PUBLIC MINUTES
ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
July 16, 2008
10:00 a.m.
848 Washington Ave.
Montgomery, AL

Members Present
Kenneth Aldridge, M.D., Chairman
Steven P. Furr, M.D., Vice-Chairman
Jorge Alsip, M.D.
James G. Chambers, M.D.
James G. Davis, M.D.
Richard M. Freeman, M.D.
J. Daniel Gifford, M.D.
William E. Goetter, M.D.
B. Jerome Harrison, M.D.
Juan Johnson, M.D.
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D.
George C. Smith, Jr., M.D.
Timothy A. Stewart, M.D.
Pamela D. Varner, M.D.

Members Not Present
David P. Herrick, M.D.

Others Present
Billy Addison
Larry Dixon
Amy Dorminey
Jeff Grimsley
Jim Hulet
David McGilvray
Ed Munson
Edwin Rogers
Anne Shiver
Jackie Baskin
Randy Dixon
Pat Enfinger
Jane Hartley
Stan Ingram
Randy Moore
Jim Nichols
Trish Shaner
Cheryl Thomas

Board Chairman, Kenneth Aldridge, M.D., stated that, a quorum of fourteen members being present, the public portion of the meeting of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners was convened.
PUBLIC MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2008 The Credentials Committee recommended
approval of the Public Minutes of June 25, 2008. The motion was adopted.

ENDORSEMENT

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The Credentials Committee recommended approval of endorsement candidates one through seventy-two. The motion was adopted.

* Geoffrey Nnamdi Alilonu, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement and acceptance of the voluntary Non-Disciplinary Citation with Administrative Charge, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

* Timothy Alan Bonsack, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.
* Manu Gujrati, M.D. After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement and acceptance of the voluntary Non-Disciplinary Citation with Administrative Charge, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

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endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

* **Ajit Naidu, M.D.** After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

* **Charles Alan Roth, M.D.** After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

* **Ronishia D. Thomas, M.D.** After consideration of the application for licensure through endorsement, the Credentials Committee recommended approval of the endorsement application. The motion was adopted.

**LIMITED LICENSE**

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The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Limited License applicants one through twelve. The motion was adopted.

* **Benjamin Steven Favis, M.D.** The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the limited license applicant. The motion was adopted.
SPECIAL PURPOSE LICENSE

Name       Principal Place of Practice Location
1 Byard Edwards, III, M.D.       Goodlettsville, TN

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the Special Purpose License applicant. The motion was adopted.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS / ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSES

P.A. License

Name       School       NCCPA
1 *Christopher Thomas Boyce  UAB                1031634
2 Phedra Lundi        University of Florida  1072956

The Credentials Committee recommended approval of PA License applicants one and two. The motion was adopted.

*Christopher Thomas Boyce The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. application. The motion was adopted.

Temporary P.A. License

Name       School       NCCPA
1 Constance Lauren Baughman   USAM       Registered
2 Deborah J. Bonds              USAM       Registered
3 Kate L. Bratcher            USAM       Registered
4 Ellen Shea Burch              USAM       Registered
5 Melanie Devore Busby         USAM       Registered
6 Virginia Kathleen Chandler   USAM       Registered
7 Tashia Nasim Islam           UAB        Registered
8 Rebecca Marie McGrain        USAM       Registered

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The Credentials Committee recommended approval of Temporary PA License applicants one through nine. The motion was adopted.

**Temporary P.A. License to Full License**

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The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the Temporary PA License to Full License applicant. The motion was adopted.

**P.A. Registration**

*Stacey Mohr Brown, PA / Michele Jude Goldhagen, M.D.* The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

*Ellen Shea Burch, PA / John Lee Anthony, Jr., M.D.* The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

*Melanie Devore Busby, PA / Robert J. Zarzour, M.D.* The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including the request to train the P.A. to perform joint injections. The motion was adopted.

*Virginia Kathleen Chandler, PA / Michael Dewayne Goodlett, M.D.* The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

*Sherryll C. Coleman, PA / Rex A. Sherer, M.D.* The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

*Melissa Faulk, PA / Gregory William Shields, M.D.* The Credentials Committee
recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-three on the P.A. formulary, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.

Karen L. Harness, PA / John Ferguson, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Tashia Nasim Islam, PA / Raghda Yahya, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.

Jaimee C. Tullos, PA / John T. Killian, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application, excluding number twenty-three, birth control drugs and devices and number twenty-four, oxytocics, on the P.A. formulary. The motion was adopted.

Tammie S. Smith-Ward, PA / Asher Turney, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. registration application including, with standard language approved by the Board, number twenty-one, gold compounds, and number twenty-three, birth control drugs and devices, on the P.A. formulary. The motion was adopted.

A.A. Registration

Jennifer Nobles, AA / John Keith McKelvey, M.D. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the A.A. registration application. The motion was adopted.
Miscellaneous Requests / Reports

Kristi Bane, PA / Kathleen Strickland, PA / Paul Muratta, D.O. - Request permission to refill intrathecal pain pump. The Credentials Committee recommended approval, with standard language, the request for the P.A. to refill intrathecal pain pumps. The motion was adopted.

Clarification regarding use of Candela GentleLASE and Candela Gentle Yag. The Credentials Committee recommended approval for the P.A. to use the Candela GentleLASE and Candela Gentle Yag under direct physician supervision. The motion was adopted.

Joseph Guthrie, PA / Mohammad Kamran, M.D. - Request remote site privileges. The Credentials Committee recommended denial of the request for remote site privileges with notification to Dr. Kamran that obtaining an on-site covering physician would be the only option to obtain remote site privileges. George C. Smith, Jr., M.D., recused himself from discussion, deliberation and determination. The motion was adopted.

David Kloda, PA / Michael Hanaway, M.D. - Request consideration of additional privileges. The Credentials Committee recommended approval, with standard language, of the request for the P.A. to place arterial lines and to remove indwelling hemodialysis catheters. The motion was adopted.

George Payne, PA. The Credentials Committee recommended receiving the report as information. The motion was adopted.

Courtney Renner, PA / John Kingsley, M.D. - Request consideration of formulary. The Credentials Committee recommended approval of the P.A. formulary excluding number twenty-three, birth control drugs and devices. The motion was adopted.
Benjamin Watts, PA / Glenn Esses, M.D. - Documentation of training to perform sclerotherapy injections

The Credentials Committee recommended notifying Dr. Esses that the PA is not approved to perform sclerotherapy using any agent other than hypertonic saline and advising Dr. Esses that he should present his information to MASA's General Counsel, Les Hayes, to be addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Non-Physician Practice. The motion was adopted.

Request Clarification of Electrocautery

The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board adopt the opinion that, due to the minimum energy used in a hysterecator, direct physician supervision is not required. The motion was adopted.

Request Clarification regarding Nurse Practitioner Weight Loss Clinic

The Credentials Committee recommended responding to Mr. Bell that the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners is the authority that regulates physicians and that the Alabama Board of Nursing has no regulatory authority over physicians. The motion was adopted.

Request for FTE Exemption

The Credentials Committee recommended denying the request for an FTE exemption. The motion was adopted.

Request for Board Opinion

The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board adopt the opinion that, in regards to Administrative Rules 540-X-8-.04(1)(b) and 540-X-8-.18(1)(b), the practice of medicine is defined as practicing with an active, unrestricted medical license and the practice of medicine includes that portion of post-graduate training completed after receipt of an, unrestricted medical license. It is the Board's opinion that a covering physician's licensure requirement is the same as required of a collaborating physician. The motion was adopted.

Deborah Jeter, PA / R. Jobe Fix, M.D. - Closing and repairing abdominal donor site by
The Credentials Committee recommended approval for PA Jeter, formerly designated as a Surgeon Assistant, to close and repair abdominal donor sites only with Dr. Fix physically present and scrubbed for the procedure. The Committee's recommendation is based upon the PA and physician's registration having been in place prior to, and having remained in place since, the Board's 1998 Administrative Rule amendment in which Surgeon Assistants were converted to Physician Assistants. The Committee further recommended notifying PAs and physicians, with similar registrations, of this Board decision. The motion was adopted.

Donnie Willoughby, PA / Carlton Savory, M.D. - Letter of clarification The Credentials Committee recommended notifying Dr. Savory that PA Willoughby is ineligible to apply for an Alabama PA license due to statutory requirements. The motion was adopted.

RN to Dictate Discharge Summary - The Credentials Committee recommended approval for an RN to dictate the discharge summary from information already documented in the record. The expectation of the Board is that the discharge summary will include all pertinent information required by physicians providing subsequent care, including admitting diagnosis, discharge diagnosis, discharge medications, follow-up plans and an appropriately detailed narrative of the patient's hospital course. The dictated discharge summary shall be reviewed and signed by the physician who shall accept full responsibility for the summary. The motion was adopted.

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner - Removal of intra-luminal obstructive material

The Board recommended approval for Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, with pre-approved physician protocol and by physician order only, to remove intra-luminal obstructive material through the catheter lumen by use of thrombolytic agents. The motion
was adopted.

Joint Committee on Advanced Practice Nursing

Joint Committee Meeting - July 15, 2008 The Credentials Committee recommended deferring to the full Board for an oral report to be presented by Dr. Smith. The Board recommended the oral report presented by Dr. Smith be received as information and the recommendations of the Joint Committee be approved. The motion was adopted. A copy of the Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting shall be made a part of these Minutes and attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

CURRENT BUSINESS

Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.28ER, Prescriptions and Medication Orders - Physician Assistant The Credentials Committee recommended amending Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.28 by deleting subparagraph (8) in its entirety and filing the rule for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly. The Committee further recommended that staff draft proposed language allowing mid-level practitioners to write a verbal order for controlled substances for hospitalized patients and nursing home patients. The motion was adopted.

Administrative Rule 540-X-14, Continuing Medical Education The Credentials Committee recommended deferring consideration to amend the continuing medical education requirements pending additional information. The motion was adopted.

Article, Performance during Internal Medicine Residency Training and Subsequent Disciplinary Action by State Licensing Boards The Credentials Committee recommended
receiving the article as information. The motion was adopted.

**Fingerprint Background Check Options** After consideration of a proposal for provision of fingerprint card processing services, the Credentials Committee recommended notifying Southern Detention Technologies, Inc., the Board declines the use of their services at this time. The motion was adopted.

**Fee for Criminal History Background Check** The Credentials Committee recommended setting the criminal history background check fee in the amount of sixty-five dollars ($65), to include a forty-nine dollar ($49) fee required by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and a sixteen dollar ($16) fee for administrative costs. The motion was adopted.

**Amendments to Administrative Rules - 540-X-3, Certificate of Qualification / 540-X-5, Hearings and Appeals / 540-X-6, Conduct of Hearings / 540-X-7, Assistants to Physicians** The Credentials Committee recommended adopting new and amended Administrative Rules in Chapters 540-X-3, 540-X-5, 540-X-6, and 540-X-7, as amended by the Committee, as emergency rules and filing the new and amended rules for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly. The motion was adopted.

**Postgraduate Education Requirement for a License to Practice Medicine** The Credentials Committee recommended deferring consideration of the postgraduate education requirement to allow staff to conduct further research. The motion was adopted.

**Administrative Rule 540-X-8,.10, Functions and Activities of Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners** After consideration of a recommendation from the Joint Committee on Advanced Practice Nurses, the Credentials Committee recommended approval to amend subparagraph (5) as follows and file the rule for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly: A certified registered nurse practitioner may write admission orders
for inpatients as directed by the physician and subsequent orders in accordance with established protocols and institutional policies. The motion was adopted.

Administrative Rule 540-X-8-.24, Functions and Activities of Certified Nurse Midwives
After consideration of a recommendation from the Joint Committee on Advanced Practice Nurses, the Credentials Committee recommended approval to amend subparagraph (5) as follows and file the rule for publication for public comment in the Administrative Monthly: A certified nurse midwife may write admission orders for inpatients as directed by the physician and subsequent orders in accordance with established protocols and institutional policies. The motion was adopted.

HEARINGS

ABME Hearing Schedule The Credentials Committee recommended that the ABME Hearing Schedule be received as information. The motion was adopted.