



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Continuing Competency Subcommittee Minutes
January 21, 2011
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM
310 Israel Rd SE, Room 131
Tumwater, WA**

Commission Members: Judith Personett, EdD, CNAA, RN, Chair
Diane Sanders, MN, BC, RN
Linda Batch, LPN
Charlotte Coker, Public Member
Gene I. Pingle, RN-BC, BSN

Pro-Tem Member: Lois Hoell, MS, MBA, RN

DOH Staff: Teresa Corrado, LPN, Licensing Manager
Chuck Cumiskey, MBA, RN, Nurse Practice Advisor

1. 8:30 AM Opening — Judith Personett, Chair

- Call to order – 8:30am
- Roll call – absent, Linda Batch, Lois Hoell

2. December 17, 2010 Continuing Competency Subcommittee minutes – Review and verify whether changes will be necessary.

MOTION: Motion by Ms. Coker with a second from Ms. Sanders to approve minutes for NCQAC approval at the March 2011 meeting

3. Retired active nurse's status – Discuss if rules need to be written in 2012

- The Nursing Care and Regulation Health Professions UDA and WACs refer to the inactive and expired license
 - Some nurses would like their license to reflect "not practicing but active"
 - Under the law - can have license reflect inactive and able to go active at any time
 - WAC 246-12-010 (d) – a practitioner may place the credential in "retired active status" if authorized by the regulatory entity . . .
 - Provision of using RN is in active retired status
 - WAC 246-12-120 – hold a Washington State credential, will practice no more than 90 days each year in Washington State or will practice only in emergency circumstances . . . fee will be due when the active credential expires . . . profession may define practice settings in which services may be provided.
 - Wac 246-12-130(d) – nurse provides to the Department of Health written declaration stating continuing education or competency requirements have been met if required
 - WAC 246-12-140 - nurse can return to active status from retired active status
 - WAC 246-12-100 & UDA – new graduates who have trouble finding a job can go inactive

- If inactive status some nurses may not meet the Continuing Competency requirements. They are involved but not practicing. Because of inactive status their perception is that they have to finish the refresher course
 - Suggest a meritorious retired status
- What is the fee is for a retired active credential renewal? - Mr. Cumiskey will find out
- Can the requirements for Continuing Competency be pro-rated?
- Is there a formula to prorate practice hours with continuing competency hours for the retired active nurse?

MOTION: Mr. Pingle motioned with a second from Ms. Sanders to establish the retired active credential renewal fee and take the information to the NCQAC for approval. Motion approved.

3. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Mr. Cumiskey working with Ms. Corrado to add more detail to the FAQs
- Each new cycle prompts more questions
- Direct callers to HealWA and WSNA
- Give more information regarding volunteering
- Mr. Cumiskey is working with Ms. Worcester regarding ARNP questions

4. Transition Plan – Discuss transition plan for the Continuing Competency Subcommittee

- Mr. Cumiskey is working with Ms. Corrado
- Information will be sent to the list serve
- The News letter and the
- Continuing Competency sub-committee will continue because there is work to be done.

5. Meeting Dates – Meeting dates and times will remain the same. Third Friday at 8:30.

6. Adjourned at 9:06am