



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Sub-committee Minutes
July 15, 2015 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
Dan Simonson, CRNA, MHPA

Invited Guests:

Dr. Fujio McPherson, DAOM, ARNP, LAc, NW Institute of
Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine

Public Attendees:

Sarah Frey, Policy Analyst, WSNA
Louise Kaplan, ARNP United, Board of Directors
Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist – Association of Advanced Practice
Psychiatric Nurses (AAPPN)
Melissa Johnson, Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetist
and ARNP United

Staff:

Willie O. Hunt, WHNP-BC, ARNP, MS, Advanced Practice
Advisor
Jean Wheat, Nurse Practice Administrative Assistant
Debbie Carlson, MSN, BSN, BSEd, PMC, RN, Associate
Director-Nursing Practice

I.	7:00 PM Opening – Laurie Soine, Chair
II.	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public disclosure statement was read. • Introductions made. • Announcements – There will be no August 19th Sub-committee meeting as Donna Poole and Laurie Soine will be in Chicago at the NCSBN Annual Convention. Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Committee was awarded the NCSBN Regulatory Award of the Year. • Willie Hunt informed the Sub-committee that Heather Bradford and Heather Schoonover may be recommended to serve as Pro Tems to serve on the Advanced Practice Sub-committee. • Minutes of the June 17, 2015, Advanced Practice Sub-committee was recommended to the Nursing Commission for approval.
III.	Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission July 9th and 10th Business Meeting Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurie Soine and Donna Poole provided highlights from the NCQAC Business Meeting. • Laurie Soine updated everyone on the new computers the members will be using and spoke a little on the secured DOH website. • Laurie Soine spoke about the Strategic Planning and the Educational presentations.
IV.	Yearly Review – Update the Advanced Practice Sub-committee on new members, meeting date and time, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Practice Sub-committee agreed to keep the meetings scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. • The Advanced Sub-committee is in the process of recruiting new members to the committee.
V.	ARNP Licensing Exemption Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
VI.	Review resumes for the Expert Witness Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Practice Subcommittee approved Marianne Williams to be added to the Expert Witness Panel.
VII.	Legislative Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willie Hunt gave an update on the following bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2SSB 5052; The Cannabis Patient Protection Act ○ SHB 1285; requirement for Newborn Screening for Critical Congenital Heart disease ○ HB 1424 – Suicide Prevention Mandatory Training
VIII.	Request for Interpretive Statement/Advisory Opinion and Problem Statement Summary – Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice to Perform Acupuncture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fujio McPherson gave a presentation on a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) course he has developed with a review of TCM theory, diagnostics and treatment therapies. This course will introduce ARNPs to TCM theory, diagnostic exam skills and clinical application of energy medicine while reviewing the evidence based

	<p>studies used to evaluate it. The course is 300 hours in length and is accredited by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). He is requesting an interpretive statement/advisory opinion from the NCQAC supporting the inclusion of acupuncture under the ARNP scope of practice based on the completion of this course. Dr. McPherson developed this course because the 300 hour certification course given by the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA) for physicians (MD, DO) excludes ARNPs from their course. The alternatives to learning TCM would involve returning for a formal education program and obtaining a Master's degree with the resultant time and expense. As it is seen, the addition of acupuncture would be used within the scope of the ARNPs specific certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sub-committee plan is to move forward with an Advisory Opinion and Interpretive Statement regarding Nurse Practitioners and Acupuncture. The Sub-committee voted 2-1 in favor of this proposal. • Next steps will be to present this proposal to the NCQAC Business meeting on September 11, 2015 in Kent, Washington.
IX.	<p>Agenda Items for Next Sub-committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None for the month of August 2015.
X.	<p>Open microphone – (as time permits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Johnson expressed concerns regarding including acupuncture within the ARNP scope of practice and the current laws that regulate acupuncture and who is qualified to do it. • Leslie Emerick also expressed concerns regarding inclusion of acupuncture within the scope of practice of ARNPs. She stated that AAPPN has not spoken to Fujio on his course proposal and would desire further input. At this point, the AAPPN response is neutral, but they are willing to explore this further. • Louise Kaplan encouraged that as the Advisory Opinion and Interpretative Statement moves forward to be cautious of what the laws and rules say, and the interpretation of such.
XI.	<p>Adjourned – 8:02 PM</p>