

Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Licensing & Discipline Subcommittee Minutes
April 28, 2014
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
111 Israel Rd SE
Room 237
Tumwater, WA

Commission Members: Margaret Kelly, LPN, Chair
Cass Tang, PMP, Public Member
Lois Hoell, MS, MBA, RN
Tracy Rude, LPN

DOH Staff Mary Dale, Discipline Manager
Catherine Woodard, Chief Investigator
Teresa Corrado, Licensing Manager
Anne Schuchmann, RN, Deputy Director (Ad Hoc) excused
Karl Hoehn, Staff Attorney
Margaret Holm, Nurse Consultant

Guests: Eileen Branscom

1. 4:00 pm Opening — Margaret Kelly, Chair

- Call to order – digital recording announcement
- Roll call

2. March Minutes – Margaret

The March minutes were reviewed and will be included in the July NCQAC meeting packet for approval.

3. Performance Measures – Tracy

Tracy reviewed the performance measures for the third quarter of FY14. She noted that aged investigations have dropped to 6%, and all measures are within timelines or improving.

4. WAC 246-840-025(4)(b) Nursing Education Transcripts – Teresa

This rule states that transcripts must be received within ninety days of the applicant's first taking of the examination. Since the license will not be issued without the transcript, this section has no value.

DECISION: Lois will discuss this topic with other states while at a National Council meeting on April 29. A request will go to the commission at the July meeting to change the rule. Teresa will bring a motion that includes a summary of the issue to the May L&D meeting.

5. National Organization of Alternative Programs –Mary

Mary provided information from attendance at this conference. Cass suggested additional information should be included to address how attendance at the conference will impact work

we are doing regarding substance abuse disorder (SUD). The commission meeting packet has already been distributed with this document included. Staff explained that persons attending the conference (Mary, Margaret, Anne, and Catherine) participate in the SUD workgroup. They are in the process of adopting best practices, and an audit tool for the alternative to discipline program. The conference also allowed them to keep up-to-date with national trends and with processes in other states.

6. Comparison of Communication Resolution Program (CRP) and Early Remediation (ER) Programs – Margaret Holm

Margaret met with Teresa Landreau with the Medical Commission to learn more about CRP. She provided a memo outlining these two programs and their differences. The CRP is intended to increase patient safety through more effective reporting. The ER program addresses practice breakdown by an individual nurse. Margaret noted that Thomas Gallagher and Sarah Shannon will present the CRP at the Nurse Symposium in Spokane on May 8.

7. Best Practices in Substance Use Disorder Programs – Mary

At the April 21 SUD work group meeting, Gail Yu, AAG, reviewed the audit tool and gave her input. This was sent to work group members so decisions can be made at the May 8 work group meeting.

8. Licensure Models – Cass

The Strategic Plan includes exploring licensure models needed to meet the needs of interstate nursing practice, telehealth, and on-line nursing education. Teresa scheduled a speaker from National Council to give a presentation at the July commission education session. This will help new members who are not knowledgeable about the Interstate Compact. Questions include how it would change our processes; who does what; costs and fees; what do they do well/not do well; what are the benefits. The website has the pros and cons listed.

DECISION: Cass will create a list of what is done well and not done well through the Interstate Compact.

9. NCI Report – Margaret Holm

Margaret presented her report of NCI work completed in the last three months. She included the 3/31/2014 TERCAP report (Taxonomy of Error, Root Cause Analysis and Practice-Responsibility).

10. Work Plan – Margaret

The next meeting of the subcommittee is the Memorial Day holiday. The members agreed to change this meeting to May 19, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Teresa will bring a disciplinary issue regarding continuing competency attestations to the May meeting.

Margaret Kelly will get the due date from Mindy for the next newsletter article.

Lois has created a work plan for the jurisprudence exam, which will be on the May agenda.

Cass has been assigned to “Licensure Models” from the strategic plan.

The licensing WAC 246-840-025(4)(b) was added to the work plan and will be on the May agenda.

11. Closing 6:00 p.m.