

Nursing Practice Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of Julie Withaeger, RN to serve as the Texas Nurses Association representative to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee.

Historical Perspective: The purpose of the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC) is to advise the Board on issues that may have an effect on the practice of nursing [Rule 211.6(f)(1)(C)]. The Nursing Practice Advisory Committee, after reviewing and analyzing nursing practice issues, makes recommendations to the Board in the form of rules, position statements or guidelines. Members of the committee represent various nursing practice areas, professional organizations and state agencies. Individuals are nominated by the organizations or agencies.

Texas Nurses Association (TNA) nominated Julie Withaeger to replace John Crossley, as it's representative to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. Ms. Withaeger has been a registered nurse for 10 years, and is currently a Magnet Program Director at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. She has been the District 3 Vice President for TNA since 2008 and prior to that appointment, Ms. Withaeger served as a member of the TNA Practice Committee and District 3 Delegate to TNA House of Delegates.

Pros and Cons: Staff's review of Ms. Withaeger's biographical data form indicates that she is qualified to serve as the Texas Nurses Association representative to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Move to accept and approve the nomination of Julie Withaeger to represent Texas Nurses Association on the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee.