

Consideration of Appointment of a New Committee Member

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of Barbara Camune to serve as the Nurse-Midwifery education representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.

Historical Perspective: The purpose of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC) is to advise the Board on issues and regulations that have or may have an impact on advanced practice registered nurses [Rule 211.6(f)(1)(A)]. This committee reviews issues that may impact either advanced practice nursing education or practice. Members of the committee represent advanced practice nursing professional organizations and advanced practice nursing education for each of the four advanced practice roles as identified in Board Rule. Individuals are nominated by the organizations.

Upon Dr. Mary Brucker's recent resignation from the APNAC committee, Barbara Camune, RNC, MSN, WHNP-BC, CNM, DrPH, FACNM was nominated to serve as the nurse-midwifery education representative to the APNAC. Dr. Camune is the current Graduate Program Director at Baylor University, and also serves as a Midwifery faculty member at Baylor University. Prior to Baylor, Dr. Camune also served as the Coordinator of Nurse-Midwifery at the University of Illinois Chicago. Dr. Camune is both certified and licensed as a Nurse-Midwife and Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. She brings 26 years of experience as an APRN and holds a Doctorate of Public Health degree. Dr. Camune is a member of the American College of Nurse-Midwives and has served 6 years as their Chair and Vice Chair of the Division of Education. Other organizations that Dr. Camune is a member of include Texas Nurse Practitioners, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, American Public Health Association, National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and the Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse-Midwives.

Pros and Cons: Staff's review of Dr. Camune's biographical data indicates that she is qualified to serve in the position noted above. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept and approve the nomination of Dr. Barbara Camune to represent Nurse-Midwifery Education on the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.