



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Minutes  
July 16, 2014 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Town Center 2, Room 158  
111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501**

- Committee Members:** Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, Chair  
Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC  
Karen Hays, DNP, CNM, ARNP  
Nancy Armstrong, ARNP  
Todd Herzog, CRNA, ARNP  
Sheena Jacob, DNP, MSN, MPH
- Guests:** Sallie Davis-Kirsch, Seattle Children's Hospital  
Heather Schoonover, CNS Representative  
Nancy Lawton, ARNP United  
Melissa Hutchinson, Veteran's Administration, Puget Sound
- Public Attendees:** Susan Eardley, ACNS  
Louise Kaplan, ARNPs United  
Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist  
Joni Herrington, CNS  
Deborah Johnson, Policy Analyst
- Staff:** Martha Worcester, PhD, ARNP-NP, ANP, GNP-BC,  
Advanced Practice Advisor  
Jean Wheat, Nursing Practice Administrative Assistant

- I. 7:00 PM Call to Order - Laurie Soine, Chair**
- Dr. Laurie Soine was assigned as chair of the Advanced Practice Subcommittee beginning July 11, 2014.
  - The reading of public disclosure statement was read.
  - Deborah Johnson announced a sunrise review requested by the Legislature to give naturopathic physicians prescriptive authority.
  - Reviewed and approved June 18, 2014 meeting minutes.
- II. July 11, 2014 Nursing Commission Report – Donna Poole and Laurie Soine**
- Discussed the Nursing Commission's one-day workshop on nursing compact state licensure. The process begins ground work for discussion by key stakeholders. The subcommittee members discussed highlights, challenges, and future plans identified during the workshop.
  - Discussed the approval of the NCQAC joint operating agreement with the Department of Health.
  - Discussed new members approved by the Nursing Commission.
  - The motion submitted by the Advanced Practice subcommittee to request opening WAC 246-840-010 and WAC 246-840-020 rules to amend language regarding the

clinical nurse specialist as a designation, was passed by the Nursing Commission. This request will be submitted at the same time as the CR102 is submitted for the Advanced Practice rules amendments.

**III. Clinical Nurse Specialist Inclusion in Advanced Practice Rules**

- Proposed CR 102 draft #2 from the clinical nurse specialist workgroup reviewed and discussed. In-depth discussion resulted in several suggestions for amending the rules for the CR 102 draft. These included: prescriptive authority; National Certification as a licensure requirement; education requirements; grandfathering of clinical nurse specialists without a graduate degree but no national certification, verification of continuous practice hours; temporary permits; refresher courses; continuing education hours; verification of education (including official transcripts); lack of national examinations for some areas of clinical nurse specialist practice; and alternate routes to certification. The subcommittee voted to remove language in the CR102 draft rules related to options for licensure without an national certification.
- Deborah Johnson (policy analyst) clarified the rules process.
- Discussed the petition (and subsequent approval by the Nursing Commission) from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (ACCN) to have their nurse practitioner exam be accepted. Dr. Martha Worcester will consult with Gail Yu, NCQAC's legal advisor, to see if AACN can be added under the nurse practitioner designation.
- Input from stakeholder groups on the rules will continue. The draft remains open to changes. Continued discussion of the rules will be on the agenda at the August 20, 2014 subcommittee meeting.
- Dr. Worcester will continue to work with Deborah Johnson on rules language and send out a revised version of the CR102 draft based on discussion from this meeting for stakeholder comment.

**IV. Advanced Practice Advisor Updates and Requests – Martha Worcester**

- Tabled until further notice – meeting focused on CR102 version of ARNP rule amendments to include clinical nurse specialist.

**V. Report on National Council Discipline and Sanctioning Conference**

- Tabled until further notice – meeting focused on clinical nurse specialist rules.

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

- Tabled until further notice – meeting focused on clinical nurse specialist rules.

**VII. Agenda Items for August 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- Clinical nurse specialist rules CR 102 draft.

**VIII. Open microphone and Guests Attending**

- Open discussion allowed during clinical nurse specialist draft rules.

**IX. Adjourned – 8:16 PM**