Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Discipline Sub-committee Agenda
June 25, 2019  MINUTES  3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Committee Members:  Adam Canary, LPN, Chair
                      Edie Higby, Public Member
                      Lois Hoell, MS, MBA, RN
                      Sharon Ness, RN
                      Tiffany Randich, LPN  excused
                      Tracy Rude, LPN ad hoc
                      Dawn Morrell, RN, BSN, CCRN

Staff:  Catherine Woodard, Associate Director of Discipline
         Karl Hoehn, Legal Manager
         Grant Hulteen, Chief Investigator
         John Furman, Director, WHPS  absent in training
         Helen Budde, Case Manager
         Barb Elsner, HSC
         Miranda Bayne, staff attorney
         Sarah Bendersky, staff attorney
         Tara Serrano, investigator

Public:  Seth Rosenberg, legal counsel
         Sheri Brown
         Jessica Craeger
         Amy Murray, Gonzaga graduate student
I. 3:30 PM Opening – Adam
   • Call to order – Digital recording announcement
   • Roll call

II. May 28, 2019 Minutes – Adam
   o Approved. Will submit for business meeting packet.
   o Lois commented on this while reviewing the minutes: wonders how long nurses have been practicing when they endorse into our state. Can we ask for this information on applications? Will report back.

III. Performance Measures – Catherine, Grant, Karl, and John
   o Grant pointed out that this was the first month the investigators completed more investigations than the number opened at CMT. We’re hoping to maintain the trend! We’ll show the latest data in graph form next month for the quarterly reports.
   o Not much to report in Legal; looking forward to three new staff attorneys.
   o John was in training and wasn’t here to comments on his reports. Catherine mentioned that we’re going to streamline the WHPS report to make it more readable. The number of nurses in the program remains the same; we will discuss growing the program at the July commission workshop.

IV. NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference Highlights – Adam, Miranda, Sarah, Tara
   o Adam’s favorite classes were Melanie DeLeon’s (from WMC) presentation on sexual misconduct and the AZ BON cases going viral.
   o Tara (investigator) was impressed with the auto dispensing report and explanation of pharmacy systems. She appreciated the update on new drugs of choice, what to look for in MARs, and the great workbook.
   o Sarah (staff attorney) said it was great training. Her favorite take-aways were the MD who spoke about opioid use and how most drugs come from family and friends that are intended for acute pain instead of chronic pain. Doctors want good reviews, and they get better reviews when they’re prescribing is up. Also, the discussion on how CBDs work better when balanced with THC.
   o Miranda (staff attorney) echoed that the conference was really good. Dr Lemke’s presentation was informative about how the industry worked on doctors to prescribe more medications. Legal lectures were also good, and the presentation on AZ BON managing high profile cases.
   o Everyone agreed the conference was definitely different from FARB and totally relevant to our work.

V. Update on Decision Package – Catherine
   o Karl’s posting for three staff attorneys closes this Friday. He advertised everywhere to fill the positions.
   o The five investigator positions will be posted soon. Grant is looking at several good candidates from the movement/transfer list from OII and Medical.

VI. Changes in reporting relationships – licensing and case management
Effective July 16, Teresa Corrado will become the Case Management Manager. Actually, the title will change... we’re still working through those details. Paula will announce a new licensing manager soon.

VII. Work Plan – Adam
Review status of items on the work plan
  - Karl pointed out that NCSBN eliminated fellowships and significantly shortened the timeline to finish his IRE project. His paper is almost done; his poster is in the works. He said the data is interesting.

VIII. Meeting Evaluation – All
  - Edie thanked everyone and was excited to hear about the increase in completed cases. She mentioned that Tif did a great job chairing last month in Adam’s absence.
  - Lois liked the short meeting. She attended a behavioral health conference where the author of Dreamland was the keynote speaker.
  - Sharon said it was a good meeting and liked that it was short. She was headed back to work in her garden.
  - Tracy agreed it was nicer to have a shorter meeting.
  - Dawn said thanks to all.
  - Catherine is looking forward to the workshop and meeting in July.
  - Karl liked the meeting and looks forward to the next one.
  - Helen said the meeting was good and she’s happy to see the discipline numbers move along.
  - Barbie liked the meeting and that it was short.
  - Adam: have a good evening!

IX. Closing
  - Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.