

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
MINUTES
December 10, 2014**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 9:02 A.M., in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, Ms, RN, ANP-BC
Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, APRN, NEA-BC, FNAP
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA
Stuart Mackler, MD, FACS
Wayne Reynolds, DO
David Giammittorio, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director, Board of Nursing
Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA, Deputy Executive Director, BON
Jennifer Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director; Board of Medicine
Jaime Hoyle, Chief Deputy Director, DHP
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, DHP
Amy Davis, Executive Assistant; BON

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Carola Bruflat, MSN, WHNP, FNP
Wendy Dotson, CNM, MSN
Mary Duggan, MS, ACNP-BC
Tom Watters, RN, CRNA

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: Ms. Hershkowitz called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Committee members, Advisory Committee members and staff members introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the disciplinary proceedings of October 8, 2014 were reviewed. Dr. Mackler moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: **Nominations and Appointments for Advisory Committee Members:**
Ms. Douglas reviewed 18VAC-90-30-30 of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners and the information provided regarding Sarah Hobgood, MD for the Advisory Committee due to the resignation of Dr. Carlton Everhart. Ms. Hershkowitz asked if there were any additional nominations and

none were received. Dr. Reynolds moved to accept the nomination of Dr. Hobgood as a member of the Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Ms. Douglas will contact Dr. Hobgood regarding being a member of the Advisory Committee.

Status of Nurse Practitioner Certification Exams and 2015 Changes and Consideration of Regulatory Changes:

Ms. Mitchell provided background information regarding changes in education program curriculums in accordance with certification exams. ANCC plans to retire exams that do not align with the APRN Consensus Model, current exams will be offered through 2016, after that the exams that will be offered will be Psychiatric/Mental Health, Pediatric, Family, Adult Geriatric Primary, Adult Acute Care. The regulatory process regarding changes in certification exams was reviewed by Ms. Yeatts. The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine recommend amendments to section of 18VAC90-30-70 of the Regulations Governing Nurse Practitioners by Fast-track action to delete the specialties of Adult, Geriatric and Acute Care to be replaced by Adult Geriatric Acute Care, Adult Geriatric Primary Care and Pediatric Primary Care.

Discussion took place regarding renewing a nurse practitioner license with a specialty that will be deleted. Ms. Douglas stated that as long as the licensee keeps the certification current, they will be able to renew the license with that specialty. Discussion took place regarding applicants for licensure as a nurse practitioner by endorsement from another state with a specialty that has been deleted. Ms. Hershkowitz asked Board of Nursing staff to develop language to consider at a future meeting regarding any necessary regulatory action.

APRN Licenses to be Added to NURSYS:

Ms. Douglas provided an overview of information available to Boards and public from NURSYS. The Board is beginning a project to load nurse practitioner license information into NURSYS, Board staff are working with NCSBN on the coordination of data. Ms. Douglas also provided information on other occupations/professions considering compacts to include emergency medical technicians, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

Update from the DHP Director's Office:

Ms. Hoyle was present and provided a DHP update on the following topics:

- Eliminating DHP Human Resource staff and transferring HR functions to the DHRM which resulted in an approximate \$125,000 cost saving per year
- Legislation is moving forward for the 2015 General Assembly Session regarding criminal background checks for RN's and LPN's on initial licensure
- Plans are moving forward with an audit of the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program beginning in January 2015. The Citizen Advocacy Committee will conduct the audit, with an anticipated completion in June 2015

Nurse Practitioner and Prescriptive Authority Regulation Update:

Ms. Yeatts was asked to provide information regarding the status of the emergency regulations that expired November 6, 2014. Ms. Yeatts stated the Board of Nursing will adopt final regulations in January 2015 which will then go back to the Secretary's Office and the Governor's Office for approval.

Ms. Yeatts left the meeting to resume her normal schedule.

Prescription Monitoring Program Presentation:

Ralph Orr, Director of the DHP Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and Carolyn McKann, Deputy Director provided information regarding the Prescription Monitoring Program that included statistics on prescriber information and patient information collected by the PMP. Mr. Orr stated that Virginia is one of 17 interoperable states and may expand to 30 by end of 2015.

Mr. Orr reviewed §54.1-2522.1 that will be effective July 1, 2015 regarding mandatory registration of prescribers upon filing an application for licensure or renewal of licensure if the prescriber is not already registered. Ms. Douglas noted that Board of Nursing licensees that are prescribers will be affected by this and renewal notices for those licensees will need to be revised to include the mandatory registration information.

2015 Meeting Dates:

The scheduled dates for 2015 were provided; the next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA
Deputy Executive Director