



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Subcommittee Minutes  
August 17, 2012 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
111 Israel Rd SE, Town Center 2, Room 158  
Tumwater, W A 98501**

**Members Present:** Susana Serna, ARNP, FNP - Chair  
Donna Poole, ARNP, Psych  
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP  
Karen Hays, DNP, CNM, ARNP  
Lisa Grayson, ARNP, CRNA  
Mariann Williams, ARNP, FNP

**Members Absent:** Nancy Armstrong, ARNP, ANP

**Staff:** Martha Worcester, ARNP, A/GNP, ARNP Consultant  
Terry West, Deputy Executive Director  
Mindy Schaffner, MSN, CNS, Education Advisor  
Sheena Jacob, MSN, MPH, DNP Candidate, Volunteer

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**1. 8:00 AM Opening**

- The meeting was conducted using GoToMeeting technology
- Fourteen individuals from the public attended off site through the GoToMeeting Webinar

**2. Inquiries received by Advanced Practice Advisor.**

- Ms. Armstrong is developing a tracking system for all inquiries. Categories of inquiries are in place and answers given to common inquiries will be used to develop Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Web site. Examples of data and charts that can be generated were presented. Once all the data is entered, inquiries will be recorded as they come in.

**3. Minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting**

- Recommended for NCQAC approval

**4. Education Program Issues for Advanced Practice – Mindy Schaffner**

- Ms. Schaffner reported on Nursing Program Approval Panel (NPAP) for educational programs that are in place for review of graduate programs with the advanced practice component. More oversight is needed than in the past because of the increase in on-line programs changing the educational requirement guidelines from the Institutes of Medicine Future of Nursing Report and the APRN Consensus Model. In the past national accreditation processes were adequate. The RCWs and WACs provide the authority for closer monitoring which began last year. All schools in Washington State have been notified and are in agreement with the closer oversight processes. Out-of-state schools and on-line programs that have advanced practice students in Washington are the first programs to be reviewed.

## **5. Sanction Guidelines for Advanced Practice – Laurie Soine**

- Ms. Soine presented her work on the Sanction Guidelines and received input from members that have served on disciplinary panels.
  - If further education by the ARNP is required as corrective action, the education needs to be available in the number of hours required.

## **6. Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Inclusion in the ARNP Rules – Stakeholder Meeting Report and Discussion**

- Four CNS stakeholder meetings were held at four sites. Twenty-seven people attended, representing professional organizations, health care agencies, educational institutions and individuals in practice. Ms. Jacob presented a report on national organizations and selected states' approaches to the key issues. Subsequent rule writing workshops and drafts will occur and be reviewed at ARNP subcommittee meetings, and then distributed for comment. Decisions will be made about the number of face-to-face meetings based on the number and complexities of issues that arise. The goal is to work toward a final document for NCQAC consideration at the March 2013 meeting.
- It was suggested that a short presentation about the progress of the CNS rules be given at each NCQAC meeting so a decision can be made at the March 2013 meeting. Martha Worcester will request time at NCQAC meetings and prepare a report for Ms. Serna to present at the September 21, 2012 meeting and future NCQAC meetings.

## **7. Pain Management - Pain Specialist courses for Non-Cancer Chronic Pain Management Rules.**

- Suggestions - take the Continuing Medical Education that MD's physicians take. It is open to ARNPs and does not have a clinical component.
- Ms. Worcester will follow up with the details of that course and other possibilities for consideration at the next ARNP subcommittee. WAC 246-840-493 (3)(b).

## **8. Strategic Planning Reports for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013**

- Changes were made to reflect past work and future plans of the committee.
- Ms. Worcester will prepare the plans for inclusion in the ARNP subcommittee report at the September 21, 2012 NCQAC meeting.

## **9. Open Mic**

- No discussion

## **10. Meeting Dates for 2012-2013 and Using GoToWebinar**

- Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 PM
- Ms. Worcester will prepare a calendar with dates for finalization at the September ARNP subcommittee meeting.
- GoToWebinar will be used for future meetings
- The public can attend, either face to face or through GoToWebinar
- Invitations to Webinar will be sent using the list serve with the agendas.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.**