

MINUTES

North Carolina Medical Board

March 15-18, 2000

**1201 Front Street, Suite 100
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the North Carolina Medical Board Meeting March 15-18, 2000.

The March 15-18, 2000, meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held at the Board's Office, 1201 Front Street, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2000, by Wayne W. VonSeggen, PA-C, President. Board members in attendance were: Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD, Vice President; Walter J. Pories, MD, Secretary/Treasurer; George C. Barrett, MD; Kenneth H. Chambers, MD; John T. Dees, MD; John W. Foust, MD; Hector H. Henry, II, MD; Stephen M. Herring, MD; Mr. Paul Saperstein; and Ms. Martha K. Walston.

Staff members present were: Mr. Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director; Ms. Helen Diane Meelheim, Assistant Executive Director; Mr. James A. Wilson, Board Attorney; Mr. R. David Henderson, Board Attorney; Mr. William H. Breeze, Jr., Board Attorney; Ms. Wanda Long, Legal Assistant; Lynne Edwards, Legal Assistant; Mr. John W. Jargstorf, Investigative Director; Mr. Don R. Pittman, Investigative Field Supervisor; Mr. Edmond Kirby-Smith, Investigator; Mr. Dale E. Lear, Investigator; Ms. Donna Mahony, Investigator; Mr. Fred Tucker, Investigator; Mrs. Therese Dembroksi, Investigator; Ms. Barbara Brame, Investigator; Edith Moore, Investigator; Mrs. Jenny Olmstead, Senior Investigative Coordinator; Ms. Michelle Lee, Investigative Coordinator/Malpractice Coordinator; Ms. Myriam Hopson, Investigative Coordinator; Mr. Dale Breaden, Director of Communications and Public Affairs; Ms. Jennifer L. Deyton, Public Affairs Assistant; Mrs. Joy D. Cooke, Licensing Director; Mr. Jeff A. Peake, Licensing Assistant; Ms. Erin Gough, PA/NP Coordinator; Mr. James Campbell, Licensing Assistant; Tammy O'Hare, Licensing Assistant; Mrs. Janice Fowler, Operations Assistant; Ms. Sherry Hyder, Receptionist (Temp.); Mr. Peter Celentano, Controller; Ms. Sonya Darnell, Operations Assistant; Ms. Ann Z. Norris, Verification Secretary; Ms. Judie Clark, Complaint Department Director; Mrs. Sharon Squibb-Denslow, Complaint Department Assistant; Ms. Deborah Hill, Complaint Department Assistant; Mr. Jeffery T. Denton, Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary; Mr. Scott A. Clark, Operations Assistant; and Ms. Rebecca L. Manning, Information Specialist.

MISCELLANEOUS

Deans - A Meeting With the Medical School Deans

Attending:

Gene Orringer, MD, University of North Carolina School of Medicine
James A. Hallock, MD, Dean, East Carolina University School of Medicine
James N. Thompson, MD, Dean, Wake Forest University School of Medicine
Russ Kaufman, MD, Duke University School of Medicine

The meeting began at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2000. Following a welcome and introductions, Mr. VonSeggen thanked each of the representatives of the medical schools for giving their time so generously.

Postgraduate Training Requirement for Licensure

A discussion then opened regarding how many years of postgraduate training should be required prior to issuance of a full license to practice medicine. The current requirement is one year for those graduating from United States and Canadian medical schools and three years for those graduating from foreign medical schools. (A background memorandum with graph attachments was distributed by Mr. Watry.) Dr. Hallock said that to raise the bar might present problems recruiting house staff to stay in North Carolina. To change the requirement to more than one year would cause them to go to another state that has only a one year requirement. He wants to know why the Board wants to change the requirement. "Nothing has happened on my radar screen."

Dr. Thompson stated that he had no new arguments but noted that there is substantial competition for house officer positions and presently not all positions are filled in North Carolina. He said the medical schools share the same constituency as the Medical Board and that both have a responsibility to protect the public. "If the public is served by extending the requirement then one would see this change across the country."

Dr. Barrett asked what data the medical schools would consider useful in making a determination to raise the bar. Dr. Thompson responded that the Medical Board should be able to show that the public is at greater risk in being cared for by someone that has had only one year of post graduate training, and be able to show that an additional year would make a substantial difference. Dr. Hallock inquired as to whether this could be shown in Board actions. Dr. Barrett noted that most of the incidents occurring in emergency rooms as a result of one year post graduate physicians vs two year post graduate physicians are the kind of incidents that do not get reported to the Medical Board. He then asked if the medical schools have conclusive data to show that if two or three years is required it would impact medical schools significantly.

The deans' consensus was that it would hamper recruiting. Particularly, for economic reasons for students that need to do some moonlighting. It was noted by the deans that each school, from department to department, have varying policies within programs as far as who can and cannot moonlight. Dr. Pories stated that there are major differences in surgery programs. Some encourage moonlighting and some emergency rooms need to be staffed by moonlighters. He continued that students learn a significant amount in these types of moonlighting situations.

Dr. Hallock stated that discussing this for 30 minutes each year is not working. He suggested that if the Board is serious about changing the post graduate training requirement the Board should put a task force together to study it and make recommendations (medical schools, medical society, Medical Board, Federation of State Medical Boards, etc). Dr. Henry stated that several other residency programs have shares in this issue too and this may preempt federal government from imposing rules on us. Dr. Orringer agreed that this involves more than just the academic training centers. Dr. Thompson stated that his concern is that over 80 percent of the states seem to be okay with one year. He continued that we need to be involved in a national movement. He said that "an emergency room with a one year post graduate or a two year post graduate is probably better served than an emergency room with no physicians."

Dr. Hallock stressed that it is frustrating to come once a year to discuss issues for such a short period of time. He would be willing to involve himself in further discussion during the year on a "research task force" on post graduate training. The consensus was that all the deans are willing to be involved with this type of task force.

With medical school involvement on the task force, Dr. Barrett asked the question: "If the task force recommends raising the bar will the medical schools support this?" All medical school deans and representatives answered in the affirmative.

Minor Surgeries Can Have Major Complications

Mr. VonSeggen moved the conversation to another topic by asking: "How are the medical schools preparing students for office based surgery?" The Medical Board is concerned that with Medicare and other organizations pushing more and more procedures to the office it should look into office-based surgery/anesthesia and what training medical students are getting.

Dr. Kaufman stated that the ACGME committee is probably the most important committee for regulation. Dr. Thompson said that this is a very important issue and goes beyond office based surgery because all medical schools are trying to advance ambulatory education. He noted that the schools do not have good, effective monitors to follow as students leave school. He is concerned also about student experiences in ambulatory care centers and believes that it is incumbent upon educators to monitor these experiences.

Dr. Hallock stated that ACGME is about to embark on a different direction for specialty accreditation. He said this will be a significant change from how residency programs were done in the past.

Criminal Checks

Mr. Watry opened discussion regarding the book "Blind Eye" about Dr. Swango. He stated that the Medical Board is "shoring up on criminal checks creating a good tight net for our citizens." A copy of the book has been provided to all Board Members.

Dr. Thompson said that he was so moved by the book that he called some people at Ohio State and knows many of the people in the book. He emphatically encouraged all present to read this book. He stated it is an indictment of several things, particularly our ability to identify and get rid of the bad apples. Hidden beneath this is a court system that makes it difficult to get rid of bad apples. He is personally disturbed because he does know many of the people in the book and because he went to Ohio State.

Mr. Watry noted that the commercial route of criminal checks requires one to specify which states the individuals have been in. In a federal check, this is not the case. He added that the North Carolina Medical Board currently is working with the DEA and is trying to develop something with the State.

Dr. Kaufman said it would be difficult to test students psychologically with 6,000 applications resulting in 1,000 interviews. He continued that the students are monitored once in school.

Dr. Thompson emphasized that curricular reform will help to identify the problem students. In the past, the first two years were mostly lectures and it was hard to identify problem students early-on.

Post Licensure Assessment (Remediation) Program (PLAS)

The medical boards throughout the country will soon have access to a new Post Licensure Assessment Remediation Program (PLAS). Infrastructure for this program is being funded by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S., Inc., (FSMB) through a program in Colorado. Boards will be able to refer physicians whose clinical skills or medical competence are in question. These physicians will be exposed to state of the art assessment for deficiencies. The problem is what to do once deficiencies are identified. Ideally boards would like to be able to engage academic institutions in remedial education programs to target deficiencies identified through these clinical skills assessments. This Board would like to discuss prospects for developing outlets for referral for remedial education programs within our state.

It was noted that East Carolina University's clinical assessment program now has 20 stations. Initially testing medical students, it is now one of eight or nine National Board testing centers. It has been doing assessments for the Board but no remediation.

Dr. Hallock stated that East Carolina continues to look at testing and remediation. Dr. Kaufman said there are a lot of weaknesses in CME, that credentialing is weak, and that all schools are going to have to develop strong credentialing programs.

Dr. Barrett emphasized that now, with PLAS in place, North Carolina needs to get "remedial education program centers" in place. He emphasized that a critical part of the assessment is the education piece. Boards are not going to refer if no remediation is available.

Dr. Barrett and Mr. Watry stressed that the Medical Board would like to work through the medical schools and the AHEC's to set up remediation in North Carolina.

USMLE Seven Year Rule

The Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S., Inc., (FSMB) is a voluntary organization whose membership includes the 68 medical and osteopathic boards throughout the country. It recommended that boards consider the unique circumstances of MD/PhD program graduates and consider whether they want to amend the seven year requirement for USMLE for these individuals. The seven year requirement is generally accepted throughout the country; it

means that to successfully complete the USMLE track, all components have to be completed within seven years. Evidently, the MD/PhD candidates have unique problems with this requirement.

Mr. Watry asked if this seven year rule was a problem for the North Carolina medical schools. Dr. Orringer stressed that he directs the M.D./Ph.D. Program at UNC. He continued that last year UNC had eight M.D./Ph.D. students. These are the brightest of students and it is an extremely competitive program.

A poll of the medical schools on the number of M.D./Ph.D. students identified approximately 25.

Mr. Watry said that if any of the schools are getting caught up in this seven year rule to let him know and he may be able to get the rule amended for North Carolina. Dr. Orringer recommends 10 years vs seven years for M.D./Ph.D. students.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45, Wednesday, March 15, 2000.

Consensus Items:

- ❶ The Medical Board will consider establishing a task force to study the post graduate training requirement. As a minimum, this task force would consist of representatives from the Medical Board, Medical Society, medical schools, and other residency program managers).
- ❷ The Medical Board would like to work with the medical schools and the AHEC's to setup remediation programs in North Carolina.

Presidential Remarks

Mr. VonSeggen commenced this meeting by reading the North Carolina Board of Ethics "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder."

FSMB 2000 Annual House of Delegates Meeting

Motion: (WV, WP) A motion passed nominating Dr. Kanof to be the backup voting delegate for the 2000 Annual House of Delegates Meeting.

EMS Regulatory Function Change; Support Of

Motion: (SH, JF) A motion passed supporting evaluating a study to place the regulatory function of EMS under the Department of Health and Human Services.

Snow Storm – January 2000

Motion: (JF, EK) A motion passed expressing gratitude to the staff for all the hard work done in bringing the office back up to par following the snow storm in January 2000.

Audit Report

Lynwood Jackson, CPA, Lynch & Howard

Mr. Jackson reviewed the North Carolina Medical Board "Report On Audit," year ending October 31, 1999, in detail.

Motion: A motion passed to accept the Audit Report as presented.

Medical Coordinator Search

Mr. Watry mapped out the plans for the Medical Coordinator search and brought the Board up-to-date on current search status.

Hearing Process

Dr. Barrett opened this discussion by stating that "North Carolina was one of the last medical boards to use the Board as judge, jury and sentencer." He asked that the Board direct Mr. Watry and Mr. Wilson to put together a point paper that provides for the Board the

pros and cons, the process, and the manner in which we might implement the Administrative Judge for the hearing process. To be included in this paper would be a survey of other states and a look at for those that serve on the Investigative Committee who should or should not be stricken from sitting on certain cases. He would also like to see the investigative/adjuditory process addressed.

CME Rules Review

A public hearing regarding the new CME Rules was held at the Medical Board on March 3, 2000. Dr. Dees, one of the Hearing Officers, presented feedback from the hearing and read various comments received.

Motion: (JD, KC) A motion passed to submit the rules with the following changes:

- (1) Reverse approved categories of CME
- (2) Strike "general medical reading"
- (3) Change Enduring Material to (printed and electronic) vs (Audio-Video)

MINUTE APPROVAL

Motion: A motion passed that the January 19-22, 2000, Board Minutes be approved as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director, presented the following information:

- **Office Automation:** The upgrade of the backbone for our licensure system has consumed a significant amount of staff time these past few months. We converted over to the new vendor's database and we are working out bugs. Presently staff are able to look up licensee status and make changes. The registration process has stayed relatively current in spite of glitches in posting individual licensee accounts. The mechanism in the program design construct for this process is sound; technical problems in finalizing the reregistration mechanisms have been resolved thanks to many late hours of work by Diane, Rebecca and our vendor. The new system is far superior to its predecessors. Most importantly, it is fully Y2K compliant. The century is fully accounted for in all dates and there should be no glitches in date arithmetic as a result. The old system only had two spaces for year in many of the key date fields, thus presenting the classic Y2K problem by ignoring century.

The turn of the century went off without a hitch in terms of office equipment.

The new system presents a firm foundation for building significant office automation improvements. These improvements could not have been built on the old system. As of this writing, we have put our application form for physicians on the web. This will greatly reduce man-hours required to assemble and mail these forms out for individual requests. In the future we will bar code each of the forms in the application packet and this bar code will tie these forms back to specific applicants. The applicant's record on the computer can be updated when the form comes in simply by passing it through a scanner. This will significantly reduce man-hours in assembling information to complete applications. Additionally, through a secure place on the web site, applicants can check on the status of their applications. Currently, it is a significant drain on the resources of our application processing staff to answer the phone from anxious applicants who want to inquire on the status of their applications. This load can be shifted to the web once we make this change. Reregistration will also be remarkably improved. Forms will be scanned twice, once upon initial receipt and once to get all of the critical update information. The second scan is necessary to trigger the time consuming process of editing data supplied by the licensee.

We can thus acknowledge receipt when the forms hit our front door. Staff will be able to respond to registration inquiries much more expeditiously. This information will also ultimately be fed to the web site so that we can divert these requests as well.

The software connecting us with an internet service provider for Board Members and investigators has been obtained. However, Diane is looking into the prospect of making sure all Board Members and investigators can get access to a local telephone line for this service before we pass it out and before we pay for it. Once this is in, all Board Members will be able to communicate with all staff members directly through E-mail. Each staff member has an individual E-mail account and there are also accounts for departments.

We are planning another system improvement having to do with remittances and reregistration. We are developing a system to allow registration online through use of a credit card. This will get us out of business of handling checks for these individuals and make reregistration much more timely. The Internet page would not allow one to complete registration unless all items were properly entered. The manual validation steps that now occur with paper could be eliminated for all of these cases. Computer records could be directly updated and the remittance processed to us through the bank via the credit card. This would reduce substantial overhead involved in annually reregistering some 31,000 individuals. We have consulted with the Pharmacy Board and the Nursing Board who are similarly considering this process. Right now our best estimate is that approximately 40% of our licensees would take advantage of this service. As our licensee pool becomes more computer dependent, we could look forward to the day where we could eliminate the manual paper registration system.

- **Internet Prescribing:** The Board's Internet prescribing policy has been favorably received. I have been asked to represent the Federation at a meeting in Washington to discuss involvement of the Federal government in the regulation of Internet prescribing. President Clinton has made this a priority for the Food and Drug Administration. I will keep you posted as to developments. The meeting I will be attending with Dr. Winn will be on January 28.
- **Physician Demographic Data:** I have met with representatives of the Sheps Center concerning its involvement in a study for us to determine from our public records if there are markers and indicators which are predictive of potential disciplinary activity by the Medical Board. This could be groundbreaking work. If there are such markers and indicators, they could assist the Board in developing mechanisms to help people stay out of trouble which causes disciplinary action and this would be a significant benefit to our patient population. The Sheps Center already collects and analyzes demographic data such as age, location, training and specialty, etc. It will merge this data along with a complete analysis of our public disciplinary records to see if there are single or multiple markers which may have statistical predictive value. The report of this project would be made to the Board.
- **Physician Profiling:** There is a national trend in many legislatures to require medical boards to develop physician profiling similar to what is done in Massachusetts. These profiles not only list the public information but they also list malpractice, complaint, criminal, and other types of history such as publications and awards. This legislation places significant additional overhead on medical boards. I have been appointed to a Federation committee studying this issue.

I think this Board is in a good position in this regard. This Board has had the foresight to develop a very effective public information program under the direction of Dale Breaden. This serves a valuable public purpose. But also by providing not only access but active dissemination of all public information and going to the lengths that we do to make this information readily accessible, this may have the effect of neutralizing potential legislative

concerns that we are not being responsive enough to the public. Those are the concerns that are catalytic in terms of driving profile legislation in other states. This is an editorial comment but the problem I have with profile legislation is it puts some information out that may negatively impact consumers in roundabout ways. For example, any physician who chooses to serve a prison population has an increased exposure to complaints. I can see there being great difficulty in getting qualified physicians to work in a prison or any other climate with higher complaint exposure when a public record is created of all complaints for that individual. Similarly, publishing malpractice data may have a similar affect. Certain physicians work courageously in high risk activities where there are serious risks of morbidity and mortality even under the best of circumstances. Although it may be a good thing to expose the malpractice histories of some physicians it may be a bad thing to expose the malpractice history of others and how is one to discriminate. Finally, there is always the risk of getting an unfunded mandate which is exactly what happened in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Board was mandated to develop a very expensive profiling system without any funding consideration whatsoever and it had a dramatic impact on the board's operation by draining resources intended for licensing and discipline. This was followed by a hue and cry in the media that there was not enough of the latter. The good things that are done to disseminate public information in our Public Affairs Department help make useful information for our public readily available. It is premature to indicate which way the Federation committee is tilting, at this point, because its recommendations have not been adopted by the Federation Board of Directors. I will keep you posted.

- **Meetings:**

January 18	FSMB Profiling Committee
January 28	Meeting in Washington on Internet Prescribing at the request of FSMB

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM REPORT

Dale Breaden, Communications Director, presented the following information:

Jennifer Deyton and Shannon Kingston

It is always a sad day when a highly valued, trusted, and talented member of the staff leaves the Board. I regret to say that day rapidly approaches for the Public Affairs Department with the imminent departure of Jennifer Deyton. She has made a significant place for herself here through her professional abilities, sharp wit, diplomatic good sense, and straightforward personality, all qualities essential to the work of the department. She brought with her all the skills and personal drive needed to master the tasks assigned, and she did that and more than that. She thoroughly understood our goals and methods, our commitment to the public interest, and, most of all, the importance of our efforts. To say she will be missed is to define understatement. But she is moving on to a great opportunity, which, while she did not seek it, she has certainly earned and deserves. There is no need to wish her luck in her new position, just God speed.

Jennifer has written a note about her leaving that I should like to share with you. I have really enjoyed my time at the Board. The work I have been involved with in Public Affairs has been both interesting and important. Making the decision to leave was a difficult one. However, an opportunity fell in my lap that I just could not pass up. I will be the new assistant editor of the *Arthritis and Rheumatology Journal*, which is being moved to Duke this summer. I am very excited about this opportunity and would like to thank the Board for all it has done to help prepare me for this editorship. Having been mentored by Dale, a guru in communications, I am confident in my abilities to succeed at

this new job and feel indebted to Dale and the Board for giving me such skill. Thanks again!

For every departure, of course, there must be an arrival. We move on. In this case, Shannon Kingston joined the Public Affairs staff on Tuesday, March 8. Shannon's entry on the scene allows Jennifer almost a month to phase out of her position in an orderly way and to introduce her successor to the maelstrom. (We owe Jennifer our thanks for working her schedule to allow this strong transition effort.) Shannon comes to us from Houston, Texas. She attended the University of New Mexico and the University of Houston, taking her bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Houston. Her recent experience includes working for over a year as medical records supervisor at the Urocenter of Houston and two years as administrative assistant to the senior account executive at the *Houston Press*. In the latter role, she developed sales and marketing materials, handled customer relations with attention on meeting advertisers' goals and objectives, and got to know something of the internal workings of a newspaper. Her contact and work with reporters and editors was a particularly valuable experience. She also brings with her a solid computer background. In the few days she has been with us, she has already tackled and completed several significant projects. I look forward to working with her in continuing and enhancing the work of the Public Affairs Department.

Forum

The fourth number of the *Forum* for 1999 appeared in late February, an extended delay occasioned by snow and the flu. It was devoted largely to the Board's Position Statements, but also featured an article by William D. Daniel, MD, on the need for medical chaperones, a review by Mr Wilson, and excellent lead articles by Mr VonSeggen and Mr Watry. (Note: in the effort to push the *Forum* to press, one position statement, on advertising and publicity, was omitted. It will appear in the upcoming number. On the positive side, the situation allowed us to include several position statements that were not in place at the time scheduled for original publication. It also gave us a chance to include several announcements--such as that relating to the medical coordinator's position--that we could not have accommodated otherwise.)

The first *Forum* for 2000 will appear in early April and will feature, among other things, an article by W. Stuart Tucker, Jr, MD, on the value of house calls, a piece by Mrs Walston about her service on the Board, a letter to the editor from a physician in the NCPHP, a comment from several medical staff professionals on DataLink, a review by Dr Barrett of *An Ethics Casebook for Hospitals*, and a personal comment on HMOs by Dr Roufail.

Beginning with the first number of the *Forum* for 2000, we are reducing our distribution somewhat due to the *Forum*'s availability on the Internet. We published an article in the third number of the 1999 *Forum* stressing that anyone with access to the Internet can print out the *Forum* and noting that certain classes of recipients would be removed from the mailing list as of the year 2000. This article is also appearing in the upcoming number. We have contacted libraries to ask they use the Internet as a source for the *Forum* rather than receive a regular print copy. These and related efforts are particularly useful because the size of our regulated community has steadily grown and we must maintain a reasonable print run.

As I have noted previously, we plan to add a full *Forum* index to the Web site. An archive of the *Forum* will be placed on our own system as a permanent record, which will be available for printing at any time and will make it possible for us to respond easily to requests for specific numbers or articles. Shannon Kingston will pick up this project from Jennifer Deyton, who has been developing and preparing it over the past several months.

Informational Brochure

The final version of the brochure awaits adoption of the CME rule and any action relating to the Board taken in the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

Other Publications

Mr Watry's lead article in the most recent *Forum* has stimulated a significant media interest in the Board's response to the Internet prescribing issue. Coverage has been extensive and quite positive. We have seen significant positive coverage of the Board's position statement

relating to Internet prescribing. We also received good coverage on our release of the Board's 1999 Board Action Report.

Radio/TV Broadcast Activities

We continue to look forward to the opportunity of developing programming in the future in cooperation with the NC Agency for Public Telecommunications, though no specific plan has been developed as yet.

We have now sold over 60 copies of our End-of-Life Decisions Forum audio tape. This level of demand has been relatively stable. Our videos also continue to sell. We will continue to run notices of our audio program and our videos in the *Forum* from time to time. We will soon have an audio version of our ethics video by Dr Pellegrino.

