

Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the report of the February 17, 2010 meeting of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC).

Meeting Report: Minutes of the September 2009 (Attachment A) meeting of the APNAC are provided for the Board's consideration. A verbal report regarding the September meeting was provided to Board members at the October 2009 Board meeting and will not be provided again as part of this report.

The APNAC met on February 17 to discuss the development of rules related to implementation of the APRN compact. Section 305.003 of the Nursing Practice Act requires the Board to implement the APRN compact through the rule-making process by December 31, 2011. If the Board does not adopt rules to implement the APRN compact by that date, the Board will not be able to implement it. Committee members will continue this discussion at their next meeting.

Committee members also discussed and voted to recommend proposed changes to Rules 221.1 and 221.3. Committee members expressed concern that the existing rule language appears to limit the ability of advanced practice registered nurses to complete education programs beyond the master's degree level for purposes of obtaining advanced practice licensure. Although the Board has long recognized educational programs that are offered at the post-master's degree level, APNAC members advised that the language is not clear. The committee's recommendations are provided for the Board's consideration as agenda item 7.5.

Committee members also nominated a vice-chairperson who can serve to lead committee meetings in the absence of the chairperson. Linda Harrington, PhD, RN, CNS-AH, representative from the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists organization, was selected to fulfill this role. Although not required by statute or rule, the election of a vice-chairperson will provide for a second leadership role among committee members.

Pros and Cons: None

Staff Recommendation: This report is for information purposes only. No action is required.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
9:39 am – 3:08 pm
333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 500
Austin, Texas

Members Present

Jim Walker, DNP, CRNA, Chair
Mary Brucker RN, CNM, PhD
Sister Deborah Fuchs, MSN, RN, CNM
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP
Linda Harrington, PhD, RN, CNS-AH
Paula Rupert, RN, FNP
Carolyn Sutton, MS, RN, WHNP
Susan Willis, CRNA
Lynda Woolbert, MSN, RN, CPNP

Organization/Representation

CRNA Education
Nurse-Midwifery Education
CTCNM
Texas Nurses Association
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists
Texas Nurse Practitioners
Certificate Level Education
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
CNAP

Absent

Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP
Deborah Antai-Otong, RN, MS, CNS-PMH, PMHNP, CS
Kathy Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-MS
Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP

Consultant to Committee
Consultant to Committee
CNS Education
Graduate NP Education

Guests

Phyllis Adams

FNP Program Director, UT-Arlington

Board Members and Staff

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP
Jolene Zych, MS, RNC, WHNP
Lori Becker
Bonnie Cone, MSN, RN
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN

Board member, Liaison to Committee
Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice
Admin Assistant for Advanced Practice
Nursing Consultant for Practice
Nursing Consultant for Education

Recorded by Janice Hooper
Approval Date: February 17, 2010

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<p>I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 9:39 am by Chairperson J Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.</p> <p>II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 1/9/09 MEETING</p> <p>FOR 7/30/09 MEETING</p>	<p>L. Harrington moved to approve, M. Brucker seconded. Minutes approved.</p> <p>Corrections to credentials: Jim Walker, DNP, CRNA Mary Brucker, RN, CNM, PhD Carolyn Sutton, MS, RN, WHNP</p> <p>Correction to III. A. last sentence: APNs with prescriptive authority.</p> <p>Correction to III. B. SB 532: phrase beginning "ratio increased from 3 to 4 FTE's in primary practice, alternate practice setting, and long term care facilities.</p> <p>Correction to III. B. SB 911: (L. Woolbert)</p> <p>Correction to III. C. will test knowledge of role rather than specialty. ANCC will administer test.</p> <p>Correction to IV. B. Rule 221.4 – 221.6</p> <p>Correction to V. A. Delete "Efforts toward independent practice." Change last sentence to "Consensus Model calls for all board to have an APN advisory committee."</p> <p>Correction to V. D. Add "patients" before word, "partners".</p> <p>M. Brucker moved to approve minutes as corrected. L. Woolbert seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>III. ADVANCED PRACTICE AND BOARD OF NURSING ISSUES: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION – JZ</p> <p>A. Certification Audit – Exact process to be determined after consultation with D. Johnston, K. Thomas, and Tony Diggs. BON will contract with individual to perform audits. Whether to begin with random audit or audit all renewals has not been finalized. Issues: effect on workload; handling</p>	

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<p>noncompliance; criteria for determining practice hours; SB 1415 allows BON to take corrective action.</p> <p>B. CNS Exam – It is unclear whether ANCC is asking for a review of the exam. It will not be reviewed by ABNS until the next cycle. It is not clear if it is testing competencies of populations across the lifespan and/or CNS role.</p> <p>IV. OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>A. Working with Podiatrists – Nothing new.</p> <p>B. Rule Review for Rule 221 –</p> <p>C. Other health professionals becoming nurses – Update on PHSSON and new proposal from Brookline College.</p> <p>D. Consideration of Potential Changes to Rules 221.9 and 221.10 – related to re-entry and renewal. Discussion related to the adequacy of current rules for reinstatement. Areas for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of time out of practice • Length of practice experience prior to time out of practice • Whether nurse has engaged in RN practice during absence from APRN practice • Process for reinstatement and reactivation at the same time • Use of temporary permit similar to process for RN reentering practice • Use of stepwise reactivation based on length of time out of practice • Review model used by CRNAs reentering practice • Possible use of center to evaluate skills/cognitive abilities • Varying requirements for pharmacology updates depending upon length of time out of practice • Use of exam review course as refresher course • Defining practice hours 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checking requirements for recertification <p>M. Licensure processes – Process changes have impacted workload more than expected.</p> <p>N. Revisions to Rule 222 Due to Passage of SB 532 – Revisions were suggested for entire Rule 222. J. Zych will email revised draft of 222 to committee members for any comment. No comment means endorsement. One question raised was whether any changes are needed in continuing education requirements for APRNs.</p> <p>V. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>New Definitions to be Added to Rule 221.1</p> <p>V. FUTURE MEETING DATES The next meeting will be held December 10, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.</p> <p>VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.</p> <p>Handouts: Mailed prior to Meeting (by email): Agenda for September 23, 2009 with meeting information – Rule 222 with proposed rule changes. Minutes for January 9 and July 30, 2009</p>	<p>Consensus was that no change is needed at present.</p>