



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
ARNP Sub-committee Meeting
March 16, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
310 Israel Rd SE, Room 131
Tumwater, WA 98501**

Members Present Darrell Owens, PhD, ARNP, Chair
Susana Serna, ARNP
Mariann Williams, ARNP, FNP

Members Absent: Chris Gray, MSN, CRNA
Donna Poole, ARNP, Psych
Laurie Soine, Ph.D, ARNP

Staff Present: Martha Worcester, Ph.D., ARNP, ARNP Consultant
Chuck Cumiskey, Nurse Practice Advisor

1. **Opening**
 - Call to order – 7:00pm
 - Introduction of Guests - Leslie Emerick, Psychiatric ARNP, Melissa Johnson CRNP Lobbyist, Catherine Lurie, FNP, ARNP, ARNP United Board of Directors
 - Minutes of the Feb 9 Meeting - Recommended for approval by NCQAC
2. **Chronic Non-Cancer Pain – Darrell Owens**
 - Hearing is 9:30am to 10:30am March 18, 2011. All comments have been received and the report will be made at that time.
 - All providers involved with rules writing are working together:
 - To have a consistent way of communicating the rules to their provider groups.
 - To have one site for all affected prescribers to access information and frequently asked questions (FAQs)
 - Darrell Owens will be contributing to the site and method of disseminating the information.
3. **Delegating Pharmacy Exemptions to ARNP Consultant – Mariann Williams**
 - It was moved and seconded to recommend that the NCQAC give the ARNP Consultant authority to grant pharmacy exemptions from out of state that fit within WAC 246-840-410 (6), and WAC 246-840-340 as specified in the procedure developed by the Nursing Credentialing Manager (B09.02 attachment). Martha Worcester will prepare the motion for the May 13 NCQAC meeting.
4. **Newsletter Changes & Assignments - Martha Worcester**
 - It was moved and seconded to recommend to the NCQAC that the proposal below be accepted based on the changes needed in how articles are provided for the Nursing Commission Newsletter starting with the January 2012 issue.
 - ARNP Subcommittee Chair to be responsible for soliciting articles from the committee members for the ARNP section of each edition. Editing articles and getting them in on time would be the duty of the chair. Articles will be submitted to the ARNP Consultant.
 - Final approval of articles is by the Newsletter Task Force or Steering committee prior to publication. A firm time line would be set and clear guidelines for the number of words for articles, plain talk rules, and format. This starts with the January 2012 edition and will become part of the subcommittee's rolling agenda

5. ARNP Consultant Report - Martha Worcester

- Continuing Competency FAQs for ARNP - Should be on NCQAC web site after they are approved by NCQAC.
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) request for title recognition – No further actions since last meeting.
- Report on activities and inquiries - 30 calls or inquiries were received by the APRN Consultant in March related to scope of practice, education, and continuing education.
- May NCQAC Meeting: Martha Worcester will facilitate placement of items on the agenda from the APRN Subcommittee.
- Operational Issues: Conference calls are still not possible for persons not on the APRN Subcommittee. Guests needed for a particular agenda topic can be invited to be at the meeting by conference call, but all others must be at the physical site of the meeting.
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioner (AANP) meeting March 19, 2011 – Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) will meet to discuss current issues in Region X and national issues that affect Nurse Practitioner (NP) practice. Darrell Owens and Martha Worcester will attend.
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and prescriptive authority Information. No further inquiries have been received about Independent prescriptive authority for CRNAs. Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetist's (WANA) has an excellent web site of FAQs for any CRNA that has not already submitted a formal application for prescriptive authority in WA. If future questions arise, CRNAs can be referred to the WANA web site.

6. Legislative Update – Darrell Owens provided a legislative update.

7. Open Microphone

- Melissa Johnson raised the issue of conference call access to the ARNP subcommittee meetings. Staff and the committee members have raised the issue repeatedly Melissa Johnson was advised to write a letter to Paula Meyer, Executive Director regarding her concerns and to include the names of other professional disciplines under the Department of Health and how they manage conference calls for the public.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 - Agenda Items - All Committee Members

- Martha Worcester, will solicit agenda items for the April meeting and submit them to Darrell Owens for final decision on items to include before posting them.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.