



Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Licensing Subcommittee Minutes
April 22, 2016
111 Israel Rd SE, Room 115
Tumwater, WA

- Committee Members:** Lois Hoell, MS, MBA, RN, Committee Chair
 Margaret E Kelly, LPN, Commission Chair
 Stephen Henderson, JD, MA
- Staff:** Teresa Corrado, LPN, Licensing Manager
 Thomas Bolender, Continuing Competency Auditor
 Becky Cebula, Continuing Competency Auditor
 Sara Kirschenman, Hearings Examiner
 Linda Patterson, BSN, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant
- Public:** Debbie Peterson
 Karen Greenwalt
 Angela Nottage
 Paula Minton
- Absent:** Sally Watkins, RN, Franciscan Health System
 Jeannie Eylar, MSN, RN, Chair

I.	9:30 AM Opening - Lois Hoell, MS, MBA, RN, Sub-committee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed • Called to order at 9:43 AM
II.	Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lois and Stephen did not attend the February meeting and thus could not approve the minutes. ○ Minutes to be approved at the June meeting.

<p>III.</p>	<p>Core Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lois explained the Core Report was a National Council of State Boards of Nursing project on the commitment for regulatory excellence. • Lois discussed the answers to survey question for some licensing aspects of the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do nurses feel the people they work with are safe? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Washington was ranked #1 out of 30 states that respond to the survey ○ How many nurses have action taken against their license? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Washington had the lowest rate with .7% of nurses having action. ○ How fast are licenses processed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Washington ranks third highest. ○ Are nurses satisfied with the licensure process? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 96% of Washington nurses responded yes. ○ What do educators, employers and nurses think about the WA nurse practice act? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% of educators felt it is excellent or good. ▪ 85% of employers felt it is excellent or good. ▪ 58% of nurses felt it is excellent or good. ○ What were some comments? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People want to better understand the role of the Nursing Commission. ○ Lois proposed she and Teresa take a closer look at the comments to see what is relevant and appropriate for the subcommittee to look at. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teresa agreed. ▪ Comments will be discussed at the June meeting.
<p>IV.</p>	<p>Suicide Prevention Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa reported a web page has been add to our site and a link sent through the listserv • Teresa reported that effective January 1st of this year nurses will be required to take the training within their first full competency cycle. If they wait until July of next year they will have to take an approved class from a list the department is creating. • For nurses who want to get it done now, they are instructed on the criteria at this time. The class must be at least six hours long and must include information on assessment, management and treatment of suicide prevention.

V.	<p>Jurisprudence (JP) Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret went over a report created by Sue Ellen Masek in 2007 that listed all the Washington professions requiring a JP exam before licensure. • Margaret stated according to the report only Texas and Kentucky currently require nurses to take a JP exam. • Margaret stated she wants to get together with Stephen and Lois to further discuss how to move forward on this. • Stephen questioned if all nurses not just the new licensee would be required to take the exam. If so, he suggested to keep it from being overwhelming it could be done over a five year period. • Lois and Stephen felt if this is going to move forward the states with a JP exam should be contacted to see how it works for them. • Margaret suggested she, Teresa, Lois and Stephen should meet to come up with a plan or timeline for discussing the JP exam at another subcommittee meeting.
VI.	<p>Working as a Home Care Aid or Medical Assistant Using a Nursing License</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa reported she talked with Debbie Carlson about creating a position statement. • Debbie said she's working on several position papers and will put it in the queue.
VII.	<p>Random Audit Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom talked about the new process for Random audits. • Random audit letters are now being sent with the renewal notice. • Margaret asked Tom to bring an update on how well the random audits are going.
VIII.	<p>New Business – Open Mic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Greenwalt talked about her nursing contacts feeling like they're not getting enough information from the board. • Teresa mentioned the website has been recently updated with more information on Suicide Prevention, Continuing Competency and Retired Active and Inactive statuses. • Margaret felt there is no one way to get all the information to people but that by checking the website regularly and signing up for the listserv nurses would be using the best way to keep up to date on what's going on. She also encouraged nurses to come to the Commission meetings.
IX.	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned 10:38 a.m.