[Video tapes available:

Pain Management Patient-Doctor Boundaries

The Magic Kiss: Sexual Misconduct and Boundary Issues in Medicine

NCMB Presents Edmund D. Pellegrino in *Why Do We Speak of Responsibility?* @]

PA/NP Materials

When Shannon Kingston has an opportunity to complete the process, we will add a PA/NP section to our Web site, which will focus on matters of interest to both of those professions. Shannon will also focus on developing *Forum* materials related to PAs\NPs.

Presentations to Public and Professional Groups

Over the past year, the following presentations have been made or scheduled and reported to Public Affairs.

Andrew Watry

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UNC/CH medical students--March 8

UNC/CH medical students--April 5

Wake County Medical Society--August 19

NC Association Medical Staff Services (at Board offices)--August 20

Wake Forest U School of Medicine (MAAP program)--September 30

Cabarrus Co Medical Society--November 4

2000

Davidson Co Medical Society--February 29

UNC/CH third year medical students--March 13

Diane Meelheim

1999

PA Program, Fayetteville--March 23

PA Program, Duke University School of Medicine--April 29

PA Program, East Carolina University School of Medicine--July 6

Womack Army Hospital (NP)--August 18

Regulatory Update, Duke University Medical Center PA/NP Program--September 25
2000

UNC School of Public Health students--February 22

Duke University School of Nursing/NP students (Fayetteville)--February 24

Wake Forest University PA Program--March 13

Duke PA Program--April 27

James Wilson

1999

Wake Forest U School of Medicine (MAAP program)--March 3

East Carolina University School of Medicine (Med Jurisprudence--Intro to NCMB)--March 9

ECU School of Medicine Health Law Forum (Challenges for NCMB)--September 15

Wake Forest U School of Medicine (MAAP program)--September 30

UNC School of Law, Presentation to students on Health Law--January 24
ECU Medical School, Fourth Year Students (Medical Jurisprudence – Intro to NCMB and Mock Trial)--March 6

Bill Breeze

1999

Durham Bar Luncheon speaker--April 14
Durham/Orange County Medical Legal Committee Meeting--April 14

John Jargstorf

1999

Led FSMB Investigator Workshop Seminar: Prescribing Issues--November 5-6

Donald Pittman

1999

Led FSMB Investigator Workshop Seminar: Prescribing Issues--November 5-6

Dr Trado

1999

Wake Forest U School of Medicine--March 3

Mr VonSeggen

1999

NCAPA Open Forum--June 2

Winston-Salem Medical Group Managers Meeting--November 10

Physician Assistant Section, North Carolina Medical Society Meeting--November 13

Board Meeting, North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants--November 14

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Cape Fear PA Regional Meeting, Wilmington--February 22

East Carolina University PA Program--February 22

Wake Forest University Conference on Inappropriate Patient Relationships--February 25

Wake Forest University PA Program--March 13

NC Medical Group Managers Spring Meeting--March 31

"Job Powwow" session on Regulatory Issues in Job-Seeking, Winston-Salem--April 1

Mr Saperstein

1999

Greensboro Medical Society--May 6

Wake County Medical Society--August 19

Wake Forest U School of Medicine (MAAP program)--September 30

Mrs Walston

1999

Book Club, Wilson--May 18

As always, I would appreciate it if members of the Board who have the appropriate contacts would speak with their local civic groups/clubs to determine if they would be interested in a presentation on the work of the Board. Shannon will be happy to make the arrangements once the initial contact is made and she will be beginning an active program to identify presentation opportunities.

Board Action Report

The detailed bimonthly disciplinary report continues to generate good press response and coverage of the Board's disciplinary activities. It is sent to all health care institutions and media in the area of subject licensees' practices and to organizations and agencies with statewide responsibilities. A full year of reports appears on our Web site. This use of the Web site, combined with our new e-mail facility, has now made it possible to reduce the number of print copies of the report needed for mailing. Basically, only state government, medical, and media addressees remain on the mailing list. We continue to collect the e-mail addresses of the state=s news media and will be communicating electronically with as many of them as possible as the year goes on--letting them know by e-mail that a new report has been mounted on our Web site. This should help reduce the mailing list a bit more. As you know, a cumulative report also appears in the *Forum*, and special notices concerning revocations, summary suspensions, suspensions, and surrenders are sent out when the information is received by Public Affairs. These are posted on the Web site for several months under News and Immediate Releases. These reports will also be offered to the media electronically in the near future.

Thanks to the Internet, media throughout the state, not just in counties where subject practitioners live, can now receive full listings of Board actions on a regular basis.

We owe special thanks to Mr Wilson and to Jenny Olmstead for reviewing each Board Action Report prior to its release.

Media Day/Annual News Release

Thanks to the demands of a local reporter (not in the medical field) for all our 1999 Board action data prior to our scheduled Media Day, it was necessary for us to release the data to him. The law requires us to do so if asked. We have been fortunate over the past five years to have had reporters cooperate with our decision to release on a specific date. That being said, however, we could not agree to give the reporter involved an advantage over his colleagues around the state. Therefore, we spent a hectic day entering the entire Board Action Report on our Internet site and contacting every key print and electronic media outlet in the state to tell it the material was available. This maintained our integrity with the media while complying with the demand made on us. As a result, we received coverage of the data in the major media markets.

Clearly, this development requires redesigning our concept of a Media Day. Because we are dealing with public record data, we would have had to do this eventually in any case in relation to those data. We will go forward with our release of a brief Annual Report document on March 22 and accept telephone calls from interested reporters, however. That document will summarize the Board's activity for the year, push the newly adopted Position Statements, and reference our bill in the General Assembly. (It will also contain a summary of the Board Action Report). Next year, we will arrange to handle our annual media release in accord with this new reality.

Over the past five years, we have done extremely well in introducing the idea of a major media effort, a news conference, for the Board. Now we have the attention and, I believe, trust of the media community. We can build on that effectively for the future.

News Clippings

We continue to make the regular weekly packet of clippings available to you on disk. This approach allows us to send you the full package of material as well as an edited selection. Shannon will continue Jennifer's effort on this project. Recent events have slowed this system a bit, but it should be back on its normal course shortly.

We always appreciate any feedback you might have on this system.

800 Telephone Number

We continue to promote our 800 number in the *Forum* and in other ways. Our Web site and the media distribute the number. In September, 1999, we had 1,400 calls via the 800 number and we are told the number has been climbing over the past few months.

Web Page

As you know, one of Jennifer Deyton's key activities has been maintenance and refinement of the NCMB Web site. She has done a remarkable job.

To refresh the site and keep it vital, she has redesigned its format. In doing this, she has placed the table of contents (menu) in a side column and shortened the length of text lines for easier reading. This change will be mounted before Jennifer leaves. Shannon will take over the Web site and will continue to develop it over the months ahead.

Content, of course, is what counts, and our site is rich in content and very well organized. As you know, the site contains virtually all the Board's publications, documents, and statements; and they are easily available for printing from the site, some exactly as published by using the Adobe Acrobat Reader. We recently added a section on the new registration system and inactive status and will plan to open a section devoted to PAs and NPs. Several forms now appear on the site and more will soon be mounted.

We are always happy to get your comments on the site.

[The above is not intended to be a report on all activities of the PA department or director.]

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and to preserve attorney/client privilege.

