## **Appointments Announced For Multiple State Health-Related Boards**

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - New appointments are set to take their seats on health boards in North Carolina. Gov. Pat McCrory made the appointments last week.

North Carolina Medical Board -- regulates the practice of medicine and surgery for the benefit and protection of the people of the state.

Dr. Bryant Murphy (Cumberland County) - Murphy is an associate professor of anesthesiology at UNC-Chapel Hill and the vice chairman of clinical operations for the Department of Anesthesiology for UNC Health Care.

Dr. Pascal Udekwu (Wake County) - Udekwu is a general surgeon who is also board-certified in general surgery, pediatrics and surgical critical care. This is a reappointment.

The Honorable Ralph Walker (Guilford County) - Walker is a retired judge, having served as both a Superior Court judge and on the Court of Appeals.

Dr. Cheryl Walker-McGill (Mecklenburg County) - Walker-McGill is an adjunct professor at the Wingate Graduate School of Business in Charlotte. This is a reappointment.

North Carolina Minority Health Advisory Council -- makes recommendations to the governor and secretary of Health and Human Services that are aimed at improving the health status of the state's minority populations.

Septina Florimonte (Wake County) - Florimonte is a clinician nurse with more than 10 years clinical nursing experience and is the president-elect of the Unit Practice Council at her hospital.

Adrienne Kennedy-Gayton (Wake County) - Kennedy-Gayton is a nurse analyst for Computer Science Corporation in Raleigh.

North Carolina Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing -- makes recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for cost-effective provisions, coordination and improvement of services to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf and blind.

Craig Blevins (Davidson County) - Blevins is president of the North Carolina Association of the Deaf.

Deborah Stroud (Wake County) - Stroud is the executive secretary at BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. This is a reappointment.

Timothy Boyd (Wake County) - Boyd is alliances manager for Dimension Data AM Inc. Meredith Kaplan (Guilford County) - Kaplan previously worked as senior learning center assistant at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

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Professional Advisory Committee -- advises the Commission for the Blind on matters concerning or pertaining to the procurement and rendering of professional services to the beneficiaries of the commission's aid and services.

- Dr. Daniel Bernstein (Vance County) Bernstein is an ophthalmologist in Henderson. This is a reappointment.
- Dr. Shree Kurup (Forsyth County) Kurup is an ophthalmologist in Winston-Salem. This is a reappointment.
- Dr. Laurel Gropper (Chatham County) Gropper has been a primary care optometrist for 29 years. This is a reappointment.
- Dr. Eric Fogleman (Moore County) Fogleman is an optometric physician.
  William Thompson (Davidson County) Thompson is an associate with Moore Optometric Eye Center. This is a reappointment.

Gina Royall (Durham County) - Royall is a certified contact lens optician. This is a reappointment.

Michael Szczerbiak (Granville County) - Szczerbiak is the opticianry program director and an instructor at Durham Technical Community College. This is a reappointment.