



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
ARNP Subcommittee Minutes
January 4, 2011
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
310 Israel Rd SE, Room 131
Tumwater, WA**

Members: Mariann Williams, ARNP, Chair
Darrell Owens, PhD, ARNP
Susana Serna, ARNP
Chris Gray, CSN, CRNA
Donna Poole, ARNP, Psych
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP

Staff: Martha Worcester, ARNP Consultant

1. 7:30 PM Opening – Mariann Williams, Chair

- Called to order at 7:30 P.M.
- Roll call - All members were present
 - **Guests:** Dan Greenwald, CRNA; Melissa Johnson, LLC, CRNA Lobbyist; Leslie Emerick, LLC, Pysch ARNP lobbyist; Chris Knutson, ARNP Women's Health
- Introductions: Members gave a brief synopsis of their:
 - History with the Nursing Commission and other nursing organizations.
- Current practice role and specialties
- Contacts with local or national NP or nursing groups

2. Chronic Non-Cancer Pain – Darrell Owens

- The work of the task force is now in the rule writing stage. The goal is to have the hearings in February or March. Implementation is set for June 2011.

3. Continuing Competency Rules for RNs and ARNP Exemptions

- The concerns of ARNP's not meeting the requirements for Continuing Competency were discussed.

4. CRNA Issues in Applying for Prescriptive Authority from within Washington State and from Out of State

Ms. Worcester summarized the inquiries from CRNA's from the Providence System in Everett.

- About 20 nurse anesthetists in the process of applying for prescriptive authority have generated many questions. The Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists is a good resource for CRNAs who have questions about what is required in Washington State.
- Ms. Worcester will contact the National group to see what they are doing and then put together guidelines for CRNA's requesting independent prescriptive authority that may not have been provided in CRNA educational programs and would be valuable for them to safely prescribe outside of the agency operation and recovery room environments.

5. Strategic Planning for ARNP Issues – All ARNP Sub-Committee Members

Committee members will provide priorities for the work of the Sub-Committee

- In the short term - disseminating information about:
 - Continuing Competency Requirements for RNs and how they affect ARNP re-licensure requirements
 - Chronic Pain Management for Non-cancer Pain rules going into effect June 2011.

- Suggestions about how to disseminate information include:
 - notification of all the ARNP organizations and institutions where ARNPs work, maintaining a web site with FAQs through the Nursing Commission, and consulting with other providers groups within DOH to obtain ideas for dissemination.
 - Dr. Owens will work on a summary of pain management rule for dissemination.
 - Ms. Worcester will talk to Ms. West about web site possibilities
 - Work on contacting key persons for best methods of getting important information to ARNPs.
- In the longer term - providing avenues for ARNPs to obtain information on current issues that affect their practice such as:
 - Interstate Compacts for CRNA's in Washington considering moving to a different state.
 - How health reform will affect Advanced Nurse Practitioners.
 - Requirements for endorsement into the state.
- Priorities for Ms. Worcester
 - Pain Management rules which should be effective in June 2011. Getting the message out and answering questions
 - Interstate Compacts for CRNA's living in Washington and moving out of state
 - How health reform will affect Advanced Nurse Practitioners.
 - Requirements for endorsement into the state.

6. Role of the new ARNP Consultant – Martha Worcester

- ARNP Subcommittee members requested that the ARNP Consultant provide the staff support needed to WA ARNPs in keeping up with what is going on nationally and continuing to lead the nation in providing a scope of practice consistent with ARNP educational background.

7. ARNP National Council of State Boards of Nursing – Concerns to take to the meeting.

- Mariann Williams, Susana Serna, and Martha Worcester will attend the NCSBN meeting in San Diego, January 12 and 13th. See Items 5 & 6.

8. Meeting Dates in 2011 and Agenda Items

- Will meet monthly. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9 from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M.
- Committee members will check to see if the 2nd Wednesday of each month will work for standing meetings.

NOTE: ARNP Consultant Report – Martha Worcester

1. Summary of calls
2. Scope of practice issues related to discipline issues
3. Exemption requests
4. Recommendations for pharmacy requirements for CRNAs and ARNPs
5. Legislation implementation questions for pain management
6. Continuing competency, and educational programs that result in licensure as an ARNP.
7. Guest from CRNA in Providence System
8. Ms Worcester began November 1. She has met with many colleagues that influence her role. Calls and requests have included reviewing documents and web sites to bring together current ARNP National and State information that affect ARNP practice (e.g. the Institutes of Medicine's latest document on Nursing and Advanced Practice & National State Boards of Nursing Consensus Model for ARNP Regulation).

9. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.