

North Carolina Medical Board
Advanced Practice Providers & Allied Health Committee – Agenda
Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:30 pm
Board Room

Jerri L. Patterson, NP, Chairperson, John M. Rusher, MD,
Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, PA-C, Shawn P. Parker, JD

OPEN SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), enacted in 2016, authorized PAs and nurse practitioners (NPs) to prescribe buprenorphine for the purposes of treating opioid use disorder through medication assisted treatment (MAT). Current rules mandate PAs and NPs be supervised by a physician who has the same DEA prescribing privileges as the PA and NP. In the context of MAT, this means the supervising physician must be a qualified physician under CARA (waivered or otherwise qualified). Anna Stein, JD, MPH, Legal Specialist with the NC Division of Public Health spoke during the APP & AHC meeting in January 2019 during the discussion as to whether current Board rules serve as a barrier to increased access to treatment.

Staff Action: Staff to provide an update of the legal analysis of federal law regarding physician supervision of PAs and NPs providing medication assisted treatment. The analysis will: 1) clarify who may serve as a supervising physician under federal law; and 2) how the Board could expand the pool of physicians qualified to serve as a supervising physician.

NEW BUSINESS

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ADVISORY MEETING

No new business

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No new business

PERFUSIONIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No items for discussion

ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS

No items for discussion