The Legal Department reported on 66 cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

EXECUTED CASES

BEDINGTON, William David , PA
Order to Terminate Consent Order executed 3/15/2000

BOSLEY, Larry Lee, MD
Consent Order executed 1/13/2000

COYNE, Mark Dennis, MD
Consent Order executed 2/16/2000

KEEVER, Richard Alan , MD
Order Terminating Consent Order executed 3/15/2000

KELL, Michael Jon, MD
Consent Order executed 2/16/2000

MEAD, Robert J. Jr., MD
Consent Order executed 3/7/2000

ONWUKWE, Augustine Nnana, MD
Consent Order executed 2/25/2000

PFLIEGER, Kurt Loring, MD
Consent Order executed 2/29/2000

POOLE, James Morrison, MD
Consent Order executed 1/4/2000

SCHER, Stephen Barry, MD
Consent Order executed 2/16/2000

TIDMORE, Hollis Daniel , MD
Consent Order executed 3/18/2000

HEARINGS – 3/16/00

DOLIN, Michael Glen, MD
BOARD ACTION: Revoke

GIFFONE, Jr., Anthony Frederick, MD
BOARD ACTION: Accept proposed Consent Order

GOUBRAN, Michel Zaki, MD

BOARD ACTION: Indefinite suspension, stayed after 6 months if MD signs a Consent Order admitting wrongdoing and agreeing to a PHP assessment and education in anger management and infectious diseases

KONG, Lok King, MD
BOARD ACTION: continued to July 2000

MACKEY, William Frederick Jr.
BOARD ACTION: Indefinite suspension

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT(s)

John Foust, MD, Chair; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Hector Henry, MD; Paul Saperstein; Stephen Herring, MD; George Barrett, MD

The Policy Committee was called to order at 1:17 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at the office of the Board. Present: John W. Foust, MD, Chair; George C. Barrett, MD; Hector H. Henry, II, MD; Stephen M. Herring, MD; Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD; Paul Saperstein; Wayne W. VonSeggen, PAC, Board President; Walter J. Pories, MD, Board Member; Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director; Dale G Breaden, Director, Public Affairs (PC Staff); Jeffery T. Denton, Board Recorder (PC Staff)

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 1999, Policy Committee were reviewed and accepted.

Alternative Medicine Subcommittee Update (Drs Kanof and Henry)

Dr Kanof has been authorized (and funded) to attend the 2nd Annual Clinical Relevance of Medicinal Herbs and Nutritional Supplements in the Management of Major Medical Problems at Chapel Hill March 24 through 26, 2000. Dr Henry will be attending a function on March 27.

Action: Marty Sullivan, MD, Director of Duke's Center for Integrative Medicine, will attend the Policy Committee Meeting being scheduled for 9:30 a.m., April 26, for a presentation and an open discussion.

Scope of Practice Subcommittee Update (Dr Herring, Mr Saperstein and Dr Kanof)
This Subcommittee is in the process of setting up a meeting with Mr Watry.

Status: A work in progress.

Office-Based Surgery/Anesthesia: Report on Progress of Draft Position Statement (Dr Herring and Dr Henry)

Drs Herring and Henry continue to work on an outline for the position statement. A copy of the Florida statute was presented to the Committee for review. Dr Kanof and Dr Barrett made specific comments regarding the other state statutes. Mr Watry has written a letter to the Medical Society to set up a meeting to discuss office-based surgery/anesthesia.

Action/Status: A work in progress.

Expert Witnesses –Letter to the Medical Society to Discuss

Status: Mr Watry has written a letter to the Medical Society requesting a meeting between the Policy Committee (with the Board Attorney) and the Medical Society to discuss expert witness issues at the March 2000 Board Meeting.

Attorney General Invited to the Board

Status: Mr Mike Easley, Attorney General, has been invited to the March 2000 Board Meeting to discuss previously selected agenda items.

Review of Position Statement on Laser Surgery

Some physicians have contacted the Board regarding a “grandfathering” issue. The position statement was reviewed and it was decided to recommend no changes at this time.

Time Limit on Completion of USMLE Steps 1, 2 and 3

A letter for the FSMB on USMLE’s policy that all three steps of the examination be taken within seven years was distributed to the committee. At the request of several MD-PhD program directors and individuals enrolled in MD-PhD programs, the FSMB’s Composite Committee the committee approved the report that reaffirms the appropriateness of the seven-year rule.

Recommendation/Action: That no change to current policy be made and that this item be shared with the deans of the medical schools.

Review of Assessment and Remediation Programs

Dr Barrett announced that a formal agreement has been signed between CPEP in Colorado, the Nationals and the Federation of State Medical Boards regarding PLAS. Dr Barrett suggests that the Board look at funding infrastructure for developing the “educational” portion of the program. He emphasized that now, with PLAS in place, North Carolina needs to get “remedial education program centers” in place.

Action:

(1) Legal will be asked to provide a written analysis of what the law states regarding the Board ordering physicians into assessment vs Board funding of the assessment.

(2) Invite Tom Bacon to a meeting with the Board to discuss AHECs’ possible role in supporting the educational remediation portion of the program.

(3) Discuss with deans: “How can the Board help you do this (set up the educational portion of the remediation process).”

Appropriate Medical Advertisements

Recently, a letter and an attached questionable advertisement was received by the Board from Vernon B. Hunt, MD of BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina. The Credentialing Committee of BCBS asked several questions of the Board.

Action: This matter will be handled by the Complaint Department

Possible Future Agenda Items

- (1) Physician Profiling
- (2) Public Information

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2000.

The Policy Committee was called to order at 3:05 pm, Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at the office of the Board. Present: John W. Foust, MD, Chair; George C. Barrett, MD; Hector H. Henry, II, MD; Stephen M. Herring, MD; Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD; Paul Saperstein; Wayne W. VonSeggen, PAC, Board President; Walter J. Pories, MD, Board Member; John T. Dees, MD, Board Member; Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director; Dale G Breaden, Director, Public Affairs (PC Staff); Jeffery T. Denton, Board Recorder (PC Staff).

NB: **Recommendation to Board**=Committee's request for Board consideration of item.
Action=Item related to the Committee's own work or deliberations.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the February 16, 2000, Policy Committee were reviewed and accepted.

Alternative Medicine Subcommittee Update (Drs Kanof and Henry)

From previous meetings: (1) Dr Kanof will be attending the 2nd Annual Clinical Relevance of Medicinal Herbs and Nutritional Supplements in the Management of Major Medical Problems at Chapel Hill March 24 through 26, 2000; (2) Marty Sullivan, MD, Director of Duke's Center for Integrative Medicine, will attend the Policy Committee Meeting being scheduled for 9:30 a.m., April 26, for a presentation and an open discussion.

Recommendation to Board: Provided it can be done, the meeting with Marty Sullivan, MD, should be available to the full board, not just the Policy Committee.

Action: Any problem case scenarios or specific questions related to alternative medicine should be submitted to Mr Breaden ahead of time to be forwarded to Dr Sullivan.

Scope of Practice Subcommittee Update (Dr Herring, Mr Saperstein and Dr Kanof)

This subcommittee is in the process of setting up a meeting this week.

Status: A work in progress.

Office-Based Surgery/Anesthesia: Report on Progress of Draft Position Statement (Drs Herring and Henry)

It was noted that the Medical Society had accepted an invitation to attend this Policy Committee Meeting but they were unable to attend. Dr Herring has thoroughly reviewed the Texas, California, and Florida statutes and made a list of issues for discussion. He recommends that with supportive legislation North Carolina could cause inspections of all surgery/anesthesia sites. He also recommends that before proceeding with development any further the Medical Board meet with the Board of Dental Examiners to discuss these issues since they have a statute in place and have been using office-based anesthesia for many years. He will send out the notes he has made to the members of the Committee in preparation for further discussion.

Action/Status: Mr Watry and the staff are asked to:

- (1) obtain and analyze information from the Board of Dental Examiners,
- (2) obtain information on JCAH and HEDIS standards,
- (3) arrange a meeting with the Board of Dental Examiners, and
- (4) delay meeting with Medical Society until the steps above are completed.

Advertising and Publicity: Review of Position Statement

It was noted that the Position Statement on Advertising and Publicity was approved by the Board in November 1999. As of March 2000, this position statement is on the Web site and

has been made part of the Position Statement packet. It will also appear in the next *Forum*. Copies of the up-to-date packet are being provided to Board Members at this meeting.

Action/Policy: Suspect advertisements may be given to the Complaints Committee or the Policy Committee for review. Also, send the statement to the publishers of the various Yellow Pages and major newspapers.

