

Consideration of Appointment of New Committee Members to Task Force on Delegation

Summary of Request: Consider representation from new practice settings, their nominees and the new representative for the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to serve on the Delegation Task for Chapter 224.

Historical Perspective: During the July, 2011 Board Meeting, the Board charged staff to develop a Delegation Task Force to review and make recommendations to Chapter 224, *Delegation of Nursing Tasks by Registered Professional Nurses to Unlicensed Personnel for Clients with Acute Conditions or in Acute Care Environments* and Chapter 225, *RN Delegation to Unlicensed Personnel and Task Not Requiring Delegation in Independent Living Environments for Clients with Stable and Predictable Conditions*. Because of the unique nature of each of the delegation rules, two task forces were formed and members for each of these committees were approved during the October, 2011 Board Meeting. The Delegation Task Force for Chapter 225 convened first and amendments to Chapter 225 recently became effective in February 2014.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) contacted Board staff prior to the Chapter 224 Delegation Task Force meeting and declined the Board's invitation to participate because their public policy interest is RN Delegation in the Independent Living Environment.

The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) has requested to replace Mary Noell and nominated the new Director of School Health Services, Monte W. Chambers, RN. Mr. Chambers has worked with TSBVI for over 12 years. Mr. Chambers is a graduate of Odessa College and became an RN in 1993. He continued his education at University of New Mexico in Albuquerque obtaining a Bachelor of University Studies (BUS) and Associate of Arts in Human Services (School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry). Mr. Chambers has extensive nursing experience in home health, medical surgical, adolescent psychiatry, and geriatric psychiatry.

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has nominated Ramona Gaston McNutt, RN to represent the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECCs). A new practice setting in Texas, the PPECCs provide children with medically complex conditions from birth through age 20 to receive daily medical and nursing care in a non-residential environment. The RN Delegation rules in Chapter 224 are used exclusively in this setting. Mrs. Gaston-McNutt has an extensive nursing background working with the medically fragile population and is currently attending graduate school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) has nominated Gary Eubanks, RN to represent the Correctional Managed Care (CMC) system that provides healthcare to men, women and juveniles in correctional facilities throughout the state. Mr. Eubanks received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1976 and a Master of Science degree in Nursing from Texas Woman's University in 1982. He is a 1999 Fellow of the Johnson and Johnson Wharton Fellows program in Management for Nurse Executives. Mr. Eubank joined the UTMB-CMC management team in September 2005 as the director of nursing for the southern division.

Pros and Cons: Inclusion of these additional practice settings on the Delegation Task Force ensures the Board that affected stakeholders are represented and will have input on any recommended revisions to Chapter 224. Staff's review of the nominees' biographical data indicates they are qualified to serve as their organization's or agency's representative on the Delegation Task Force for Chapter 224. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Move to accept and approve the nominations of Monte Chambers to represent the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Ramona Gaston-McNutt to represent the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers at the Department of Aging and Disability Services, and Gary Eubanks to represent the University of Texas Medical Branch Correctional Managed Care to serve on the Delegation Task Force for Chapter 224.