



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee Minutes
December 2, 2014 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501**

Committee Members: Charlotte Foster, BSN, MHA, RN, **Chair**
Tracy Rude, LPN

Guests: Danielle Welliever, HSQA Policy Analyst

Staff: Deborah Carlson, MSN, RN, Associate Director - Nursing Practice
Jean Wheat, Nursing Practice Administrative Assistant

I. 12:00 PM Opening – Charlotte Foster, Chair

- Call to order and roll call.
 - Announcement made that John Peick has resigned as a Nursing Commission member, and, therefore; no longer is assigned to the Consistent Standards of Practice (CSP) Subcommittee.
- Introductions.
 - Introduction of subcommittee members, staff, guests, and public attendees.

II. Review of minutes

- Approved draft minutes from November 4, 2014 CSP meeting. These will be added to the January 9, 2015 Nursing Commission agenda.

III. Equipping Law Enforcement with Naloxone – Response to Letter from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

- Debbie Carlson provided background in response to a letter dated October 31, 2014, from James McMahn, Policy Director, with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. The request included the Medical, Pharmacy, and Nursing Commission, as to whether a practitioner (such as a local public health officer, emergency medical program director, or other licensed practitioner) would be allowed to provide Naloxone to a law enforcement agency. Paula Meyer, Executive Director for the Nursing Commission, sent a letter to Mr. McMahn informing him that the CSP Subcommittee would make recommendations to the Nursing Commission regarding this issue. The subcommittee recommends developing an advisory opinion in collaboration with the Advanced Practice Subcommittee, the Pharmacy Commission and the Medical Commission. This will be added as an agenda item under the CSP Subcommittee for the January 9, 2015 Nursing Commission business meeting.

- IV. Advisory Group Procedure Review (Draft Update)**
- Discussed current process in using nursing practice advisory groups as the procedure is reviewed and revised. Debbie Carlson will continue to develop the draft consulting with Paula Meyer and Gail Yu, legal counsel to the Nursing Commission, and report back at the next subcommittee meeting.
- V. Nurse Practice Quality Assurance-Quality Improvement Report (Draft Update)**
- Reviewed document with decision to take to the Nursing Commission meeting January 9, 2015. Debbie Carlson will check with Paula Meyer regarding whether this will be a formal presentation vs. packet information. Recommend using a statistician to analyze future reports for a more in-depth analysis.
- VI. Nursing Scope of Practice Decision Tree Review/Revision (Draft Update)**
- Discussed potential improvements. Decision to continue to work on tree with several suggestions for improvement and bring back to the next subcommittee meeting.
- VII. Physician's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Advisory Opinion Discussion**
- Discussed concerns received following approval of the advisory opinion. Major concerns re: lack of immunity for health care providers; whether delegation is really necessary (since some facilities do not have registered nurses to delegates); and potential alleged assault and battery if someone does CPR on a person with a POLST. Decision to continue to collect information, specifically legal consultation, and bring back to the next subcommittee meeting.
- VIII. Medication Compounding Discussion**
- Discussed concerns following approval of the Administration of Sedating, Analgesic, and Anesthetic Agents advisory opinion specific to compounding medications. Washington State Department of Health hospital and ambulatory surgical facility surveyors very concerned as compounding is common practice in these institutions and their responsibility to cite them for violations. Decision to develop an advisory opinion specific to compounding.
- IX. Nursing Commission Newsletter Articles**
- No discussion due to time constraints.
- X. Agenda Items for Next Subcommittee Meeting**
- Nursing Scope of Practice Decision Tree Review/Revision (Draft Update).
 - Advisory Group Procedure Review (Draft Update).
 - POLST Advisory Opinion Discussion.
 - Nursing Commission Newsletter Articles
- XI. Closing**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.