Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
ARNP Sub-committee Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2011 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
310 Israel Rd SE, Room 131
Tumwater, WA 98501

Members: Darrell Owens, PhD, ARNP, Chair
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP
Mariann Williams, ARNP, FNP

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

Absent: Chris Gray, MSN, CRNA
Susana Serna, ARNP
Donna Poole, ARNP, Psych

1. 7:00 PM Opening – Darrell Owens, Chair
   • Call to order – 7:00pm
   • Roll call
   • Introduction of Guests
   • Member check-in

2. March 16, 2011 minutes
   • Recommend for NCQAC for approval

3. Prescriptive Monitoring Program - Chris Baumgartner
   • Mr. Baumgartner is unable to attend. Will attend next meeting.

4. Strategic Planning - All Members
   • Face to face ½ day meeting
     o Tentative date – June 13, 2011
     o Dr. Owens will try to get a room at Harborview
   • Topics may include
     o APRN/ARNP – APRN Consensus Strategies
     o Titles of NPs
     o Request of CNS for rules change to be included under ARNP
     o Supporting National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
     o Building connections with ARNP groups and CNS groups in the state
     o Review and discuss the certification exams acceptable for Nurse Practitioners

5. Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Update – FAQ time line – Darrell Owens
   • Continuing to work on the FAQ web site – should be ready by June 2011
     o Dr. Owens is invited to speak in Yakima. Pain conferences are being put together
     o Ms. Williams attended the Osteopath pain conference. Hoping to become an exempt provider
6. Newsletter Items - Darrell Owens & Martha Worcester
   • Dr. Owens will write an article on the new chronic pain management rules
   • Ms. Worcester will write an article highlighting Nurse practitioner issues. This will include the Institutes of Medicine Report, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Consensus Model, Continuing Competency for Advanced Practice Nurses and the NCQAC’s support of the concepts in the APRN Consensus Model

   • First step will be to move nurse practitioners under the nursing commission in all states. In many states they are under medical or joint nursing/medical commissions
   • Want to use the multi-state reimbursement alliance for resources and support
   • Use the APRN Consensus Model so that there is consistent language
   • Promote unity in support of the APRN Consensus Model across all states.

8. Panel Exemptions and Discipline Update – NCQAC Members & Pro tem Members.
   • A brief report was given concerning actions.

9. ARNP Consultant Report - Martha Worcester
   • Ms. Worcester reviewed some of the questions she is receiving
     o Dr. Soine thought the questions and answers were very good

10. Legislative Update – Darrell Owens
    • Alive - Medical Marijuana – does not affect the NCQAC
    • Died – Border towns would like their prescriptions recognized in Washington State

11. Pain Workshop – Darrell Owens
    • Representative Cody requested a presentation on the process of the Pain Management Workshops. Representative Moehler attended also.
    • Representatives from Osteopath and the Medical Commission were also in attendance with a summary of the process

12. Open Microphone
    • Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetist stated she is tracking house bill (HB 1493) regarding providing greater transparency to the health professions disciplinary actions.

13. NCQAC Agenda Items Request for May 13 meeting
    • Delegating out of state pharmacy exemptions to ARNP Consultant – final format with effective date of May 19, 2011.
    • APRN Consensus Model Presentation – Ms. Worcester will send the PowerPoint to Dr. Owens for review before the NCQAC meeting.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting: May 18, 2011 7-8:30 PM: Agenda Items - All Committee Members