

MINUTES

Perfusionist Advisory Committee
of the North Carolina Medical Board

November 05, 2009

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Session of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee November 05, 2009.

The November 05, 2009 meeting of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee was held via conference call at the North Carolina Medical Board's (NCMB) Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Ian Shearer, CCP, LP. Members in attendance were: Michael Hines, MD; D. Scott Lawson, CCP, LP; Shikha Sinha, MSPH; Rick Gannotta, NP, MBA; and William Hodges, CCP, LP. Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, BSN, MSN-C was absent.

Staff members present were: Ms. Christina Apperson, JD, Special Projects Coordinator; Ms. Joy Cooke, Director of Licensing; Ms. Michelle Allen, Licensing Department. Ms. Quanta Williams, Physician Extender/Perfusionist Coordinator participated via conference call.

Opening Comments

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

Letter to NC perfusionists regarding NCPHP

Ms. Apperson provided an update on the letter that will be sent to NC licensed perfusionists. PHP revised the Memorandum of Understanding to include a fee that will be paid to PHP via biennial renewal. There will not be an increase in the amount of the renewal fee, but a small portion will be sent to PHP. The anticipated amount of the fee is \$15.75.

Motion: Accept the anticipated fee. **Passed.**

Approval of Minutes

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

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

2010 Meeting Schedule

The Committee has decided to continue to meet on the current schedule alternating Mondays & Thursdays. The 2010 schedule will be sent to PAC members.

Reappointment of Committee Members

Ms. Sinha has received a response from the Governor's Office. The letter that she received from them seems to indicate that her term has not expired. She will send a copy of the letter to Marcus.

Since NCMB has not received a copy of Ms. Gaskins-McClaine's letter to the NC Hospital Association, it is not clear if she has submitted her request for reappointment.

Report on American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) meeting

Dr. Hines provided a report on his meeting with the ABCP. Some of the topics discussed were the use of the Board's resources, records from perfusion programs that have closed, and giving the certification exam more often.

The Board wasn't very forthcoming with information regarding how the money from exam & recertification fees is spent. They did mention that an opportunity would be opening up in the near future for anyone interested in volunteering to serve on the Board.

The Board also noted that documents from dissolved perfusion programs were available to Perfusion Committees. However, they said that they could not verify the authenticity of the documents.

Administering the certification more frequently is something that the Board would be willing to look into. But, it may cause the exam fee to increase because of the cost paid to the testing centers.

Future Meetings

- December 07, 2009 – conference call if light agenda
- January 07, 2010
- February 01, 2010

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm