



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Licensing and Disciplinary Subcommittee
Special Meeting
July 30, 2012
Telephone Conference Call
7:00PM**

Sub-Committee Members: Margaret Kelly, Chair (excused); Cass Tang; Lois Hoell, Susan Wong

DOH Staff /Guest: Mary Dale, Teresa Corrado (excused), Miranda Bayne, Catherine Woodard, Margaret Holm, Renae Hannahs (licensing)

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Roll call

1. Review of Minutes – Susan Wong

June minutes were approved to take to the September NCQAC meeting.

2. Work Plan – Susan Wong

The plan was reviewed and updated. The Early Remediation Program evaluation deadline was changed to August. Case Management Team evaluation was set for an update at the August meeting. The sexual misconduct rule deadline will be changed to allow time for the rules process. The deadline for Licensure for Office Emergency Preparedness will be extended from June to August.

3. Nurse Tech Applications – Renae Hannahs

A request to include the RN supervisor signature was made. The signature acknowledges the nurse has read WAC 246-840-880, and that they understand their responsibilities as the supervising RN to the Nursing Technician.

DECISION: Approved

4. Investigation Statistics – Catherine Woodard

Catherine Woodard updated the subcommittee on open investigations, performance measures, and status of nursing investigations.

Interstate Endorsement - Renae Hannahs

Discuss rule on verification of education. This item was deferred until the next meeting.

5. Early Remediation Program – Cass Tang/Miranda Bayne

Suggested changes to Procedure A34, the ER Program, were discussed. Revisions were completed. Discussion included finding the definition of minor harm. Miranda Bayne was asked to look for the global meaning of minimal harm. There were no suggestions on how to allow more respondents into the program. The criteria stated in the WAC only allows entry into the program for incidents of minor harm.

DECISION: Mary Dale will bring the revised version to the August meeting for review. The deadline for the revised procedure will be for the November NCQAC meeting, but if possible, we will add it to the September agenda.

6. Testing Accommodations – Renae Hannahs

Review of accommodations regarding anxiety/phobia. A definition needs to be determined for “recent” under the Guidelines on Documentation Review. One suggestion discussed was within the last two years. The subcommittee asked Renae Hannahs to take this to Teresa Corrado and create a document using ‘two years from the date of application’ as the definition of ‘recent’.

7. Sexual Misconduct Rule - Mary Dale

Workshops were held on July 17, and scheduled for August 13. The CR101 has not been filed with the Code Revisers Office, so at least one additional workshop must be held after it is filed. The deadline in the Work Plan needs to be extended about 18 months to allow for the rules process.

8. Strategic Plan – Susan Wong

A report is due to the commission in September on the subcommittee’s vision for the coming year. Recommendations include new substance use and abuse measures, the sexual misconduct rule, drug testing for nurses. Each of the recommendations was discussed.

DECISION: These three items will be added to the Work Plan. Susan Wong and Cass Tang both asked to be involved in the drug testing issue. The details will be added to the Work Plan at the next meeting.

9. Health Pact Discipline Resolution Program (DRP) –Susan Wong

Report on meeting with Sarah Shannon to discuss this program. This program works in agreement with ‘Just Culture’. Patients want an admission of error and an apology. The program gets facilities and risk management involved when a bad outcome occurs. This is a continuation from the presentation to the NCQAC at the January meeting. It doesn’t appear that more can be done than what is already being done. Lois mentioned that the WA Center for Nursing has a workgroup that promotes the same idea in education. Charlotte Foster and Linda Batch are on the work group. Cass Tang has heard this information at the CAC meeting. She suggested a pilot at a clinic for training and follow how they do.

Adjournment - 9:07 p.m.