

Consideration of Appointment of a New Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Member and Re-Appointment of a Current Committee Member

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of Kathy Baker to serve as the Clinical Nurse Specialist education representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee. Further consider the request from the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialist organization to reappoint Kathy Baldwin to serve as the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialist's representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee

Historical Perspective: The purpose of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee 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.

The Clinical Nurse Specialist educators nominated Kathy Baker to serve as their representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee. Dr. Baker has been a clinical nurse specialist in adult health nursing for 23 years, and is currently an associate professor at Texas Christian University with teaching and administrative responsibilities in both the master's and doctor of nursing practice programs. She is a member of the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialist organization, serving as the Legislative and Regulatory Committee Chair and as their representative to the Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice. Dr. Baker will replace Kathy Baldwin as the clinical nurse specialist education representative.

The Texas Clinical Nurse Specialist organization has nominated Dr. Baldwin to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee in the role of the representative for that organization. Dr. Baldwin is retiring from her role as an educator but has indicated that she is willing to continue to serve on the committee in the role of the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialist organization representative. Dr. Baldwin is a clinical nurse specialist in adult health nursing as well as a nurse practitioner in both adult health and gerontological nursing. She has served on the committee as the clinical nurse specialist education representative. In addition, Dr. Baldwin has served as the president of the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialist as well as the president of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists.

Pros and Cons: Staff's review of both candidates' biographical data indicates that both individuals are qualified to serve in the positions noted above. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation:

Board staff has provided two recommendations—one for each candidate for the advisory committee.

Recommendation Number 1: Move to accept and approve the nomination of Dr. Kathy Baker to represent clinical nurse specialist education on the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.

Recommendation Number 2: Move to accept and approve the nomination of Dr. Kathy Baldwin to represent the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialist organization on the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.