Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Sub-committee Minutes
January 15, 2020  7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Committee Members:
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, Chair
Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC
Joanna Starratt, MSN, ARNP, CRNA
Kathleen Errico, PhD, ARNP, Pro Tem
Lindsey Frank, CD, OB-RNC, ARNP, CNM

Staff:
Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Research and Advanced Practice

7:00 PM Opening – Laurie Soine, Chair, called the meeting to order, led introductions, and read the public disclosure statement.

The subcommittee members recommended the minutes for November 20, 2019, December 18, 2019, are submitted to the Nursing Commission for approval.

Old Business
- Laurie Soine gave an update of the activities to reverse the CMS rules requiring physician signature on home health supplies ordered for Medicaid patients. Paula Meyer, Mary Sue Gorski, and Laurie Soine will travel to DC to continue to educate legislature staff on this issue.
- Update rules change process for ARNP Practice Hours. The hearing is now scheduled for March 13 Commission meeting. An email will be sent to all ARNPs and those with expired licenses in the last two years after the decision is made.

New Business
- Creation of an Advisory Opinion to clarify the word “confirm” in WAC 246-840-4980
  o The ARNP shall confirm or provide a current prescription for naloxone when 50 MED or when prescribed to a high-risk patient.
- The Advisory Opinion (AO) would help alleviate the unintended consequences of this rule and clarify that the word “confirm” includes advising patient about naloxone and that they have a prescription available for them at every Washington State Pharmacy under the prescribing authority of Kathy Lofty.
- This issue was discussed and the subcommittee will recommend the Nursing Commission approve development of the advisory opinion at their March 13 meeting.

Ending Items
- Open Microphone is the portion of the meeting where members and public attendees are able to comment on topics discussed.
- The date of the next meeting will be February 19, 2020
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM