Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Sub-committee Minutes
February 20, 2019  7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Committee Members Present:
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, Chair
Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC
Heather Schoonover, MN, ARNP, PHCNS-BC, Pro Tem
Daniel Petersen, MSN, ARNP-FNP, RN-BC, Pro Tem
Joanna Starratt, MSN, ARNP, CRNA

Committee Members Absent:
Kathleen Errico, PhD, ARNP, Pro Tem
Heather Bradford, CNM, ARNP, FACNM, Pro Tem

Staff:
Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Research and Policy Analyst
Tori Lane, Nursing Practice Administrative Assistant
Amber Beilaski, Policy

I. 7:00 PM Opening – Laurie Soine, Chair

Call to order
• Introduction
• Public Disclosure Statement
• Roll Call

II. Standing Agenda Items

• Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
  o Heather Schoonover gave announcement of how she has been attending WSU advisory meetings for the college of nursing. There were questions about how graduate students could complete either short clinical hours or longer clinical hours with the nursing commission. Mary Sue is the point of contact for the placement coordinators who might have graduates students who want to complete a larger number of hours and who would likely be assigned to a project within the nursing commission. For students who need or want to complete a short period of time, Heather will be the point of contact.
  o Mary Sue gave an update on the Stakeholder meetings that she attended in Richland, Federal Way and Spokane. At this point the Commission is working to address the excellent questions posed by stakeholders looking into how other states have worked with the decision tree as well as other profession that have worked the decision tree into their rules.

• National Council State Boards of Nursing Knowledge Network Update
• Approve Draft Minutes for December 19, 2018
  Consensus reached to take the minutes to the March 8th business meeting for approval.
III. Old Business

- Mobile Anesthesia Advisory Opinion – Recommend AO to go to the Nursing Commission in March
  - Mary Sue gave a background on the Mobile Anesthesia Advisory Opinion- Health Care Authority asked for rules around mobile due to several adverse incidents. Both dentistry and medicine have incorporated this into rules and we went through a process of stakeholder feedback and input from experts that are out doing mobile anesthesia. With their help developed guidelines in the form of an AO for ARNPs.
  - Joanna – Provided insight into the process.
  - Mary Sue- Health Care Authority representative was present at the focus group meeting and was very impressed with the guidelines and was going to recommend using them for other professions.

Consensus to take the Mobile Anesthesia Advisory Opinion to the March 8, 2019 business meeting for approval

- Retired Recognition Policy Statement- Recommendation to go to the Nursing Commission in March
  - Laurie gave a brief background for the policy statement: this would allow individuals to put ‘retired” in front of their license so they can identify that they used to be licensed as an ARNP, RN, or LPN as long as the nurse retires in good standing.

Consensus to take the Retired Recognition Policy Statement to the March 8, 2019 business meeting for approval.

IV. New Business

- Home health and medical supplies co signatures - New HCA Rule
  - Laurie gave an update on the Health Care Authority rule-amendment made to section 64.07 requiring a physician sign all orders for both Home Health Services and Medical Supplies/Equipment. A nurse practitioner may do the face-to-face but the order would have to be signed within thirty days by a physician. The HCA rule was made based upon a Federal rule that was made in 2016. As of January 1, 2019 only a physician would be authorized to order home health services and medical equipment, which includes durable or non-durable equipment.
  - Laurie, Donna, Mary Sue, Paula and Gail met with the HCA and explained the impact that it has had patient care. The Nursing Commission as well as the Medical Commission have offered assistance to the HCA in either reversing or altering the rule in some way. A Governor alert was drafted and sent out last week.

V. Ending Items

- Open Microphone
  - Louise- I would encourage all of you if you are not already to be on the HCA listserv because these rules were proposed a couple years ago and ARNP United has monitored them.
  - Louise- Alerted the group to a potential federal Home Health bill that would make it possible for NP to order Home Health Service to Medicare patients under the Home Health Care Benefits. That’s where the technicality occurred and this was something that we argued with the HCA. Federal legislation would Allow Np to authorize patient care under the Home Health Care Benefits.
Daniel-Is this home health act is it going to be just for Medicare?
Louise-The Home Health Act only relates to Home Health so everything else that we would like to see changed in Medicare takes other kinds of legislation. Home Health is a top priority because it has such a wide spread effect.
Melissa Johnson- I just want to thank the committee, Mary Sue and Joanna and the other CRNA’s that worked with you all on the Mobile Anesthesia Advisory Opinion really appreciate the work that went into that.
Laurie- Thank you all, I second Melissa’s comment about Joanna and Mary Sue’s work on the Mobile Anesthesia Advisory Opinion I thank the subcommittees support of the other policy statement on retired nurses. I wish you all a good night and thank you for your service to the public. Lois thank you for your update and your advocacy as well.

- Review of Actions
- Subcommittee Meeting Feedback
  - Ran out of time for formal feedback.
- Date of Next Meeting – March 20, 2019
- Adjournment – 7:57 PM