

Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the report of the December 13, 2010 meeting of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC).

Meeting Report: Minutes of the October 2010 meeting of the APNAC are provided for the Board's consideration. A verbal report regarding the October meeting was provided to Board members at the October 2010 Board meeting and will not be provided again as part of this report.

The APNAC met on December 13, 2010. Committee members continued to discuss interim approval for new graduates of advanced practice nursing education programs who have not yet obtained national certification. Potential changes to Rule 221.6 were discussed with committee members.

Committee members continued to discuss APRN titles currently recognized by the Board. The Board recognizes some title that are not consistent with the population foci identified in the *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education*. An example of such a title is the clinical nurse specialist in critical care nursing title. In other cases, the *Consensus Model* calls for titles not currently recognized by the Board because there are no certification examinations targeted for the advanced practice role and population focus area. An example of one of these titles is the clinical nurse specialist in women's health nursing. Discussion centered on these issues and possible recommendations for the Board's consideration at a future meeting. The committee will continue to discuss this issue.

Committee members also began discussing their charge from the Board to consider the potential for APRNs to be approved to conduct physical and psychological evaluations under *Texas Occupations Code*, § 301.4521, Board Rules, and guidelines. Agenda item 7.5 from the October 2010 Board meeting was provided to committee members for their review prior to the next meeting. Committee members requested that staff invite resources with expertise in the area of psychiatric/mental health nursing to attend the next meeting. Staff will also invite additional staff resources from the legal and enforcement departments to provide committee members with a clear understanding regarding the board's use of physical and psychological evaluations.

Pros and Cons: None noted.

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

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

MINUTES

October 4, 2010
9:42 am – 2:00 pm
333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225
Austin, Texas

Members Present

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

Organization/Representation

Nurse-Midwifery Education
CTCNM
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists
Texas Nurse Practitioners
Certificate Level Education
Graduate NP Education
CRNA Education
CNAP

Absent

Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP
Deborah Antai-Otong, RN, MS, CNS-PMH, PMHNP, CS
Kathleen Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-MS
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP
Susan Willis, CRNA

Consultant to Committee
Consultant to Committee
CNS Education
Texas Nurses Association
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Board Members and Staff

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP
Jolene Zych, MS, RN, WHNP-BC
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN
Lori Becker

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

Guests

Cindy Zolnierok, MSN, RN

Texas Nurses Association

Recorded by: Lori Becker
Approval Date: Dec. 13, 2010

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<p>I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 9:42 am by Chairperson J. Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.</p> <p>II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 08/30/2010 MEETING</p> <p>III. ADVANCED PRACTICE AND BOARD OF NURSING ISSUE - UPDATE AND DISCUSSION</p> <p>A. At the October Board meeting, the Board will be asked by staff to consider issuing a charge for the APNAC committee to discuss whether APRNs should be included in the category of individuals who perform physical and psychological evaluations of nurses for licensure eligibility and disciplinary purposes. Additional information will be available if the Board votes to issue the charge.</p> <p>B. State and National Issues - J Zych</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Zych announced that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing will be holding a summit in January to educate Boards of nursing regarding the <i>Consensus Model</i>. 2. J Zych announced that staff will host a meeting with the APRN education community on November 12, 2010 to discuss issues related to implementing the licensure portion of the <i>Consensus Model</i> and to seek input regarding issues impacting APRN education. 3. APRN NEPIS–J Zych announced that the survey tool was sent to all APRN education programs via e-mail. Staff hopes to gain 	<p>Corrections to minutes of 8/30/2010 meeting: III. B - remove apostrophe. Should read “..does not address nurses with master’s...” IV. A - This discussion should be moved to 3A under the “Board Meeting Updates”.</p>

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<p>V. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>A. New Definitions to be Added to Rule 221.1-J Zych There needs to be congruence between 221 and 222. The question of definitions for each role was raised.</p> <p>B. Review of Educational Requirements for Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists (Rule 221.3)-J Zych The number of clock hours varies quite a bit from state to state. Schools tend to teach toward the state in which they are located. How can the board assure we are protecting the public? What should the check and balance be? The possibility of developing a statement to be signed by the program director attesting that the student has met the competencies for their role and population focus was discussed.</p> <p>C. Interim Approval for New Graduates Who are Not Yet Certified. The <i>Consensus Model</i> does not provide an option for interim approval. Employers and Educators at the meeting were in agreement that new graduates who are not certified should not be eligible for interim approval.</p> <p>VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES The next meeting will be held December 13, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.</p> <p>VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.</p> <p>Handouts: Agenda Minutes from 8-30-2010 meeting</p>	<p>Discussion will continue.</p> <p>J. Zych will work on proposed rule language that would eliminate the option for interim approval for new graduates who have not obtained national certification. Feedback will be requested during the November meeting with APRN education community.</p>