

MINUTES

Perfusionist Advisory Committee
of the North Carolina Medical Board

March 05, 2008

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee March 05, 2008.

The March 05, 2008 meeting of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee was held at the North Carolina Medical Board's Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m., Wednesday, March 05, 2008, by Ian Shearer, CCP, LP. Committee members in attendance were: Michael Hines, MD (via telephone); Shikha Sinha, MSPH; D. Scott Lawson, CCP, LP; and Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, BSN, MSN-C (via telephone). Rick Gannotta, NP, MBA and William Hodges, CCP, LP 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

Mr. Shearer welcomed everyone & thanked them for their participation in the meeting. The order of the agenda was changed so that the discussion with Dr. Pendergast was the first item to be addressed.

Meeting with NCPHP & PAC

Dr. Warren Pendergast, Medical Director of the North Carolina Physician Health Program (NCPHP), was present at the meeting to speak with the Committee. After giving an overview of NCPHP, he addressed the Committee's questions regarding what needed to be done in order for perfusionists to be assessed by the program. Mr. Jimison will draft a proposal for the PAC to consider at the April meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as written from the meeting held on February 04, 2008.

Motion: A motion was made and 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.

Vote List

Motion: A motion was made to approve the perfusionist vote list.

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

Biennial Renewal

The modifications have been made to the questions asked during the renewal process. These changes were presented to the Committee. A letter will be sent out to the licensed perfusionists to inform them of the questions.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the changes to the renewal questions. This motion will be sent out via e-mail for the Committee members to vote on as there was not a full quorum when the motion was made.

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CME Rules Discussion

NCMB received an e-mail from a licensed perfusionist regarding the cycle that has been established for obtaining CME hours. The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) requires 45 units every 3 years, whereas NCMB requires 30 units every 2 years. He is concerned that the NC perfusionists may be unaware of the difference in cycles. For this reason, he feels that "an education effort" should be made to bring this to the attention of the perfusionists prior to their renewal date. The CME rule will be applied prospectively and not retroactively. So perfusionists that were licensed prior to the effective date of the CME rule will start their CME cycle when they renew their license. Mr. Lawson informed the Committee that he addressed this issue at the state perfusionist meeting. A section explaining this will be added to the letter that will go out regarding the biennial renewal questions.

Wall Licenses

Ms. Williams presented the proof of the perfusionist wall license. She has contacted the printer and requested a larger size (10 x 13).

Future Meetings

- April 07, 2008
- May 07, 2008
- June 02, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.