



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Continuing Competency Subcommittee Minutes
June 17, 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

Absent: Charlotte Coker, Public Member
Gene I. Pingle, RN-BC, BSN
Diane Sanders, MN, BC, RN

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

DOH Staff: Teresa Corrado, LPN, Licensing Manager

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

- Call to order- 8:30
- Roll call

2. Review the April 15 and May 20, 2011 Continuing Competency Subcommittee meeting minutes.

- Reviewed and approved to take to NCQAC

3. Continue Implementing the rules project plan development

- a. Review and approve proposed final audit letter
 - Letter approved for use by the subcommittee. It was agreed the letter did not need approval by full Commission
- b. Discuss 90 day grace period for Continuing Education after Ms. Corrado, Ms. Batch and Mr. Cumiskey discuss concerns
 - Ms. Batch reported on this discussion that the consensus was there would be no grace period. Continuing education must be obtained on or following the DOB at the beginning of the three year review period. The message going out to the public will now be consistent.

- c. Mr. Cumiskey will bring feedback concerning dual RN and LPN licensure continuing competency requirements in an interpretive statement
- Ms. Corrado had discussion with Mr. Cumiskey asking him to put into the interpretive statement about dual licensure, the decision regarding Continuing Competency and dual licensure.
- A practicing RN with an active LPN could use the practice hours for renewal requirements of the LPN. However, a practicing LPN with an active RN could not use their practice hours to meet Continuing Competency renewal requirements of the RN.

4. Review web pages- Update Progress – Teresa Corrado

- Ms. Corrado reported further delays in getting the new Continuing Competency Web page up. She will continue to work with Department of Health (DOH).

5. Next steps for “retired active” status

- a. Ms. Corrado was to discuss concerns with Ms. Meyer and Ms. West.
- Ms. Corrado reported that the discussion with Ms. Meyer and Ms. West was that the decision package for the new fee for retired active status has been submitted and that rules can be written for nursing that would make this status work for the Nursing Commission and the goals of the Continuing Competency program.

6. Closing- 9:05am