal. He points out that perfusionist can currently maintain annual certification with the ABCP exclusively with ECMO shifts and other non-CPB cases. He suggests that the ABCP work to revise their requirements to allow no more than 10 ECMO "shifts" (25%) toward the minimum annual number of 40 perfusion cases, and also set a limit on the use of the other non-CPB categories. Dr. Hines would like for the ABCP to consider setting a minimum number of CPB (described as "Primary Bypass" by the ABCP) of at least 20 cases per year (50%), perhaps even averaged over two years (e.g. 15 year 1, 25 year 2).

The general consensus of the members present was that adding caseload requirements for certification may cause small community programs to have to shut down. The Committee

viewed this as an awareness issue regarding competency and performance for individual employers to address.

Mr. Jimison will contact Dr. Hines to find out if the letter was sent to the ABCP. If the letter has been sent, the Committee would like to know what the response was.

Motion: Defer this issue until Dr. Hines has been contacted. Mr. Jimison will share information from Dr. Hines with PAC members. Discuss at March meeting. **Passed.**

PAC Vacancy

Board staff has been in contact with Hugh Tilson at the NC Hospital Association. A replacement for Mr. Gannotta has not been named yet. David Henderson will be asked to contact NCHA. An update will be given at the March meeting.

Motion: A motion was made to go into closed session. **Passed.**

A report was presented for the Committee's review. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information. Please see the Closed Session minutes.

Motion: A motion was made to return to open session. **Passed.**

Next Meeting

March 03, 2011 (conference call unless something comes up that requires a face to face meeting)

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm