

DRAFT MINUTES  
North Carolina Medical Society  
Medical Team Task Force  
222 North Person Street, Raleigh, NC 27601  
January 22, 2019 – 6:00-8:00 P.M.

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8 1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Dr. Monteiro. Dr. Monteiro explained  
9 that today's meeting will be focused on the physician/physician assistant relationship. There are  
10 important differences between nurse practitioners and physician assistants, both in terms of the  
11 education model and regulation. The ongoing debate over advanced nurse practice generates some  
12 concerns among PAs that the committee needs to be sure it is addressing.  
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- 14 2. **Attendance:** Charlie Monteiro, MD, Chair, Past President; Darlyne Menscer, MD, Past President; Ed  
15 Jonosko, MD; Joshua Smith, PA-C; Truitt Smith, PA-C; Alisa Nance, MD; Mary Ann Contogiannis,  
16 MD; Frank Snyder; Greg Griggs; Steve Keene; Chip Baggett; Sue Ann Forrest; Emily Adams; Robert  
17 Seligson; Mel Phelps; Denna Suko; Kristin Spaduzzi; Robin Huffman; Dave Horne; Thom Mansfield;  
18 David Henderson.  
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- 20 3. **Expectations for the 2019 Long Session of the NC General Assembly:** Chip Baggett gave a brief  
21 report on the professional regulation bills we expect to see during the long session. The nursing  
22 coalition is expected to promote legislation repealing the physician supervision currently in place  
23 for nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse midwives.  
24 Chiropractors are expected to seek authority to perform government-required physical  
25 examinations (commercial driver's licensing); pharmacists are expected to seek broader authority  
26 to administer vaccines; naturopathy licensure legislation is also expected to be promoted by the  
27 better-trained naturopathy practitioners.  
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- 29 4. **Overview of Physician Assistant Regulation:** Steve Keene gave a brief overview of the current  
30 requirements associated with the supervision of PAs. The presentation is attached for reference  
31 ([Attachment 1](#)).  
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- 33 5. **Goals of the NC Academy of Physician Assistants:** Josh Smith, PA-C presented the Academy's work  
34 to establish goals and priorities for the modernization of the laws and regulations related to PA  
35 practice in North Carolina. The presentation is attached for reference ([Attachment 2](#)).  
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- 37 6. **Discussion:** Dr. Monteiro presented a flow chart depicting the current PA regulatory structure, and  
38 several reform ideas intended to recognize: 1.) the need to enhance the current supervision  
39 structure beyond the semiannual quality conference, 2.) the establishment of an initial training  
40 interval after which a PA would be eligible to enter a team-based practice setting without statutory  
41 supervision, and 3.) the experienced PA who changes specialties would enter another initial  
42 training interval for that specialty before becoming eligible for unsupervised practice ([Attachment](#)  
43 [3](#)). Staff will work on refinement of these ideas prior to the next meeting.  
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45 Respectfully submitted,

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