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FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE

April 8, 2025

The meeting of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee was called to order by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN, Chairperson of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee at 9:00 a.m.

Members present:

Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN, Chair

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN

William Hawkins, MD

Mitzi Scotten, MD

Sue Tedford, Director ASBN

Amy Embry, Director ASMB

Members Absent: Mark Foster, DNP, APRN, Vice-Chair

Also attending this meeting:

Sarah DeBusk-Griffith, Attorney, Arkansas Attorney General's Office

Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, ASBN Assistant Director

David Dawson, ASBN General Counsel

Additions to the agenda – There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda – Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Mitzi Scotten, MD moved to accept the minutes with corrections. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigations and Complaints Update

Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, ASBN Assistant Director updated the committee on the ten new complaints received since the last meeting:

ORBS ID 99868 – unsafe practice. Investigation was conducted and case closed without action.

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The following cases have an ongoing investigation:

ORBS ID 96942 – substandard practice
ORBS ID 93867 – medication dispensing
ORBS ID 74886 – unprofessional conduct
ORBS ID 49344 - unprofessional conduct
ORBS ID 72665 – HIPAA violation
ORBS ID 115515 – stimulant prescribing
ORBS ID 112743 – inappropriate prescribing
ORBS ID 109620 – inappropriate prescribing
ORBS ID 86819 – prescribing Ketamine

Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, ASBN Assistant Director updated the committee on the Board actions taken since the last meeting.

ORBS ID 143434 – A Letter of Warning (non-disciplinary) was issued for practicing on an expired license.

ORBS ID 110010 – enrolled in the alternative to discipline program (ArNAP) in which the FPA certificate is suspended.

ORBS ID 66844 - enrolled in the alternative to discipline program (ArNAP) in which the FPA certificate is suspended.

Review of Applications

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 1. It was seconded by Dr. Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

- 1. Sydney Madden A005456**
- 2. Kelly Hubbard A003428**
- 3. Lino Lamb CNP 122068**
- 4. Laura Pumphrey A005605**
- 5. Quelinda Tillman-Wilson CNP 216880**
- 6. Michelle Cameron A006063**
- 7. Asija Betts CNP 122451**
- 8. Hailee Rutherford CNP 122665**
- 9. Kayla Harrington A005218**

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 2. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

- 1. Katrina Banks A002991**
- 2. Gina Leonard-Zino CNP 219248**
- 3. Melodie Dohm CNP 231094**
- 4. Lilly Roberts A001186**
- 5. Mallory Hoelzeman CNP 120120**
- 6. Tamela McNew CNP 214633**
- 7. Sarah Anderson A004304**
- 8. Jessica Houser A006106**
- 9. Eric Azbell CNP 226383**
- 10. Georgine Wood CNP 225487**

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 3. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

- 1. LaDonna Batty A005110**
- 2. Cari Overstreet CNP 217960**
- 3. Jeffrey Cheek A001272**
- 4. Karen Byers CNP 212921**
- 5. Robin Oliver CNP 219521**
- 6. Joshua Moreland A006232**
- 7. Christian Iwobi CNP 122103**
- 8. Amanda Lindsey CNP 226792**
- 9. Tabitha Brooks CNP 217681**
- 10. Virginia Laliberte A005743**

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 4. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

- 1. Kristy Lawson CNP 214051**
- 2. Phoung Le CNP 212951**
- 3. Dezra Eichhorn A001585**

4. Lynn Outlaw A003827

5. Tiffany Bracamonte CNP 228140

Felicia Coopwood, CNP 225035 - William Hawkins, MD made a motion to defer the application due to questions regarding practice hours. The motion was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Amanda Smallmon, A003277 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for both specialties, Psych-Mental Health and Family. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Amanda Smallmon, A003277 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to defer the application for clarification of Psych-Mental Health practice hours and a description of current scope of practice. The motion was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Michelle Auld, A004894 - Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for Family. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Katelin Cooper, A004572 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Laurie Brown, CNP 217393 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Victoria Williams, A003278 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Amber Yoder, A005598 - Mitzi Scotten, MD moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed.

Stacey Foor, CNP 120818 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Timbi West, A001064 - Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed.

Ronette Wise, A003308, S001116 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for Family. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Keiko Shigeno, CNP 227316 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Jason Thornton, A005692 - Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for Family. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Dana Knoll, CNP 219239 - Mitzi Scotten, MD moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Autumn Bennett, A004363 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for Adult/Gero and Women's Health. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Charlett Watson, A005933 - Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for Psych/Mental Health. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Samieneng Hernandez, A003015 – Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for Psych/Mental Health and Family. It was seconded by Mitzi Scotten, MD. The motion passed.

Lauren Andrews, CNP 217962 - Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for Family and defer Psych/Mental Health until receive clarification of practice hours. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed.

Other Business

Renewals for independent practice will begin in September 2025. The application has been built and in the testing process with the vendor. The application contains the standard ASBN Eligibility Questions along with workforce questions.

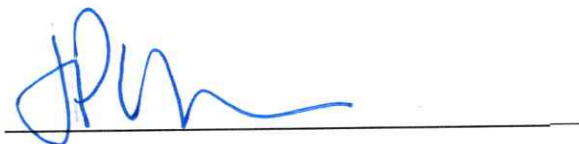
ASBN has been provided a new APRN position. It will be half-funded through the FIPCC funds and half through the ASBN funds. Interviews have been conducted and an offer will be made to one of the applicants within the next week.

Next Meeting

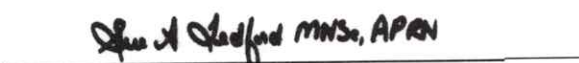
July 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Julia Ponder, Chair



Sue Tedford, Recording Secretary