



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) Advanced  
Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Sub-committee Meeting  
December 21, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
310 Israel Rd SE, Room 131  
Tumwater, WA 98501**

- Members:** Darrell Owens, Ph.D., ARNP, Chair  
Susana Serna, ARNP, FNP  
Donna Poole, ARNP, Psych  
Laurie Soine, Ph.D., ARNP  
Mariann Williams, ARNP, FNP
- Staff:** Martha Worcester, Ph.D., ARNP, A/GNP, ARNP Consultant
- Invited Guests:** Paula Meyer, Executive Director  
Mindy Schaffner, Nurse Education Advisor  
Kim O'Neal, Attorney General's Office

- 1. 7:00 PM Opening – Darrell Owens, Chair**
  - Call to order – 7:15 PM
  - Introduction of invited guests
  - Public attendees - self-introductions
- 2. 11-16-2011 Minutes – Recommend for NCQAC approval**
- 3. Discussion & Action Items – Darrell Owens**
  - A. Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Discipline – Paula Meyer and Kim O'Neal**
    - AAGs are requesting training on ARNP scope of practice which varies depending on specialty, training, and experience
    - Decision Tree is a good guide
    - Executive Director will
      - work with the investigative unit to help develop answers to some scope of practice questions
      - develop an application process so that an expert witness list can be developed for ARNPs
      - develop a training retreat to look at retroactive cases each year
      - develop a process so that there will be an ARNP member on the panel, preferably the chair will be an ARNP - Paula Meyer will try to get this on the NCQAC March agenda

**B. Prescriptive Monitoring Program (PMP) funding: Provider Surcharge HB 2142**

- Passed the House and is on its way to the Senate for a vote
- Darrell Owens and Mariann Williams were invited to test the provider registration and access process. Providers will be able to access in January, 2012.

**C. Request of Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioners Certified by American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Certification Cooperation**

- will be added to NCQAC certified list of exams
- will compile list of issues
  - ask AAG for advice about the law
  - after research will bring a problem statement back to the sub-committee with options and recommendations

**4. Panel Reports – Mariann Williams**

- Martha Worcester will work with Teresa Corrado on a process for delegation of decisions regarding exemption requests or licensing issues (e.g. practice hours and education) that are appropriate for the ARNP Consultant role to reduce the need for panels making less complex decisions.
- Two requests for licensing were brought forward. Since neither ARNP has practiced in over two years the requirement will be 250 preceptorship hours and 30 hours of pharmacy.

**5. Subcommittee Member Reports on ARNP Activities**

- Nothing to report

**6. ARNP Consultant Report – Martha Worcester**

**A.** Delegation of selected panel decisions to ARNP Consultant - Martha Worcester will continue to research.

**B.** Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) rule writing moratorium exemption – will report at the next meeting

**C.** Interagency workgroup to prevent prescription opium misuse, abuse and overdose – will report at the next meeting

**D. Report on Activities and Inquiries**

- Martha Worcester attended hearings on Health and Long Term Care regarding methadone.

**7. Open Microphone**

- Leslie Emrick gave information on 3 bills that may affect ARNPs
  - Military Spouses – passed
  - Suicide Prevention
  - Medication Reuse

**8. Next Meeting: Wed, January 18, 2012**

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