

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE  
MINUTES  
October 8, 2014**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 9:05 A.M., in Conference Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson  
Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC  
Joyce Hahn, PhD, APRN-CNS, NEA-BC, FNAP  
Stuart Mackler, MD, FACS  
Wayne Reynolds, DO  
Lori Conklin, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing  
David Brown, DC, Director, DHP  
Jennifer Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Medicine  
Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA, Deputy Executive Director, BON  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, DHP  
Charlotte Creed, Office Manager, BON  
Darlene Graham, Senior Discipline Specialist, BON

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Carola Bruflat, MSN, WHNP, FNP  
Wendy Dotson, CNM, MSN  
Thomas Pajewski, PhD, MD  
Tom Watters, RN, CRNA

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joseph Borzelleca Jr., MD, MPH  
Mary Duggan, MS, ACNP-BC  
Ranjit Pullarkat, MD

**ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A QUORUM:**

With six (6) members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Committee members, Advisory Committee members, staff members.

Ms. Douglas introduced Charlotte Creed, Office Manager, BON, and recognized her dedication and knowledge of the processing of applications for Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Practitioner's issues. Ms. Creed will be retiring at the end of the year.

**Public Hearing on Proposed Regulations for Nurse Practitioners and Prescriptive Authority**

Ms. Yeatts stated the comment period ends in November 2014. Comments should be submitted to Ms. Yeatts or Ms. Douglas.

**Overview of Role of the Committee of the Joint Boards and Composition of Advisory Group**

Ms. Hershkowitz and Ms. Douglas reviewed the regulations of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine and its' purpose. Virginia is (1) of (5) states with joint regulation.

Ms. Douglas announced the resignation of Dr. Janet Younger, who has served as an Agency Subordinate for the Board of Nursing providing her valuable expertise as a former Board member, Nurse Practitioner, and faculty member.

Dr. Brown spoke briefly on a meeting held at DHP in response to a Joint Commission on Healthcare request related to graduates of foreign medical schools who have not completed a residency. Future meetings are forthcoming.

Dr. Brown emphasized PMP usage by prescribers which will require registration with practitioners and commended Ralph Orr, Program Manager, PMP, to ensure proper management and monitoring.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Resignation of Dr. Carlton Everhart, MD, FAAFP, from the Advisory Committee**

Ms. Douglas announced this resignation. Nominations for a replacement will be accepted and professional associations are encouraged to submit names.

**Environmental Scan:**

**Consensus Model Implementation Update on National Progress**

Ms. Douglas presented information as in communication materials of the key elements of the APRN Consensus Model. States nationally are moving forward with implementation. The Virginia Action Coalition access to a group convened a meeting of the lobbyists and leadership of the (4) APRN roles identified in the model on July 12, 2014.

**APRN Compact Development**

Ms. Douglas provided information that the APRN compact was under development. States with the ability to join this compact will have to had adopted

the APRN Consensus Model and have authorization to conduct criminal background checks before they can join the APRN compact.

**Advisory Members Updates & Issues Concerning their APRN Specialty Groups**

Ms. Hershkowitz provided an opportunity for discussion. No comments provided.

**Retirement of Certain Nurse Practitioner Certification Exams (ANCC & AAPP)**

Changes to the ANCC certification program effective December 31, 2015 will retire the exam for PCNS-BC certification. Ms. Douglas emphasized that other changes to certification exams will go into effect in 2015 and therefore, the Nurse Practitioners regulations will need to be reviewed. The Committee directed staff to provide a full report on the status of certification exams at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

**Legislative & Regulatory Update**

Ms. Yeatts reported on the following with information distributed:

Status of NP Regulations – Emergency regulations adopted to implement HB346 from the 2012 Session of the General Assembly will expire on November 6, 2014. Proposed regulations to replace the emergency regulations have been approved by the Governor and were published on September 22, 2014 with public comment requested until November 21, 2014. Final regulations will then have to be adopted by the Boards of Nursing and Medicine at their meetings scheduled in January and February of 2015

Statutes affecting NP’s effective 2014

Volunteer Restricted License Legislative Proposal

Board of Nursing Legislative Proposal for Pre-Licensure Criminal Background Checks for RN Applicants (initial applicants only) being introduced into legislation

Petition for Rulemaking – American Association Critical Nurses (AACN) petitioned to be added to the list of Board approved agencies. Minor edits were made and Dr. Mackler motioned to approve with changes, adopt a Notice of Intended Regulatory action (NOIRA) by fast track action (vote unanimous).

**Other Matters:**

Materials were distributed on the following:

Copy of the Consensus Model

HRSA 2012 Highlights from 2012 National Sample Survey of Nurse Practitioners

REPORTS:

**Licensure & Discipline Statistics**

Ms. Mitchell reported on the statistics from the 2014 Board of Nursing Monthly tracking log and summarized information from the NCSBN APRN conference she attended in Chicago. Ms. Mitchell indicated there were currently 7,965 licensed Nurse Practitioners in Virginia.

**Tele-Medicine**

Ms. Douglas and Dr. Brown commented on the Board of Medicine Ad Hoc Committee that was convened in October.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine is scheduled for December 10, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

The business meeting concluded and Informal Conferences were scheduled immediately following.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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