Telemedicine and Restrictive Licensing Laws – A Letter From the FSMB

Mr Watry stated that “in a report of the Congressionally appointed Joint Working Group on Telemedicine, the authors identified state-based medical licensing as a significant barrier to the diffusion of telemedicine. Four bills were introduced in Congress in 1999, each requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit a report on state progress to facilitate the provision of telemedicine services by eliminating necessary requirements, adopting reciprocal licensing agreements, and implementing uniform requirements.” Mr. Watry emphasized that we need to let the public and the Congress know that medical boards are actively working on this issue. (There was no consensus to either support or not support development of federal telemedicine standards.)

Review of NCMB Annual Board Action Report

Mr Breaden distributed copies of the NCMB Annual Board Action Report for 1999, which has recently been made available to the public (newspapers, posted on the Board’s Web site, etc). Mr Breaden was congratulated on the work that has gone into this annual report. (A straw vote indicated that once the data in the National Practitioner Data Bank is refined and presented in a form the public can use effectively, it should be made available to the public.)

Action: Copies of the Annual Board Action Report will be provided to the medical school deans today, and it will be presented at the next Annual Federation of State Medical Boards Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2000.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul Saperstein; Wayne VonSeggen, PAC Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Walter Pories, MD;

Paul Saperstein, Chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Members, Wayne VonSeggen, PA-C, President, Elizabeth Kanof, MD, Vice President and Walter Pories, MD, Secretary Treasurer joined the meeting late. Guests who attended were Michael Wilkerson, MD, PHP Director, Warren Pendergast, MD, PHP Medical Director and Don Wall, NCMS and PHP Finance Committee.

The committee and PHP representatives discussed the PHP financial situation and the probable need for continuing financial support from the Medical Board. The difficulty obtaining voluntary contributions from other organizations was also discussed.

Motion: A motion passed to approve the above Operations Committee Report.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COMMITTEE REPORT

Wayne VonSeggen, PAC; Walter Pories, MD; John Foust, MD; Martha Walston

The meeting was called to order at 2:00p.m. at the North Carolina Medical Board Office on March 15, 2000. Attending: NC Medical Board -- Mr. Wayne VonSeggen, Chair, Dr. Walter Pories, Dr. John Foust, Ms. Diane Meelheim, Ms. Erin Gough, Mr. James Campbell.

The following matters were discussed. The EMS Certification information was accepted and a motion was passed to approve 57 Epinephrine Certificates. One investigative report was reviewed and the matter was accepted as information and will be filed in the EMT's file. Five individuals answered in the affirmative regarding a history of a conviction. All five will be approved following receipt of a negative criminal records check from OEMS.

In the future, OEMS will be asked to provide a criminal records check from appropriate states on all individuals with an affirmative answer to this question on the application and exam answer sheet. The Committee would like to receive this information at the time the applicant's successful scores are presented to the Board

There being no further business, except for wishes of good health to Mr. Browning, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Motion: A motion passed to approve the report as presented.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE REPORT

Wayne VonSeggen, PAC; John Foust, MD; Walter Pories, MD

PA License Applications -

(***Indicates PA has not submitted Intent to Practice Forms)

Board Action: Issue full license.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	PRIMARY SUPERVISOR	PRACTICE CITY
Fetzko, Karen Michelle	***	
Green, Barry James	***	
Roberts, Wendy	Kimball, Robert	Statesville
Rodriguez, Jorge Ortega	***	
Schulz, Christian James	***	
White, Sheneque Montell	***	

The following physician assistants hold temporary licenses and are requesting full licenses by submitting passing NCCPA results -

Board Action: Convert temporary licenses to full.

Perdue, David William, PA-C
Porter, Scott Christopher, PA-C

PA Intent to Practice Forms acknowledged -

Physician Assistant	Primary Supervisor	Practice City
Arcand , Scott Anthony	Smith , Bernard Michael	Dunn
Banner , Phyllis Prewitt	Smith , Stephen Keith	Morganton
Bean , Ronald Bruce	Kulp , Kenneth Robert	Raleigh
Braccia , Lawrence Henry	Tsahakis , Paul John	Charlotte
Bradshaw , John Martin	Linster Jr., John Marvin	Mt. Holly
Carney , John David	Rucker , William Lee	Greenville
Colletti , Thomas P.	Aul , Christopher Taylor	Fayetteville
Colletti , Thomas P.	Minor , Walter Nathan	Angier
Crump , Carole McAlister	Willis Jr., William Allen	Fayetteville

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Dale Jr., Henry Sebron	Rotondo , Michael Frederick	Greenville
Franks , John Robert	Owens , Robert Carl	Goldsboro
Germino , Victor Hugo	Pizzino , Joanne Louise	Morrisville
Grady , Jon Barkley	Teater , Donald Robert	Clyde
Hayes , Carol Lynn	Wolonick , Richard Craig	Laurinburg
Hubbard , Lynn	Grant , Terry Alan	Goldsboro
Lanear , Edward Alexander	Proctor , Camilla Allyn	Enfield
Liepins , Andrew Patrick	Melio , Frantz Raymond	Raleigh
Maggiani , Barbara J.	Nasrallah , Naseem Hani	Hampstead
Martin , Jeffrey Scott	Gottovi , Daniel	Wilmington
McIntosh , Dale Patrick	Morgan , Joel Clarence	Winston-Salem
Nelson , Dwayne Alan	Powell , Ronald Jones	Sanford
Plyler , Vicki McVey	Alford , Peter Tyler	Statesville
Porter , Allison Pamela	Walley , Bruce Douglas	Winston-Salem
Powers , Laurie McCarthy	McIlwain , Thomas Pinckney	Fayetteville
Ressler , Erin Ruth	Jackson , Annie Margaret	Rutherfordton
Simon , Spencer Eric	Nasr , Viviane	Raleigh
Streilein , Annamarie Faust	Poling , Patricia Sullivan	Yanceyville
Terryberry , Christine Clarke	Battels , Ralph Clare	Elizabeth City
Thies , Joyce Flake	Purrington , Jacinda Isley	Greensboro
Vanstory , Lana Smith	Fletcher , Robert George	Fayetteville
Vora , Anagh Anantrai	Smith , Steven Wayne	Winston-Salem
Walpole , Julia	Shah , Avinash Dhirajal	Charlotte
Waronsky , Roy George	Lawson , Mary Lou McMullen	Charlotte
Whitehead , Marjorie McDowell	Lawson , Mary Lou McMullen	Charlotte
Wright , Shaun Nicole	Meloy , Thomas Stuart	Winston-Salem
Wright , Shaun Nicole	Faller , Nancy Irene	Winston-Salem
Wright , Shaun Nicole	Rauck , Richard Lee	Winston-Salem

Public Agenda Items for Committee Discussion-

A. Suggestions for selection and function of PA Council in the future

B. Additional names nominated for PA Council (resumes attached)

Robin Hunter-Buskey
Patricia Dieter
James Hill, Jr.

Board Action: Appoint nominees to PA Advisory Council.

C. Discussion regarding the PA license reactivation package that was presented last month.

Board Action: Send initial licensure packet to any PA that wishes to reactivate.

