

Consideration of Appointments of New Nursing Practice Advisory Committee Members

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of April Ernst to serve as the Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators representative and Ellen Martin to serve as the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice 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 and regulations that have or may have an impact on nursing practice [Board Rule 211.6(f) (1) (C)]. This committee reviews and analyzes issues that affect the practice of nursing. Members of the committee represent both professional and vocational nursing organizations, provider organizations, and state agencies. Individuals are nominated by the organizations.

The Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators would like to nominate April Ernst to replace Gie Archer. Ms. Ernst is currently self-employed as an independent consultant for nursing education. Ms. Ernst holds a Master's of Science in Nursing from The University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio.

The Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice (TAHC & H) would like to nominate Ellen Martin to replace Jettie Eddleman. Ms. Martin is a PhD candidate at the University of Texas in Austin and is the new Director of Clinical Practice & Regulatory Affairs at TAHC & H. Ms. Martin was the Quality and Compliance Director at Hospice Austin.

Pros and Cons: Board staff's review of Ms. Ernst's and Ms. Martin's biographical data indicates they are qualified to serve as their organizations' representatives. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Move to accept and approve the nominations of April Ernst to represent the Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators and Ellen Martin to represent the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice on the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee.