



**Consistent Standards of Practice Minutes
October 1, 2013 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
111 Israel Rd SE, Town Center 2, Room 140
Tumwater, Washington 98501**

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1. 12:00 PM Opening – Gene Pingle

- a. Call to order & roll call
- b. Introduction

2. Review of minutes

The minutes for the September meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Nurse Practice Advisory Group (NPAG) Updates

Ms. Carlson gave a brief description for the attendees of what the NPAG is and what they do.

- a. **School Settings – Delegation:** Ms. Carlson stated that there is some concern regarding school settings and the Commission was asked to look into them.
- b. **Community-Based Settings – POLST:** Ms. Carlson stated that there is a question as to whether a CNA can honor a POLST that a patient already has.
- c. **Acute/Hospitals/Inpatient Settings – Neonatal Intubation/Neonatal Emergency Procedures:** Ms. Carlson stated that this came as a formal request. Ms. Carlson did answer this request informally but the requestor wants a formal statement.
- d. **Ambulatory/Administrative Settings – Standing Orders:** Ms. Carlson has not met with the NPAG handling the research for this request. She is planning a meeting for the near future.

4. Strategic Plan

- a. **OD6: NCQAC – NCQAC Conference Planning:** The NCQAC is working on putting together a statewide nursing conference in May.
- b. **OD7: Nursing Commission Educational Needs:** Ms. Carlson is the lead on this and will be working with Paula Meyer.

- c. **OD8: Educate the public on the Early Remediation Program:** Ms. Carlson explained what the Early Remediation Program is and what she is looking to do to create some education opportunities for the public.
- d. **RULE2: Define NCQAC role as health care transitions with the ACA:** What is the NCQAC role in the transition into the Affordable Care Act.
- e. **ED2: Assure accessible, quality, professional educational activities to promote safe nursing practice:** The Nurse Consultants do in person conferences to educate nurses on the ED program.
- f. **PRAC1: Identify opportunities to transfer the health care system and nursing practice based on IOM's Future of Nursing report to meet challenges of the ACA:** This goes with the new rules regarding the ACA and being broad with the Nurse Practice Guide and helping nurses during the transition.
- g. **PRAC2: Improve collection and analysis of data using consistent tools on nursing practice:** Ms. Carlson will develop a formal process to review the data collected.
- h. **PRAC3: Enhance patient safety and quality care using a formal approach of QA and CQI strategies:** This is just putting the finishing touches on the CQI plan.