

Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Licensing & Discipline Subcommittee Agenda
May 19, 2014
4:30 pm to 6:30 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 (excused)
Anne Schuchmann, RN, Deputy Director (Ad Hoc)
Karl Hoehn, Staff Attorney
Margaret Holm, Nurse Consultant (excused)

Guests: Deborah Johnson

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

- Call to order
- Roll call

2. April Minutes – Margaret

The April minutes were approved for the July NCQAC meeting.

3. Jurisprudence Exam – Lois

This item has been placed on hold based on workload per Paula Meyer. Issues identified are deciding who will write the exam, when to give the exam (application, discipline, endorsement, renewal), action if the person fails the exam, and whether the commission or schools of nursing should give the exam.

DECISION: The work plan will be noted to check back on this item in six months.

4. WAC 246-840-025 Nursing Education Transcripts – Teresa/Lois

Teresa was not available for this meeting. There was no motion to review for opening the WAC for revision. Lois spoke with representatives from four other states when she was at a National Council meeting. These four states do not ask for transcripts for initial licensure, only for endorsement applications.

DECISION: The motion will be presented at the July Commission meeting. Teresa is to create a motion with the rationale for changing the rule (in bullet points). This document and the WAC are to go in the July business packet, and the June L&D packet.

5. Continuing Competency Attestations – Teresa/Lois

Teresa is concerned about licensees who lie on their attestations and have not completed the required continuing competency. The subcommittee discussed this earlier, and the decision was that the licensing WAC addressed the issue by requiring them to inactivate their license. It was noted that one RCM asked for continuing competency information on a case. It was suggested the investigator ask for this information in all cases.

DECISION: This will be added to the July NCQAC agenda. Margaret will follow up with Teresa to draft a motion.

6. Subcommittee Changes – Margaret

The topic of separating licensing and discipline work into different subcommittees was discussed. The workload justifies this split. The licensing part would combine with the continuing competency subcommittee to create the Licensing Subcommittee. L&D subcommittee members agreed, as have Continuing Competency members. Decisions to be made include which commission members and which staff will serve on each subcommittee.

DECISION: Karl will ask Paula if she knows why licensing and discipline were combined. The charter will be reviewed at the June meeting for changes. Lois will bring the motion to the June meeting; this will be on the July NCQAC meeting agenda.

7. Communication and Resolution Program (CRP)– Margaret

Thomas Gallagher and Sarah Shannon presented the CRP at the May 8 Symposium, and gave hospital based nursing examples. However, in other environments the doctors are kept, but the nurses are fired. The topic of bringing in just culture can be taken to the Long Term Care Conference held by National Council. The commission has the Early Remediation Program in place.

DECISION: After much discussion, it was decided that CRP has not provided a pathway for nursing, and involvement in the program has been deferred. Margaret will suggest Thomas connect with NWONE to address workplace issues.

8. Best Practices in Substance Use Disorder Programs – Margaret

The task group met on May 8 to discuss the AG’s comments on the Audit Tool. The tool cannot be changed, as it is used as a metric for all states. This information was relayed to John Furman, who will meet with the task group on May 21. A full report will go to the Commission at the September NCQAC meeting.

9. Licensure Models – Cass

There will be an open forum for stakeholders at the July NCQAC workshop to discuss the Interstate Compact. National Council staff will present information on the compact and answer questions. Information will be gathered from stakeholders.

DECISION: Cass will draft a document for the July packet, including pros and cons from the National Council website. She will include links to informational sites. This item will be added to the June meeting for preparation for the July workshop.

10. Investigator Report – Catherine

Catherine provided her report for the last three months. Open investigations are trending down. The performance measures have been met or exceeded in the last year.

11. Sexual Misconduct Rule Language – Mary

HSQA recommended an addition to the rule to include criminal convictions and allegations when a non-patient is involved. The HSQA rule will be opened to include this language.

DECISION: This item was approved to go to the July NCQAC for approval of the draft rule language.

12. Work Plan – Margaret

Changes to the work plan include:

Change the source on Newsletter Articles to Jen Anderson.

Add deadline for NC Best Practices as September 2014.

Change the deadline on Jurisprudence Exam to “hold”; revisit in 6 months.

Add deadline for Transcripts WAC 246-840-025 as July 2014.

13. Closing 6:25 p.m.