NURSE PRACTITIONER COMMITTEE REPORT

Wayne VonSeggen, PAC; John Foust, MD; Walter Pories, MD

NP initial applications recommended for approval after staff review -

Board Action: Approve

NURSE PRACTITIONER

PRIMARY SUPERVISOR

PRACTICE CITY

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Barrett , Kristi	Porter , Barbara A.	Durham
Brock , Tonya	Hayes , Mark	Gastonia
Cappola , Linda	Goodjoin , Richard B.	Raleigh
Childers , Patricia	Chalfa , Nicolai	High Point
Connell , Laura	Ford , Charles W.	Boone
Daines , Rebecca	Packman , Charles H.	Charlotte
Flaugher , Carol	Archer , Thomas P.	Franklin
Hill , Judy	Tayloe , David T., Jr.	Goldsboro
Hussey , Elizabeth	Kopelman , Arthur E.	Greenville
Lang , Noreen	Galanos , Anthony N.	Durham
Malik , Laveena	Young , Thomas E.	Raleigh
Matthews , Melinda	Carlson , Eric B.	Greenville
McGlamery-Pickens , Molly	Lane , Wendy S.	Asheville
Morris , Laura	Bass , Beaty L.	Durham
Perry , Karen	Howie , John S.	Raleigh
Reiter , Debra	White , Anne L.	Winston-Salem
Selman , Mary	Presson , John T.	Ft. Riley, KS
Skaife , Anne	Howie , John S.	Raleigh
Slone , Claire	Rathbun , Mary A.	Charlotte
Spencer , Dottie	Langston , Bernard L.	Shallotte
Taylor , Anne	Williams , Jesse F.	Fayetteville
Thompson , Dwan	Allen , Cyril	Raleigh
Wallace , Marlene	Callahan , John C.	Aurora
Westmoreland , Deborah	Ransom , J. Laurence	Greensboro

NP Subsequent Applications administratively approved -

Board Action: Approve

<u>NURSE PRACTITIONER</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Blue , Maxine	Greimel , Deborah W.	Pembroke
Carpenter , Dixie A.	Rudyk , Mary K.	Wilmington
Clark , Katherine I.	Gennosa , Thomas J.	Williamston
Cooke-Erdoes , Vicky L.	Lam , Douglas E.	Pinehurst
Del Buono , Catherine	Feinglos , Mark N.	Durham
Driver , Sheila J.	Bruke , Karen A.	Raleigh
Galbraith , Joan I	Hanson , Laura	Chapel Hill
Grubb , Patricia R.	O'Keeffe , Richard M. Jr.	Winston-Salem
Hitko , Yolanda K.	Saunders , George L.	Calabash
House , Laura A.	Land , Eurgia C.	Bayboro
Martin , Mary Elizabeth	Georgiev , Boyan A.	Wilmington
Morehead , Brenda Sue	Robinson , Linda M.	Erwin
Padgett , Roslyn Carol	Komives , Eugenie M.	Chapel Hill
Rachels , Cheryl R.	Kopynec , Bohdan W.	Ellerbe
Ray , Danna K.	Roberts , Eugene L.	Charlotte
Sexton , John C.	Curran , Diana R.	Hendersonville
Smith , Sidni A.	Garrett , James E.	Jacksonville
Williams , Terri K.	Litwak , Joseph M.	New Bern

LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Kenneth Chambers, MD; Hector Henry, MD; John Foust, MD; George Barrett, MD; Martha Walston

New category for inactive license

CATCHLINE: Dr. Kanof and Dr. Pories would like to speak with the License Committee about the possibility of having a new category for “inactive license”, (subset of inactive license, i.e. license emeritus) for physicians having difficulty giving up their license.

BOARD ACTION: Consult with Dale Breaden for a term that will work.

Recommended changes for application questions

CATCHLINE: (1) Alter question #2 to read “Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal, state or local law other than minor traffic violations?” (change “including traffic violations” TO “other than minor”).

(2) Change #2 on the oral questions to read “Have you ever had any disciplinary or probationary actions by any hospital, hospital administration or any other medical organization?”

(3) Put a set of Licensing Handouts in each interview room to discuss with every applicant during the interview process. Add this item to the interview form to be checked off.

BOARD ACTION: (1) Do not change this portion of the question. Have Staff incorporate reporting “expunged” records and “no lo contendere” pleas in the question. (2) Include “medical staff” after hospital. (3) Have Public Affairs prepare a video for physicians to view that explains the handouts.

Reapplication process for Step 3 USMLE

CATCHLINE: We have had a lot of inquiries from Step 3 applicants wanting to know what would be required for the application process if they are unable to take the exam during the window they are assigned by the FSMB. The Federation requires completion of a new application form and payment of additional fee (\$485.00). Applicants who reapply require more staff time than first time applicants.

BOARD ACTION: Require resubmission of current credentials and fee.

Application Form changes

CATCHLINE: Instructions on the application form (chronology section) are misleading.

BOARD ACTION: Change instructions on the application form from “...You will need to label any unemployed time as “vacation” or “Sabbatical” or “moving” TO “You will need to label any unemployed time, however appropriate, i.e. vacation, sabbatical, moving”. Ask for month and year to be recorded in the chronology list.

USMLE Standard Setting Survey

CATCHLINE: Mr. Watry would like the Board’s input prior to responding to this survey.

BOARD ACTION: Respond by marking “None of the above” in section 1.

Reapplication Process for license after surrender

CATCHLINE: Mr. Watry proposes to exempt physicians from the reapplication process who have surrendered license due to PHP or Board Attorney intervention due to Chemical Dependency.

BOARD ACTION: Continue to require applicants (MD & PA) in this category to go through the application process and pay fee. Have the Legal Department check wording on the Boiler Plate C/O form to make sure there is no wording that will allow a physician to relinquish their license for a short period of time and return to work without first returning to meet with the Board either through license interview or Informal interview.

A motion 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.

The Board reviewed 6 licensure applications. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

SPLIT BOARD LICENSURE INTERVIEWS

A motion 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.

The Board conducted 13 Split Board licensure application interviews. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report as modified. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

APPLICANTS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Alabdulkarim, Wael	Breen, Terrance William
Albert, Morton Barry	Broughton, Justin Gold
Alfonso, Mayra I.	Bush, David James
Allen, Gregg Philip	Butler, Peter Nielsen
Amrol, David Joseph	Campbell, Faye Sherwood
Baaklini, Walid Antoine	Campbell, John Benjamin
Baek, Peter Sung Jae	Canose, Jeffrey Lynn
Bajaj, Priya Kumari	Caprise, Peter Andrew Jr.
Baker, Bonner Lee	Chaney, Arthur William III
Baker, Marty Allen	Cherner, Rebecca Michelle
Barnes, Angela Denise	Chisolm, Daniel James
Batawi, Alain	Christensen, Jeness Marie
Begovich, John Emil	Chuang, Cheng Chieh
Benson, James Arthur	Cook, Elizabeth Ann
Bernstein, Crystal Lee	Cottingham, C. Sinclair
Bird, Ann Bridget	Cowans, Rodney Harry
Bird, Mark Allen	Coyne, Mark Dennis
Blount, James Gordon Jr.	Crawford, Andrea Lynn
Booker, Bert Luther Jr.	Creager, Andrew Jared
Bowers, Patricia Lynn	Czech, Julie Ann

