

MINUTES

Perfusionist Advisory Committee
of the North Carolina Medical Board

June 04, 2009

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Session of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee June 04, 2009.

The June 04, 2009 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: Shikha Sinha, MSPH; William Hodges, CCP, LP; Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, BSN, MSN-C; and D. Scott Lawson, CCP, LP. Michael Hines, MD and Rick Gannotta, NP, MBA participated via conference call.

Staff members present were: Mr. Marcus Jimison, JD, Board Attorney; Ms. Christina Apperson, JD, Board Attorney; and Ms. Quanta Williams, Physician Extender/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 May meeting have been reviewed by the PAC members.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the May meeting.
Passed.

Medical Board Actions

Ms. Williams reported the actions regarding perfusionists from the May meeting of the NCMB.

PHP Update

Board attorneys Marcus Jimison and Christina Apperson reported on the status of legislative efforts to extend treatment and protections by the Physicians Health Program to perfusionists. Presently, there are several legislative issues regarding the Medical Practice Act this session that have made it difficult to predict whether the PHP/perfusion statutory changes can be enacted into law this session. Nonetheless, the Board remains vigilant for opportunities to identify potential vehicles to enact this change should they arise. Mrs. Apperson reminded the committee that the rules governing the Physicians Health Program were recently revised to accommodate perfusionists and will require no further adjustments once the legislative changes are effectuated.

Hospital Credentialing of LPs

The Committee discussed hospital credentialing of licensed perfusionists. This would be a list of procedures that LPs can do – which would eliminate confusion and protect hospitals. Locums would not have to be credentialed if they were needed in an emergency if the credentials contained emergency protocols. Dr. Hines will show the Committee Wake Forest University's format for credentialing LPs once it has been completed.

The Board cannot require hospitals to credential perfusionists, but can encourage this by way of a letter to the NC Hospital Association. Credentialing can be required by The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS).

Position Statement

The need for a position statement has not arisen in North Carolina. However, in other states licensed perfusionists have tried to say that only LPs should perform ECMO. Dr. Hines will

forward Extracorporeal Life Support Organization's (ELSO) position statement to the Committee members.

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

Closed Session Items

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.**

Future Meetings

- July 06, 2009 (conference call)
- August 06, 2009 (conference call)
- September 03, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm