

The Georgia Board of Nursing met October 5, 2011 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Barry Cranfill, RN, CRNA, MHS, MBA, FAAPM, Vice President  
Katherine Mann, RN, CRNA  
Ashley Barnett, Consumer  
Nancy Robinson, RNC, LNHA  
Mary Chatman, Ph.D. (c), RN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Janice Flynn, DSN, RN, President  
Anita Hufft, PhD., RN  
Cassie Davis, RN

**STAFF PRESENT**

James Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant  
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, JD

**VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, Visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearances)**

Gerald Hobbs      Ann Hysong      Virginia Smith

Cranfill called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

**PUBLIC HEARING – RULE 410-12-.06 “RULE FOR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS”**

A discussion was held between Board members and visitors Ann Hysong, Virginia Smith and Gerald Hobbs regarding concerns of the proposed Rule 410-12-.06.

Chatman voted to post rule 410-12-.06. Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Rule 410-12-.06 Repealed Rule for Clinical Nurse Specialist.**

**(1) Definition:**

A clinical nurse specialist (“CNS”) is a registered professional nurse who has graduated from a program of graduate study and supervised practice; who holds a master’s degree or other graduate degree from an approved nursing education program; who holds national board certification in his or her area of specialty; and is authorized to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse by the Board.

**(2) Scope and Standards of Practice for the Clinical Nurse Specialist.**

The clinical nurse specialist (“CNS”) is an advanced practice registered nurse who provides a full range of nursing services from health promotion to illness rehabilitation. The clinical nurse specialist provides clinical supervision, consultation, and liaison services to nurses, patients and healthcare systems. The clinical nurse specialist must practice in accordance with the current standards of the national certifying organizations listed in Rule 410-12-.12 by which clinical nurse specialists are currently certified.

**(3) Requirements to Practice as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.**

(a) Beginning January 1, 2012, all applicants seeking initial authorization as an advance practice registered nurse to practice as a clinical nurse specialist ("CNS") shall meet the following requirements:

1. evidence of current licensure as a registered professional nurse in Georgia;

2. completed Board authorization application with required fee;

3. official transcript which verifies a master's or higher degree in nursing or a post-masters certificate from an approved nursing education program with specialization as a Clinical Nurse Specialist that includes evidence of advanced pharmacology, advanced physical assessment, and advanced pathophysiology within the curriculum or as a separate course.

4. verification of current national certification as a clinical nurse specialist from the American Nurses Credentialing Center or approved national certifying body listed in Rule 410-12-.12.

(b) All applicants must document one of the following within four (4) years immediately preceding the date of the current authorization application:

1. 500 hours of practice as a CNS;

2. an official transcript which verifies a masters or higher degree in nursing or a post master's certificate from an approved nursing education program with a specialization as a Clinical Nurse Specialist; or

3. completion of a Board approved advanced practice registered nurse reentry/refreshers program consisting of forty (40) hours of study and one hundred and sixty hours (160) hours of supervised clinical practice within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of application.

(c) Biennial renewal of board authorization to practice as a clinical nurse specialist:

1. the date for renewal of board authorization as a clinical nurse specialist will coincide with the renewal of the registered professional nurse license.

2. authorization to practice as a clinical nurse specialist shall be administratively revoked if not renewed prior to the date of expiration.

3. for renewal of APRN-CNS authority to practice, the clinical nurse specialist must submit:

(i) A completed authorization renewal application for advanced nursing practice;

(ii) Maintain current national certification as a clinical nurse specialist;

(iii) upon notification of Board audit, submit proof of current national certification as a clinical nurse specialist which bears the certification expiration date; and

(iv) payment of the authorization renewal fee.

4. A renewal application, received with a postmark date after the date of authorization expiration, will not be accepted by the Board for renewal purposes. Thereafter, the applicant must apply to reinstate the authorization.

5. Renewal of a license to practice as a registered professional nurse shall not constitute renewal of authorization to practice as a CNS.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-26-3 (1) and (1.1), 43-26-5 (a) (2), (11) and (21).**

Barnett moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **PETITION WAIVER – ALVON DUKES**

Mann moved to grant petition waiver and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Chatman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE – JOSH BELINFANTE/KELLY HALL**

Robinson moved to proceed with licensure. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Robinson moved, Chatman seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, Cranfill declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

## **APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE**

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**Applicant J.L., #1284248** – Robinson moved to refer application to Legal Services for a private consent agreement for licensure to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose and proceed with licensure. Chatman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant S.K., #1731128** – Barnett moved to approve reentry proposal at Renue Plastic Surgery and issue temporary permit. The applicant must submit documentation which clarifies the agency type for Renue Plastic Surgery. This information must be submitted within thirty (30) days. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant M.N., #1731579** – Chatman moved to refer application to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$1500 for unlicensed practice. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER**

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI060633** – Robinson moved to deny request for early termination of probation and to write a letter to licensee giving permission to travel on cruise. The licensee must submit documentation of participation in Alcoholics Anonymous on the cruise and reenter into aftercare after cruise ends. Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI110385** – Barnett moved to refer licensee to the Attorney General’s office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

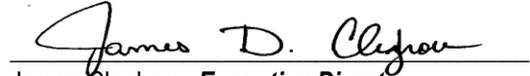
A discussion was held regarding the Georgia Composite Medical Board Office-Based Anesthesia and Surgery Guidelines.

The Board appointed Barry Cranfill to serve as spokesperson at the October 6, 2011 meeting of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 5:14 p.m.



Barry Cranfill, *Vice President*



James Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant and approved on November 16, 2011.