



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Licensing Sub-committee Minutes  
February 26, 2021 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  
Lori Underwood, Health Services Consultant 2- Endorsement Lead

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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** – Commissioner Eylar advised that updates will be discussed in March meeting.
- **Approve Minutes for January 22, 2021** – Commissioner Myrick motioned 1<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Strader motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve.

**III. Old Business**

- **Update on Continuing Competency** – Commissioner Eylar addressed that these changes have been a work in progress over the past years. The revisions will be presented at a hearing on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm.
- **Update on Nurse Licensure Compact** – Commissioner Eylar mentioned that WA continues to participate in prioritizing this. It did not make it out of the Senate; however, this is the furthest it's passed. This is still a national challenge during the pandemic as we learned how to expedite licenses. The biggest resistance is from unions in our state, but our agency remains optimistic.

**IV. New Business**

- **Review Examples of Licensing Graphs for NCQAC Website** – Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski presented examples of graphs showing LPN, RN, and ARNP

populations from 2012 to 2019. Commissioner Strader suggested providing charts reflecting annual numbers. Commissioner Eylar pointed out the growth of RN and ARNP and decrease of LPN licenses. Public guest suggested we provide data showing Retired/Inactive licenses to Active status. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski responded to this comment that we could see this in the 2020 data. Another public guest agreed with the ideas and suggested to use different colors so the data would stand out. Ms. Mosley commented that these graphs would be easy to add to the website. Commissioner Eylar inquired if we need to have this as a recommendation. Mr. Hoehn responded that no requirement is necessary, and it can be posted without having to go to full commission. Licensing sub-committee approved adding this information to the website.

- **Current Challenges and Recent Accomplishments** – Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski presented the report to the Governor’s office. She explained that the numbers show improvement. Commissioner Eylar suggested that this data be shared in the March Commission meeting.

## V. Ending Items

- **Open Microphone** – No comments
- **Review of Actions** – Hearing for Continuing Competency on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Eylar requested someone to make the motions at the hearing. Commissioner Strader will motion 1<sup>st</sup>, and Commissioner Myrick will motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. We reviewed the work licensing has done and how it will be presented on the website. Commissioner Eylar inquired if we can show data to reflect licensure statistics before pandemic versus now to show growth. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski advised that she bring this inquiry to the Communications Task force.
- **Meeting Evaluation** - All
- **Date of Next Meeting** - March 26, 2021
- **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.