



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Sub-committee Minutes
May 15, 2013 7:00PM
111 Israel Rd. SE, Town Center 2, Room 158
Tumwater, W A 98501**

Members Present: Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP-NP, PMHCNS-BC, Chair
Nancy Armstrong, MSN, ARNP-NP, ANP
Karen Hayes, DNP, ARNP- CNM
Todd Herzog, BSNA, ARNP- CRNA
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP-NP, ANP/ACNP
Mariann Williams, ARNP-NP, FNP

Staff Present: Martha Worcester, Ph.D., ARNP, A/GNP, ARNP Practice Advisor

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1. **Opening:** Ms. Poole, chair, opened the meeting with the reading of the public disclosure statement. There were no guests or members of the public present.
2. **Report on NCQAC Meetings – Donna Poole**
 - The NCQAC Strategic Planning Meeting was held on May 9, 2013. Results will be distributed.
 - Business Meeting – May 10, 2013
 - (1) The Minutes March 2013 and April 17, 2013 Minutes were approved as submitted by the ARNP Subcommittee
 - (2) The Interpretive Statements on Non-cancer Pain Management and the Frequently Asked Questions submitted by the ARNP Subcommittee were accepted
2. **Expert Clinicians: (Criteria, Areas Needed, Process, Costs, Names)**
 - An outline of criteria for experts was discussed. Todd Herzog will work with Martha Worcester on the criteria and a process for locating experts.
3. **Advance Practice Advisor Updates – Martha Worcester**
 - Surveys
 - (1) The survey for clinical nurse specialists (CNS) and CNS students was launched. To date 237 CNS and 34 CNS students have completed the survey. The survey is available through May 24th on the Nursing Commission web site. The doctoral student, Sheena Jacob will be working on surveys and interviews of facilities, educational institutions, and Board of Nursing representatives from other states they have successful CNS rules. The surveys will provide background for the ARNP Subcommittee work in assisting NCQAC to align with

the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Consensus Model.

(2) Work is beginning for a survey to be announced at the Pacific Northwest Primary and Acute Care Conference in Seattle October 31st and November 1st. The survey will reassess ARNP knowledge of the APRN Consensus model and compare them with survey responses of 2011.

- Paula Meyer would like the subcommittee to begin background work on regulatory and reimbursement policies of Medicare and how it is creating barriers to the scope of practice for advanced practice nurses.

4. Web Site Updates:

- Updates are continuing and a major project is being launched that will include a redesign of the Nursing Commission web site. Only minor changes can be made for the Advanced Practice items on the web site until the Nursing Commission web site redesign is completed.

5. Legislative Updates – Donna Poole

- The legislature has an extended 30 day session to finish its work, primarily on the budget. The NCQAC administrative structure set for in the pilot project was maintained by the legislature that allows the same level of autonomy. .

6. Future meetings:

- There will be no meetings of the ARNP Subcommittee in June and July.
- The next meeting will be August 21st at 7:00. Arrangements for a face to face meeting will be finalized at that meeting.
- September 14th – Saturday is the date set for a face to face strategic planning meeting to be held in Tumwater. A 3 hours morning meeting was suggested. Martha Worcester will arrange details.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM