



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Sub-committee Minutes
February 18, 2015 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
Present:
Excused: Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC
Nancy Armstrong, ARNP
Excused: Karen Hays, DNP, CNM, ARNP
Excused: Dan Simonson, CRNA, MHPA

Guests: Kimberly Barcus, Clinical Nurse Specialist Student at SPU
(working with Willie Hunt on CNS Project with the Nursing Commission)

Public Attendees: Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, WSNA
Susan Eardley, CNS
Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist, AAPPN
Danielle Welliever, HSQA Policy Analyst

Staff: Debbie Carlson, MSN, BSN, BSEd, PMC, RN, Associate
Excused: Director-Nursing Practice
Willie O. Hunt, RNC, ARNP, MS, Advanced Practice Advisor
Excused: Jean Wheat, Nursing Practice Administrative Assistant

- I. 7:00 PM Call to Order - Laurie Soine, Chair**
- The public disclosure statement was read.
 - Introductions made.
 - Announcements – None
 - Minutes of the January 21, 2015, Advanced Practice Sub-committee recommended to the Nursing Commission for approval as submitted.
- II. ARNP Licensing Exemption Requests – Teresa Corrado**
- Teresa Corrado unable to attend. Willie Hunt presented the case and request for ARNP licensing exemption. The sub-committee members present, agreed that this request for exemption from pharmacology CE's for a Certified Nurse Midwife applying for licensing in Washington be denied. Justification for the decision is that all ARNPs in WA State whether or not they choose to prescribe medication care for patients *taking* medications – thus current knowledge of all aspects of pharmacology is a requirement for all ARNPs practicing in WA State.

III. Clinical Nurse Specialist Inclusion Rules Update – All

- Willie Hunt gave an update on the Clinical Nurse Specialist Inclusion Rule making. Willie shared that the internal rules processes at NCQAC have changed and HSQA staff working with rules will need to understand the new process. Willie will be meeting with Paula Meyer, Debbie Carlson, and Anne Schuchmann to review the new process and to understand the roles internal to NCQAC. Willie will provide the sub-committee with an update. At this time the timeline remains and the estimated time the CNS document will be ready to vote on is July 2015.

IV. Psychiatric ARNP Seclusion and Restraint Order Discussion – All

- Willie Hunt provided the group with a historic overview of the language within the law, WAC 246-180, limiting the scope of Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner's in the state. Willie conveyed to the group her discussion with Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst, who is the lead on seclusion and restraint that the psychiatric ARNP Seclusion and Restraint rule will not be heard until after the Marijuana rulemaking is done. Leslie Emerick attended the meeting and shared the five year history of the process for change and the passing of HB 1071 and also asked for further action. Willie Hunt will meet with Leslie Emerick to discuss a way forward in making this important revision. The sub-committee supports including Psychiatric/Mental Health ARNPs ability to sign seclusion and restraint orders and Willie's work on behalf of this change. In a follow up consult Willie had with Jeff Wise after the sub-committee meeting, Jeff shared the following on the status of seclusion and restrain:
 - The CR 101 package is drafted, but still needs a formal agency review before filing with the code reviser. Now that there is a lull in the legislative process the plan is to finally catch up with rulemaking and move this forward.
 - Jeff Wise stated that he did not anticipate any serious issues with this rule proposal, once the CR – 101 is filed. The plan is to follow the minimum timeline per the APA which was the original plan.
 - **Jeff Wise Policy Analyst** is the lead on this rule and is the contact person if further clarification and information is desired. His contact information is as follows:
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V. Advanced Practice Sub-committee Strategic Plan 2015 Review – All

- Laurie Soine recommended deferring discussion of the Strategic Plan review until all sub-committee members have read the following article.

- Willie Hunt reviewed the article sent out by Paula Meyers entitled, “Health Leaders: Top 5 Nursing Issues for 2015” to the group. All sub-committee members are encouraged to read prior to our discussion regarding the Strategic Plan. Willie will resend the article to all AP sub-committee members prior to the meeting in April 15, 2015 for review. .
- The sub-committee members agreed to dedicate the April Sub-committee meeting to the Strategic Plan for 2015.

VI. Agenda Items for Next Sub-committee meeting – All

- Update from the March 13, 2015 NCQAC Business meeting
- ARNP Licensing Exemption Request
- Review resumes for the Expert Witness Panel – Willie to provide a table on the Expert witness’s resumes and to discuss the process and procedures associated with appointing and getting access to experts.
- Willie will send out the resumes prior to the sub-committee meeting for review.
- Legislative Update (ongoing) – Donna Poole

VII. Open microphone – (as time permits)

- Leslie Emerick voiced disappointment in regards to hearing that the Psychiatric ARNP Seclusion and Restraint rule will not be heard until after the Marijuana law. She asked if a request to expedite the rule could be initiated. She also suggested writing a letter to the Secretary of Health. Danielle Welliever suggested having a discussion with Andy Fernando as well. Willie Hunt to assist in facilitating. Please review above comments on the most recent update Willie received from policy analyst Jeff Wise in response to this request, and the most recent update on seclusion and restraint.

VIII. Adjourned – 7:40 PM