



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Licensing Sub-committee Agenda
August 28, 2020 9: 30 am to 10: 30 am**

Committee Members: Jeannie Eylar, MSN, RN, Chair
Adam Canary, LPN
Helen Myrick, Public Member
Yvonne Strader, RN, BSN, BSNA, MHA- Excused

Staff: Amber Zawislak-Bielaski, MPH, Assistant Director of Licensing
Shana Johnny, MN, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant, Ad- Hoc
Karl Hoehn, JD, Assistant Director of Discipline- Legal Services

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I. 9:30 AM Opening – Jeannie Eylar, MSN, RN, Subcommittee Chair

- Roll Call
- Call to Order

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates- No updates.
- Approved meeting minutes for June 26, 2020

III. Old Business

- Update on Continuing Competency
Ms. Johnny provided an overview of the letter received from local parish nurses outlining their concerns with the retired active requirement for active practice in the draft rule language. The Licensing Sub-committee discussed the requirement and the contents of the letter provided on behalf of the parish nurses. Commissioner Eylar suggested this topic be presented at the September 13, 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting to allow the full commission the opportunity to hear the concern and discuss potential pathways. The rules hearing is currently scheduled for November 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting, pending review of the CR-102 packet by the Department of Health.
- Update on Nurse Licensure Compact
Nothing new to update at this time. NCQAC Executive Director, Paula Meyer, mentioned the possibility of this topic being included in upcoming NCQAC legislative meetings.

IV. New Business

- **Senate Bill 6061 for Telemedicine Training**
Ms. Carlson provided an overview of the telemedicine bill and the current implications from the language in the bill. Ms. Meyer suggested the Licensing Sub-committee bring this issue forward at the September 13, 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting for the consideration of a joint meeting between the Licensing Sub-committee, Consistent Standards of Practice Sub-committee, and the Advanced Practice Sub-committee to discuss the collaborative.
- **Constituent Concerns regarding WAC 246-840-090**
A letter was received and included in the packet from a constituent bringing forward concerns with the language within WAC 246-840-090 regarding the requirement for official transcripts from internationally educated nurses when endorsing to Washington State with an active license in another U.S. state. Ms. Meyer suggested staff research the topic more and bring back to the Licensing Sub-committee for discussion at the October 2020 meeting.
- **COVID-19 NCQAC Licensing Unit Response (Update)**
Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski provided an overview of the NCQAC licensing unit's response to COVID-19 and the current staffing levels. The NCQAC is bringing on four temporary staff to assist with the workload beginning September 1, 2020. Current challenges include the backlog in applications, resulting in delayed licensure processing times, and the increase in manual renewals due to the COVID-19 renewal waiver extension expiring on September 30, 2020.
- **Transferring Meetings from GoToMeeting to Microsoft Teams**
Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski explained the need to transfer future Licensing Sub-committee meetings from GoToMeeting to Microsoft Teams as part of an agency wide transition to the new software. The Licensing Sub-committee agreed to transfer to the new software beginning September 2020.

V. Ending Items

- **Open Microphone (as time permits) - No Comments.**
- **Review of Actions**
Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski will add continuing competency and the telemedicine collaborative discussion as items to the September 13, 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting.
- **Meeting Evaluation – Commissioner Myrick thought the meeting went well. Others agreed and appreciated the interaction from the public on the current WAC issues discussed.**
- **Date of Next Meeting – September 25, 2020**
- **Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.**