



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Licensing and Disciplinary Subcommittee
November 29, 2010
310 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98501
Telephone Conference Call
7:00PM**

Sub-Committee Members: Bill Hagens, Chair, Margaret Kelly, Vice Chair, Susan Wong, Mindy Schaffner

DOH Staff /Guest: Mary Dale, Teresa Corrado, Sandra (Sam) Prideaux, Miranda Bayne (absent)

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Roll call

Minutes

1. Work Plan Review – Bill

DECISION: Recommendations presented to the NCQAC at the November meeting that have deliverables will be added to the work plan. This will include changing Procedure A27 Sanction Standards to remove specific amounts for cost recovery and use the \$1,000 statutory limit; creating a procedure for hardship cases; including costs for RCM time, and other costs; define “harm” for the ER program.

2. Investigation Procedure - Sam

This procedure will allow substance use cases to be closed as CNAX after a minimal investigation is completed, and two criteria are met. The respondent must admit to the diversion and have entered the WHPS program. Cases will be closed as expedited closures within the timeline allowed for investigation (170 days).

DECISION: Sam will write the procedure, along with the background information. This will go to this subcommittee for review, then to the NCQAC for approval.

3. Sexual Misconduct Procedures and Rules – Margaret/Mindy

The governor has announced a moratorium on rulemaking through December 31, 2011. Patient safety is one of the exceptions allowed. The subcommittee discussed the importance of the rule revision, and agreed to begin the process and ask for the exception based on patient safety. Susan, Margaret, and Mindy have reviewed and compared the Nursing, Medical, and HSQA WACs, along with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model Rules. Better definitions are needed, incorporation of some of the list of acts in the HSQA WAC, and inclusion and definition of ‘boundaries’. It was suggested the title be changed to “Model Rules for Sexual Misconduct including Boundaries.”

DECISION: Staff will draft the CR101 and send it to Margaret and Mindy for review. Next, it will go to the subcommittee, then the NCQAC for the January meeting. Documents for the January NCQAC meeting are due in two weeks.

4. Cost Recovery in Hardship Cases – preliminary discussion - Bill/Miranda

At the November meeting, the commission agreed that they should always ask for cost recovery when a STID is issued. The subcommittee was assigned to create a procedure for cost recovery in hardship cases. Bill would like to have recommendations to take to the March NCQAC meeting.

Adjournment

8:15 p.m.