



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Subcommittee Minutes
June 15, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
310 Israel Rd SE, Room 131**

Members: Darrell Owens, PhD, ARNP, Chair
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, FNP
Mariann Williams, ARNP, FNP
Susana Serna, ARNP, FNP
Donna Poole, ARNP, Psych

Staff: Martha Worcester, ARNP, A/GNP, ARNP Consultant

Guests: Louise Kaplan & Jerry Green, ARNP United
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist WANA

1. **7:02 PM Opening** – Darrell Owens, Chair
2. **May 18, 2011 Minutes**
 - Recommended for NCQAC for approval
3. **Strategic Planning - Face to face meeting, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. August 15 topics**
 - Dr. Owens - arrange a meeting room, parking, directions, internet and technology access.
 - Ms. Worcester - submit agenda and packet 2 weeks before meeting.
 - Web site review, presentations and critiques
 - Ms. Worcester - NAQAC Web site and Oregon
 - Ms. Williams - Idaho
 - Ms. Poole - Alaska
 - Ms. Soine - Montana
 - Ms. Serna - Utah
 - Team building time – Ms. Poole
 - All members - read packet and be prepared for meeting.
 - Topics suggested for discussed
 - Continuing Competency FAQ finalization – Ms. Worcester
 - Chronic Pain Management implementation update – Dr. Owens
 - APRN Consensus Model and IOM Future of Nursing Report dissemination
 - Prioritizing projects - Time Line and the ARNP Consultant Support needed.
 - Conference calls access - non-commission members
 - Orientation of new members
 - Clinical Nurse Speciality (CNS) rule writing process
4. **Panel Exemptions and discipline update**
 - An exemption request for ARNP practice hours in a foreign county was submitted to Ms. Williams for panel consideration
5. **ARNP Consultant report - Martha Worcester**
 - **Request to Open ARNP Rules for CNS Inclusion.**
 - **Action:** Is was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to recommended to NCQAC to support the petition of the CNS group to open the ARNP rules for modification when the moratorium is ended. This includes the CNS within the ARNP designation.
 - **ARNP United member concerns**

- Ms. Worcester met with ARNP United members Deb Smith, President, two Board of Directors members Louise Kaplan and Jerry Green, Chair of the Legislative Committee on June 11th to listen to their concerns. Concerns expressed included:
 - Need for conference call access to ARNP Subcommittee meetings
 - User friendly Web page for ARNPs as part of the NCQAC web page, especially stating clearly that ARNPs have autonomous practice in Washington State.
 - Issues related to Consensus Model for APRN regulation, licensure, accreditation, certification, and education, 2007 (commonly referred to as the APRN Consensus Model). Need to protect the gains ARNPs have made in this state in autonomy of practice.

6. Letter to Assistant Secretary of DOH from an Agency regarding Standards of Practice for Circumcision.

- It was noted that standards of practice based on research were the purview of professional groups to set and not the role of the NCQAC or the ARNP Subcommittee
- Ms. Worcester will convey that information to the appropriate person

7. Legislative/Rule Making Updates – Darrell Owens

- Outcomes of Legislative Sessions – no new issues at present.
- Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Management Rules were adopted by all boards. The rules are filed. There is delayed implementation of disciplinary action until January 2012. The Nursing Commission staff meets monthly for implementation and communication regarding the rules.
- There will be one FAQ for all professions
- All applications will have a notation of where to get the information
- Issues coming up next year – depends on rule writing moratorium being lifted.
 - ARNP Census Model

8. Open Microphone

- **Louise Kaplan comments**
 - Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Management Rules, pain specialist requirements - Louise pointed out inconsistencies in the 2 hours in one place and 4 hours of Methadone required, and asked if the 12 hours required to qualify was a onetime requirement, annual or every 2 years. Darrell Owens relayed his understanding and acknowledged that these items will clearly specified in communications to prescribers.
 - Louise noted that the temporary license category needs to be illuminated in the current WACs because the time between taking the certification exam and getting the results is very short.
 - Need to strengthen communications about key issues among all ARNP groups
 - Dr. Owens thanked Louise for her contributions.
- **Next Meetings:** There is no meeting in July. A retreat is August 15 in Seattle at Harborview Medical Center 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM.
- NCQAC meets face to face in Tumwater on July 7 and July 8, 2011 at 8:30 - 5:30 PM in rooms 152/153 at Point Plaza East.

9. Adjourned – 7:54 PM