



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Consistent Standards of Practice Sub-committee Minutes
March 3, 2015 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

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

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.
- Introductions.

II. Review of minutes

- Discussed review processes. Future minutes may be approved by the chair without coming back to the sub-committee. This will speed up the process to get these to the NCQAC for final approval.
- January 6, 2014 – approved draft. Submit to NCQAC for May meeting. The meeting for February was cancelled.

III. NCQAC Procedure Reviews/Revisions

- Discussion of procedures related to the nurse practice advisory group, advisory opinions, interpretive statements, policy statements, and declaratory orders. Plan is to streamline process to no longer use the nurse practice advisory group. Instead practice staff will perform the research. Existing advisory group members may continue to be a key stakeholder to review and provide input. Recommend to NCQAC to rescind Advisory Group Procedure (F02.02). Recommendations to merge Request for Interpretive Statement (F03.02) and Development, Rescinding, and Archiving of Interpretive Statements, Advisory Opinions, Policy Statements, and Declaratory Orders (F01.02) into one procedure. Rough draft provided at this meeting. Instructions to continue with the process and bring final draft back to next meeting.

IV. Physician’s Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Frequently Asked Questions Draft Review

- Reviewed draft changes to frequently asked questions document and recommended changes in existing advisory opinion. Staff will distribute to key stakeholders for comment and input and bring back to the next meeting.

V. Naloxone Update

- Follow-up from NCQAC’s decision to develop an advisory opinion. A letter was sent to James McMahn with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police

Chiefs to notify them of the plan. Brief discussion of proposed legislation [ESHB 1671](#) that may make changes to the existing law re: opioid overdose medications (including Naloxone).

VI. Strategic Planning – Item for Discussion for 2015-2017

- Discussed the article, “Top Five Nursing Issues for 2015, Alexandra Wilson Pecci, HealthLeaders Media, December 2, 2014; in preparation for developing the NCQAC’s 2015-2017 Strategic Plan. Sub-committee members indicate these are important aspects and will consider how these can be adopted into the plan.

VII. Nursing Commission Newsletter Articles – Deadline May 1, 2015

- Standing agenda item. Notify staff of any potential topics they would like to include in the newsletter or if they would be interested in writing up an article. Doris Barrett with DSHS is developing an article on Nursing Delegation.

VIII. Agenda Items for Next Sub-committee Meeting

- Nursing Practice Advisory Opinions, Interpretive Statements, Policy Statements, and Declaratory Orders Draft (F 03.02)
- Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment
 - Frequently Asked Question Draft
 - Advisory Opinion Revision Draft
- Naloxone Advisory Opinion Draft

IX. Closing

- Public comment and questions
 - Question re: whether nursing assistants can apply oxygen without an order during a cardiac arrest. Staff will send an informal response to requestor.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.