Daeihagh, Pirouz
Daly, John Joseph Jr
Daniels, Royden Eugene III
Darrah, Shane Brooks
Davidson, Kerith Brooke
Davies, Kenneth Roger
De Castro Costa, Sylvia Fernandes
Dean, David Andrew
Dewey, William Chapman
Dickerson, Andrea Karen
Djaiani, George Nester
Donohue, Hugh James Jr.
Draluck, Debra Lisa
Dugaw, John Edward
Durden, David Dawson
Eaton, Hubert Arthur, Jr.
Edmundson, Ross Blaine
Elgendi, Issa M
Ellis, Nathan Stewart
Ermini, Edward Benedict
Fakadej, Maria Margaret
Febles, Oscar Roman
Feinberg, Jeffrey Heyman
Finn, Arthur Leonard
Fudala, Stanley John
Furman, William Ross
Gagliardi, Michael Dominic
Garlisi, Laura
Gaskin, Peter Ryan Anderson
George, Craig R.
Giugno, Luigi Antonio
Goldsholl, Stacy Walton
Gonzaga, Anna Marie
Grant, Dorrette
Griffin, Monica Patricia
Harmon, Revella Bendu
Harris, Lawrence Stanley
Hassan, Mohamed Ibrahim
Hassankhani, Alvand
Haynes, Ronald Edward
Helmuth, Loren Jay
Hill-Garrett, Karen Louise
Hoey, Brian Anthony
Holland, Bradford Warren
Hsu, Chaur-Dong
Hudson, Paul Joseph
Hughes, Alice Teresa Dawson
Ippolito, Mark Richard
Irwin, Louis Jordan
Isaacson, Frederick Michael
Johnson, Steven Craig
Kay, Richard Fred
Keiffer, Rebecca Elizabeth
Kelly, Desmond
Kenny, Bernadette Mary
Kleiner, Gary Ira
Kleinschmidt, Paul Edwin
Krishnareddy, Nageswari
Kuzma, Paul Joseph
Leich, Julius Keith
Leong, Khye Sheng
Liu, Qingyang
Ljung, Tor Martin
Lois, John Peter
Lopez-Pena, Maricarmen
Marana, Enrique Villa
Marsalisi, Frank Bernard
Martin, Margaret Michele
McCarthy, James Andrew
McDermott, James Emmett III
McDonagh, Thomas Henry Michael
Means, Norman Dean
Meluch, Anthony Matthew
Memmen, Andrea
Milciunas, Lourdes Elias
Moore, Amanda Jean
Morris, Brigid Ann
Morrow, Linda Ann
Motew, Stephen J.
Mozayeni, Reza Michael
Nadra, Wissam Edward
Nevitt, Paul Christopher
Norsoph, Ellis Bradley
O'Kelley, Brian Scott
Okonofua, Eni Clement
Ott, Richard Franklin
Page, Stephanie
Papathanasiou, James
Patanella, Laurie Ann
Patel, Alka M.
Peterson-Layne, Cathleen Louise
Pflieger, Kurt Loring
Pickett, John Robert
Pommersheim, William James
Pressly, Margaret Rose
Pucilowski, Olgierd Antoni
Quinn, Mark Stephen
Qureshi, Fahim Ullah
Raines, Arthur Lee, Jr.
Reardon, Terry Joe
Reddy, Ravi Kanth T.
Reeves, John Albert
Resnikoff, Richard Joseph
Rholl, Vicky Lee
Roberts, Eric Carleton
Rogers, Joseph Erskine Courtney
Ross, Ray Thomas, Jr.
Rougier-Chapman, Duncan Peter

Sabatino, Bruce
Sanders, Stephen Grady
Sayson, Samuel Calderon
Scallion, Gerald John
Schrader, Michael Keith
Shah, Ketan Dhan
Shelton, Phyllis Estelle
Sherard, Reginald Keith
Shieh, Marie Hong
Siddiqui, Adeel Mohammad
Singh, Iqbal
Skrepnik, Nebojsa V.
Smith, Robert Randolph Lee
Soder, Eric Albert
Spratt, Eve G.
Stevens, Monique Yvette
Stiber, Jonathan Andrew
Subong, Sylvia Abigail Paulino
Sweatt, Lois Dell
Sweeney, Charles Whitcomb
Sweeney, Francis William
Tackman, Lori Anne
Tawil, Melina May
Tesfaye, Tassew
Thomas, John
Thompson, Jerome
Thompson, Mark Allen
Thornton, Victoria Lynne
Uzomba, Godwin Obinna
Varghese, Mary Reena
Wang, Anthea
Whalen, Timothy John
Whitten, Thomas Mitchel
Wilkins, Jaemes Michael
Williams, Edward J
Winslow, Paul Lawrence III
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Zimmern, Philippe Ernest Pierre
Zinner, Tanya Ellen

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Malay Agrawal	Sabah Hamad
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Adeola Anthony Amusan	Christi Hunt
Milton John Arras	Jason Hunt
Farasat Ashraf	William Hunter
Joel Axler	Stephen James
Jane Barlow	Joseph Thomas Jenkins
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Richard Stanley Bedlack, Jr.	Loren Kane
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Richard Bumgardner	Michael Lvovich Klyachkin
Charles Thomas Burke	Laura Kroening
Stuart Burri	Brian Kuszyk
Anthony Camerota	James Lai
Norman Carolos	Kathleen Green Lapp
Michael Albert Carty	Rodger Wendell Lefler
Giridhar chintalapudi	Dana Marie Leinenweber
Parag Chokshi	Alan Neil Lentzner
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Delphia Mathilda Clarke	Robert Scott Littlejohn
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Linda Dales	Susan MacLean
Victor Dewyea	Mubashir Mahmood
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David John Esposito	Andrew Matthews
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Bruce Freeman	Richard McCarthy
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David Greco	Charles Walton Monteith
Jonathan Jacob Halford	Gregg Motz

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Joseph Eugene O'Boyle
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David Outlaw
Nicole Parkerson
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James Kenneth Pelton
Edwin Stephen Pont
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Philip Pretter
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Sheri Rowen
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James Russell Sanders
Mary Elizabeth Schlegel
Jennifer Schmidt
Victoria Seewaldt
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Robert Serro
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Wickham Simonds
Joseph Simpson
Bradley Todd Smith
Amy Sobel
Barry Sobel
Jared Spector
Michael Staley
Sara Steelman
Richard Stephenson
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Isabelle Tardif
Jon Christian Ter Poorten
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Stephen Weiss
Jeffrey Nelson Whitehill
Joseph Russell Williams
Matthew Jay Wise
George Wittenberg
Honor Morin Wolfe

James Wyatt, III
Melissa Mazzini Zorn

Applicants for Reinstatement

Alfred Olin Colquitt, III
Siobhan Ann Dumbleton
John Robert McLaren
George Burdette Pierson
Caroline Roberts Price
Daniel Chaim Schuman
Brian Carey Tyler

Applicants for Reactivation (Short Process)

Chang Sun Lim
Robert Henry Messier, Jr.
Gwendolyn Myrtis Perkins
Norman Stanley Talner
Alvin Volkman

Applicants for Faculty Ltd License

Mila Oh
Madhav Swaminathan
Ian James Welsby

Conversion From Fac Ltd Lic To Full

David Bailey Jarrett

NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM (NCPHP) COMMITTEE REPORT

John Dees, MD; Hector Henry, MD; Kenneth Chambers, MD

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to section 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Board reviewed 24 cases involving participants in the NC Physicians Health Program. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

January 21, 2000.

A motion passed to return to open session.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Walter Pories, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; John Dees; Stephen Herring, MD; Martha Walston

The full Board reviewed and approved the complaint committee report, which included the monthly statistics, committee recommendations for complaints, and the guidelines for the management of complaints during the time we wait for a new medical coordinator.

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Complaint Committee reported on 46 complaint cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

Total Number of Outstanding Complaints in Department		165
Complaints (Pathway 1) Being Reviewed At March Board Meeting		47
Complaints Awaiting Permission to Share		5
Complaints Awaiting Physician Responses		48
Complaints Awaiting Summarization		19
Complaints Awaiting Review by Complaint Committee		27
Complaints Awaiting Info from Investigations		3
Complaints Awaiting Response from Expert Reviewer		16
For Information Only		
	February	March (thru 3/10)
Complaint Forms Requested	120	38
Complaints Received	55	19
Pathway 2 Complaints	26	
Medical Record Issue	7	
Fee Issue	5	
PTS not given	5	

Disability Issue	1
No Violation of the MPA	7
Withdrew Complaint	1
* Reviewed by Complaint Committee and submitted to full Board for approval	
**Reviewed and closed by Complaint Department Staff	
Average Age of Outstanding Complaints	4.42

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hector Henry, MD; Paul Saperstein; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Wayne VonSeggen, PA-C; Stephen Herring, MD; George Barrett, MD

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Investigative Committee reported on 28 investigative cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

INFORMAL INTERVIEW REPORT

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16 and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Thirty-seven informal interviews were conducted. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Split Boards' recommendations and approved the written report as modified. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

MALPRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Walter Pories, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; John Dees; Stephen Herring, MD; Martha Walston; Aloysius Walsh

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Malpractice Committee reported on 10 cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned on March 18, 2000.

Walter J. Pories, MD
Secretary/Treasurer