



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Licensing Sub-committee Minutes  
October 23, 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

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

- Roll Call
- Call to Order

**Standing Agenda Items**

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates- None.
- Approve Minutes for September 25, 2020

**Old Business**

- Update on Continuing Competency- Language going to the full commission for review and approval of draft language for the filing of the CR-102 at the November 13, 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting.
- Update on Nurse Licensure Compact- Discussed during the current challenges' agenda item.

**New Business**

- Current Challenges and Recent Accomplishments- Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski provided an update on the current state of the NCQAC licensing unit, including current phone volumes, application volumes, varying factors resulting in delays, and the demand for reducing nurse licensing timelines due to COVID-19 emergency staffing. Commissioner Eylar asked what data we have on how Washington State participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) could have greatly reduced many of our current challenges and delays in licensure during the emergency response to COVID-19. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski provided the data on locations of all endorsement applicants who had applied to Washington State from February 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020. Of about 6,500 endorsement applicants during that time, about 60% listed a main address on their application from a compact state. Commissioner Eylar asked for this data to be updated to

the end of October 2020 and be included in the packet for the November 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting. Commissioner Eylar and Commission Myrick discussed how this data and the other data regarding licensure delays, phone volume, and impacts should be presented to the full commission at the November 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting to lead into a continued discussion about the benefits of the NLC. Commissioner Strader and Commissioner Canary agreed and discussed the position of unions on the NLC across the nation.

### **Ending Items**

- Open Microphone (as time permits)- None.
- Review of Actions- Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski will work on pulling together data regarding licensure delays, phone volumes, and endorsement data for the Licensing Sub-committee to present at the November 13, 2020 NCQAC Business Meeting.
- Meeting Evaluation - No time to complete.
- Date of Next Meeting- Canceling November's meeting due to the holiday week.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

