



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Minutes  
February 19, 2014 7:00 PM  
Town Center 2  
111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501  
Room 158**

**Committee Members:** Donna Poole, MSN, PMHCNS-BC, ARNP, Chair  
Nancy Armstrong, ANP, ARNP  
Karen Hays, CNM, ARNP  
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP  
Todd Herzog, CRNA, ARNP

**Excused:** Mariann Williams, FNP, ARNP

**Staff:** Martha Worcester, PhD, A/GNP, ARNP, Advanced Practice Advisor

**Guests:** Sheena Jacob, ARNP, DNP Candidate

**I. 7:00 PM Opening -**

- Donna Poole called the meeting to order with reading of the public disclosure statement.
- January minutes were recommended unanimously for approval by the NCQAC.

**II. Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Related Research**

- Sheena Jacob reported on the surveys of Washington State Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), CNS students, and employers of CNS. Respondents completing the surveys were 320 CNS respondents, 76 CNS students, 56 hospitals. Only three schools in Washington currently have a CNS track and each of currently have 5 or 6 students in their program. Ten states board of nursing staff were interviewed that had successfully completed licensing and including CNS within the Advanced Practice. A preliminary report – more to come.
- Martha Worcester reported on the 2013 Advanced Practice survey of ARNPs in Washington State regarding their knowledge of the Advance Practice Registered Nurse Consensus RNP Survey and Nursing Commission activities comparing it to a similar survey done in 2011. Knowledge of the consensus model was 49% in 2011, 57% in 2013, a slight improvement.
- All signatures necessary to begin the process opening the Advanced Practice rules to consider including CNS. The group consensus was that the process of workshops would work best if they could be done before summer. Webinar's would facilitate the process. Feasibility may dictate the first workshop times and Martha will work with staff and bring to next meeting.

**III. Legislative Update** – Donna Poole reported

- HB1448 Tele-medicine being heard tomorrow.
- HB2315 likely passing - requires 6 hours of CE every 6 years as part of the CE requirement for license renewal.
- HB 2570 – expanding term limits for Medical Commission. Nursing Commission working on amending so
- HB 2747 Rules only, no more interpretative students. Nursing Commission can still do advisory opinions.

**IV. Advanced Practice Advisor Updates and Requests**

- Newsletter articles for April 1st deadline - Article by Sheena, CNS inclusion, Laurie recruit experts, Martha
- Exhibits to highlight the APRN Consensus model and NCQAC were provided at the CNM Conference and the Cardiovascular Nurses Conference the first part of February
- GoToWebinar will be piloted at next meeting
- A new administrative assistant, Jean Wheat, has been hired for support of the Nursing Advisor and Advanced Nursing Advisor roles.

**V. Open microphone** – Attending were Melissa Johnson WANA& ARNP United, and Leslie Johnson, AAPPN. Leslie provided a list of bills their organization is tracking. Martha will send a copy out to our committee.

**VI. Agenda Items for March 19th meeting**

- Strategic Planning Process – Deferred until March Meeting. All committee members complete their part of the goal worksheets. Martha will compile and bring to the next meeting
- Summit planning for Advanced Practice – Deferred until next meeting
- Expert Consultant Recruitment Process Update – Laurie & Martha submitted a proposed letter and criteria. Finalized is deferred until the next meeting.
- CNS rules writing process updates

**VII. Adjourned** – 8:00 PM