



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Sub-committee Minutes  
September 14, 2013 9AM – 2PM  
Comfort Inn, Tumwater, Blvd. Tumwater, W A 98501**

**Members Present:** Donna Poole, MSN, PMHCNS-BC, ARNP, Chair.  
Todd Herzog, CRNA, ARNP  
Karen Hays, CNM, ARNP  
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP  
Mariann Williams, FNP, ARNP  
Sheena Jacob, ARNP, DNP Candidate

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

**Staff Present:** Martha Worcester, PhD, A/GNP, ARNP, Advanced Practice Advisor  
Greg Hammond, NCQAC Intern

**1. Opening - Donna Poole, Chair:**

The meeting was called to order at 9AM. Public members attending were Robin Fleming from Washington State Nurses Association, and Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist for the Association of Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses.

**2. Pain Management Presentation:**

by Bob Twillman, Director of Policy & Advocacy, American Academy of Pain Management gave a presentation by conference call on the Pain Specialist offerings of their organization. The presentation was well received and tailored to the rules that apply to WA state on Non-cancer Pain management. The ARNP Committee is still considering how to best credential ARNPs as pain specialist that will fit within the rule requirements.

**3. Strategic Planning:**

The group used individual work assignments for crafting 2 years goals and placing them in the context of the Nursing Commission's Strategic Plan. Goals were shared and summarized. Martha Worcester will write a summary of the goals for review at the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 ARNP Subcommittee meeting.

**4. Items for Recommending to the Nursing Commission.**

- a. Name change of ARNP Subcommittee to Advanced Practice Committee: It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to recommend changing the name of the ARNP Subcommittee to the Advanced Practice Subcommittee. Martha Worcester will draft the motion for Donna Poole to present. Rationale for changing the name were:
  - i. The name is consistent with the titles for Advanced Practice rules
  - ii. The name aligns more closely with APRN Consensus Model
- b. Nursing Practice Advisory Groups for Advanced Practice procedure/policy:- Martha will present a draft at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ARNP Subcommittee for consideration at the November

or January Nursing Commission meeting.

5. **Inquiry Report:** The inquiry report was deferred to the October when Nancy Armstrong could be present to give the report.
6. **CNS Surveys Presentation**  
Sheena Jacob, DNP Student from University of Washington, presented a power point on her Capstone Project related to possible recognition of the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) credential in Washington state. In partnership with the Nursing Commission she has completed surveys of CNSs working in WA, CNS Students, Employers of CNS and several state boards of nursing representatives from states where CNSs are recognized under the Advanced Practice role. Surveys of graduate program faculty where there are CNS programs have yet to be conducted.
7. **Calendar for 2013-2014 ARNP Subcommittee Meetings**  
The decision on meeting times for the ARNP Subcommittee was deferred until the October meeting. The September 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday meeting was canceled. The October meeting was set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM to accommodate schedules of SC members.
8. **Meeting Evaluation:**  
Members provided written and verbal feedback. They expressed gratitude for having a chance to meet one another and felt the work session facilitated good planning for the coming 2 years.
9. **Open microphone:**  
Attendees participated in work groups during the meeting and added excellent suggestions for goals and implementation of goals. The ARNP Subcommittee expressed appreciation for their participation
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2PM

*Submitted by Martha Worcester, ARNP Advisor*