



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Minutes  
October 15, 2014 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Town Center 2, Room 158  
111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501**

**Committee Members  
Present:**

Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, Chair

Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC  
Nancy Armstrong, ARNP  
Karen Hays, DNP, CNM, ARNP  
Todd Herzog, CRNA, ARNP

**Absent:**

Sheena Jacob, DNP, MSN, MPH

**Guests:**

Heather Schoonover, President of Washington Affiliate of  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS)  
Margaret Holm, JD, RN, Nurse Consultant for Nursing  
Commission Unit  
Debbie Carlson, MSN, BSN, BSEd, PMC, RN, Nurse Practice  
Advisor for Nursing Commission Unit

**Public Attendees:**

Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, WSNA  
Susan Eardley, CNS  
Diana Rae, CNS  
Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist, AAPPN

**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**

- The public disclosure statement was read.
- Introduction of Guests. Debbie Carlson listened in as the Nursing Commission transitions for Martha Worcester's position. Margaret Holm attended as an invited guest to speak on the Advanced Practice Experts Evaluator Policy. Heather Schoonover attended as an invited guest to speak on the new section of the clinical nurse specialist inclusion in the Advanced Practice rules.
- Announcements
  - Sheena Jacob will be leaving Pro-Tem at the end of October.
  - An applicant was interviewed for the Advanced Practice Advisor position
- Minutes of the September 17, 2014, Advanced Practice Subcommittee was recommended to the Nursing Commission for approval as submitted.
- The Advanced Practice Primary and Acute Care Conference were held on October 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Martha Worcester, Heather Schoonover, and Sheena Jacob conducted a panel on the Consensus Model and CNS Inclusions. Donna Poole, Laurie Soine, Catherine Woodard and Karl Hoehn conducted a panel discussion on

the discipline process for ARNPs.

**II. Clinical Nurse Specialist New Section Inclusion Update – All**

- The revisions and a new section for clinical nurse specialist inclusion in the rules were reviewed. The latest draft was recommended to proceed on to legal review. Martha will see that the legal review is performed.
- Martha Worcester will meet with staff for a new timeline before she leaves.

**III. Approval of Advanced Practice Expert Evaluators Policy – Margaret Holm (Guest)**

- Updated draft of the policy was discussed and recommended to the Nursing Commission in November for approval as submitted.

**IV. Priorities for 2014-2015 – Laurie Soine, Chair**

- This item was tabled until a new Advanced Practice Advisor is hired.
- Advanced Practice Advisor Transition: Martha thanked each Advanced Practice Subcommittee member for their contributions during her tenure with the Nursing Commission. Laurie Soine expressed her personal thanks and on behalf of the Subcommittee to Martha Worcester.
- During the transition to new staff, Debbie Carlson will be the contact person. A new e-mail has been established that will go to Debbie Carlson, Jean Wheat, and the new advisor. The e-Mail is [AdvancedPractice.NCQAC@doh.wa.gov](mailto:AdvancedPractice.NCQAC@doh.wa.gov)

**V. Agenda Items for November 18, 2014 Advanced Practice Subcommittee Meeting**

- November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting is canceled during the Nursing Commission Unit's transition.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> will be the next Advanced Practice SC meeting. Laurie Soine will work on the agenda, along with Martha Worcester's replacement.

**VI. Open microphone – (as time permits)**

- Melissa Johnson asked if the recent draft on the Clinical Nurse Specialist could be sent to everyone. Martha Worcester explained the process. Paula Meyer will want her to wait until after the legal review.
- Leslie Emerick expressed her heartfelt gratitude and thank you to Martha Worcester for all the hard work she has done.

**VII. Adjourned – 7:50 PM**