

# **MINUTES**

Perfusionist Advisory Committee  
of the North Carolina Medical Board

**March 22, 2007**

**1203 Front Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee March 22, 2007.

The March 22, 2007 meeting of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee was at the North Carolina Medical Board's Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2007, by D. Scott Lawson. Committee members in attendance were: Michael Hines, MD (by telephone); Ian Shearer, CCP, LP; William Hodges, CCP, LP (by telephone). Rick Gannotta, NP, MBA; Shikha Sinha, MSPH; and Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, BSN, MSN-C were absent.

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

### **Opening Comments**

Dr. Hines welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 22, 2007.

### **Conference Call w/ NC Society of Perfusionists – Update**

Mr. Lawson met with the NCSP via conference call on February 11, 2007. The proposed changes to the licensure bill were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Lawson reports that the NCSP has no concerns regarding the rules. The PAC has their approval.

### **March NC Medical Board Meeting**

Mr. Lawson, Dr. Hines, and Mr. Shearer met with members of the Allied Health Committee during the March Board Meeting to provide clarity on the definition of perfusion supervision. The Allied Health Committee did not suggest any statutory changes to the rules regarding supervision.

### **Provisional License**

There was a question as to whether the licensure process (for a provisional license) could be started prior to the applicant completing a perfusion program. Per Joy Cooke, this is acceptable. The application will not go to PAC members for review until after the graduation date, but all materials may be submitted prior to graduating. Mr. Hodges will research the main graduation moths for perfusion programs.

### **Perfusion Practice Rules**

In a phone call from a perfusionist, Ms. Williams was informed that a hospital is telling their perfusionists that as long as their application for licensure has been submitted and is pending, they may practice. Ms. Williams will send out a letter to North Carolina hospitals and to the Medical Society clarifying perfusion practice rules.

### **Report from PAC Interview Panel**

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An oral report was presented for the Committee's review. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

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

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

### **Future Meetings**

- April 26, 2007 (conference call)

In the future, the Committee will be meeting the week before the NC Medical Board meeting (the second week of the month) so that PAC actions and vote list will be presented in the same month. Mr. Lawson will contact all PAC members to see which day will be the best day to convene.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.