

### **Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report**

**Summary of Request:** Consider the report of the May 4, 2010 meeting of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC).

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

The APNAC met on May 4 to continue discussion the development of rules related to implementation of the APRN compact. Section 305.003 of the Nursing Practice Act requires the Board to implement the APRN compact through the rule-making process by December 31, 2011. Committee members made recommendations to staff regarding incorporation of the *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education*. Committee members will continue this discussion at the August 2010 meeting.

Staff also shared with committee members some of the challenges with regard to review of advanced practice applications for licensure, particularly as relates to advanced practice nursing education. The committee's discussion and request for a charge from the Board is provided as Agenda Item 7.10.

**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**

Wednesday, February 17, 2010  
9:40 am – 3:00 pm  
333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460  
Austin, Texas

**Members Present**

Jim Walker, DNP, CRNA, Chair  
Kathy Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-MS  
Mary Brucker RN, CNM, PhD  
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP  
Linda Harrington, PhD, RN, CNS-AH  
Paula Rupert, RN, FNP  
Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP  
Lynda Woolbert, MSN, RN, CPNP

**Organization/Representation**

CRNA Education  
CNS Education  
Nurse-Midwifery Education  
Texas Nurses Association  
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists  
Texas Nurse Practitioners?  
Graduate NP Education  
CNAP

**Absent**

Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP	Consultant to Committee
Deborah Antai-Otong, RN, MS, CNS-PMH, PMHNP, CS	Consultant to Committee
Sister Deborah Fuchs, MSN, RN, CNM	CTCNM
Carolyn Sutton, MS, RN, WHNP	Certificate Level Education
Susan Willis, CRNA	Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists

**Guests**

Cynthia Abarado	
Sharon Gunn	
Marilyn Hickson	Doctoral Student
Janet Morrow	TANA
Mary Schira	UT Arlington NP Program
Seth Stephens	Doctoral Student

**Board Members and Staff**

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP	Board member, Liaison to Committee
Jolene Zych, MS, RN, WHNP-BC	Nursing Consultant for Advanced Practice
Lori Becker	Administrative Assistant for Advanced Practice
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN	Nursing Consultant for Education

Recorded by Janice Hooper  
Approval Date: 5-4-2010

Agenda Items and Discussion	Action
<p><b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b> The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Chairperson J Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established before any actions taken.</p> <p><b>II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 9/23/09 MEETING</b></p> <p><b>III. ADVANCED PRACTICE AND BOARD OF NURSING ISSUES: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION – JZ</b></p> <p><b>A. Certification Audit</b> – To begin March 1. A 90 day notice will be sent prior to renewals. Copy of certification will be required. Will be able to track responses and compliance by four roles.</p> <p><b>B. Application Process</b> – JZ requested that a new tracking feature whereby LVN and RN applicants can check the status of their applications be available for APN applicants. Process will be more complicated. A new position for staff will be requested due to the increase in APN applications and process. With the implementation of new rules, processing time for APN applications has increased from 37.5 days to 70 days.</p> <p><b>C. Board Meeting – Revisions to Rule 213.33</b> include appropriately credentialed APNs as possible candidates to conduct forensic screenings. JZ will discuss criteria for APRNs carrying out the evaluations. <b>Rule 222</b> – prescriptive authority rule became effective 2-14-10. SB 532 requires registration with Medical Board. <b>Rule 216</b> – Certification now meets continuing education requirement for licensure renewal except 5 CE for pharmacology. (Need change in Rule 221.)</p>	<p>Under IV.D. Bullet 4: word should be “reinstatement” instead of “restatement.” Under IV.N.: Last sentence: Change “CEU” to “CE.” Under Handouts: Typo on last line: remove “Mi”. Minutes approved as corrected.</p>

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<p><b>D. CNS Core Exam</b> – The CNS core exam has been withdrawn. State boards do not accept the exam because it is not considered reliable and valid. The last exam will be given in April and the exam will be shelved.</p> <p><b>E. AACN Update dated January 2010 requiring that APRN education programs be transitioned to reflect the Consensus Model by 2012</b> – discussed.</p>	
<b>IV. OLD BUSINESS</b>	
<p><b>A. Rule Review for Rule 221</b> –</p> <p><b>B. Other health professionals becoming nurses</b> – Dual licenses continue to be an issue for discussion.</p> <p><b>C. Consideration of Potential Changes to Rules 221.9 and 221.10</b> – discussed and revisions suggested.</p>	<p>Need to look at titles in rules as some do not match the <i>Consensus Model</i>. Rule 221.16 has not changed since adoption and needs to be brought up to current standards and coordinated with Medical Board rules.</p> <p>Other areas to consider: DNP, matching 222, <i>Consensus Model</i> (getting there). A decision about whether to go to APRN for the credential is not final. Question: Do we still need the RN credential?</p> <p>K. Baldwin made a motion to accept changes with minor revisions, seconded by S. Harmon. Motion passed with one abstention.</p>
<b>V. NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<p><b>A. New Definitions to be Added to Rule 221.1</b> – Reviewed and minor revisions suggested. At this time, only changes that coincide with revisions to Rule 221.3 will be recommended.</p> <p><b>B. Revisions to Rule 221.3</b> – Revisions suggested.</p> <p><b>C. APRN Compact Implementation</b> – Discussed Staff's proposed revisions to Rule 220 and made some editorial changes.</p>	<p>S. Harmon made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by K. Baldwin. Motion passed.</p> <p>K. Baldwin made a motion to approve, P. Rupert seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>G. Varnell made a motion to move forward with the document, L. Harrington seconded and it passed. Need more clarification about master's requirement and the implications of receiving a</p>

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<p><b>D. Nomination of Vice-Chair</b> – Linda Harrington indicated willingness to serve.</p> <p><b>VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES</b> The next meeting will be held May 4, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.</p> <p><b>VII. ADJOURNMENT</b> The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.</p> <p><b>Handouts:</b> Mailed prior to Meeting (by email):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda for February 17, 2010 with meeting information</li> <li>• Minutes for September 23, 2009</li> <li>• Staff’s Proposed Revisions to Rules 221.1 and 221.3</li> <li>• Proposed Revisions to Rules 221.9 and 221.10</li> <li>• AACN Update and Implications for AACN Member Schools, January 2010</li> <li>• Staff’s Proposed Revisions to Rule 220</li> </ul>	<p>certificate prior to earning the MSN. This new rule should be shared with other APRN compact states.</p> <p>M. Brucker made a motion to elect L. Harrington, S. Harmon seconded. She was elected.</p>