



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Research Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2021 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Committee Members:** Mary Baroni, PhD, RN, Chair  
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP  
Katie Haerling, PhD, RN, CHSE  
Jamie Shirley, PhD, RN

**Absent:** Sharon Ness, RN

**Staff:** Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Director, Advanced Practice  
Chris Archuleta, Director, Operations  
Jessilyn Dagum, Research Assistant

**I. 5:00 PM Opening – Mary Baroni, Chair**

**Call to order**

- Introduction
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call

**II. Standing Agenda Items**

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
  - Mary provided a brief update from the March 12, 2021 NCQAC Business Meeting and explained a minor rearrangement of the sub-committee's agenda items. A public hearing was held on the proposed changes to the continuing competency rules. This was done following the review of literature in 2017. The commission came to the conclusion that there isn't much evidence that ongoing education and specific practice hours necessarily assures ongoing competency. A group was created to review the rules and make recommendations. The Continuing Competencies Evaluation Plan presentation was moved to the April Research sub-committee meeting. Mary gave a brief overview of the approved continuing competency rule changes.
  - Dr. Katie Haerling presented her analyses from the NCQAC assessment of the simulation ration 1:2 (1 hour simulation = 2 hours of clinical) among selected Washinton nursing education programs. During the Covid-19 pandemic, nursing education programs requested to use simulation in excess of the current WAC 246-840-534. Programs counted 1 hour of simulation as 2 hours of traditional clinical experience. The study provided a snapshot of what was going on in simulations during the pandemic while temporary provision were in place.
- Review of Draft Minutes: February 16, 2021
  - Reviewed with consensus to bring to the May 14, 2021 commission meeting for approval.

### **III. Old Business**

- Facilitation of Data Access – Mary Sue
  - Mary Sue gave a brief overview of the procedure and reminded the sub-committee of their last discussion regarding it. The procedure will be reviewed and discussed further at the April Research sub-committee meeting.
- Gap Closure Groups and the Research Sub-Committee – Mary Sue
  - Mary Sue provided an update on the Gap Closure Groups. The leadership and planning team continue to explore the role of the Research sub-committee in terms of support for the Gap Closure Groups. The next meeting of the Gap Closure Groups chairs and leadership team will be held in April 2021.

### **IV. New Business**

- Continuing Competencies Evaluation Plan – Rebecca Pizzitola
  - This presentation was moved to the April Research sub-committee meeting.
- Timeline and Continued Discussion of Research Sub-Committee Action Plan for 2021-2022
  - The updated Action Plan was reviewed and discussed by the sub-committee with the consensus to bring to the May 14, 2021 commission meeting for approval.

### **V. Ending Items**

- Open Microphone (as time permits)
- Review of Actions
- Meeting Evaluation – All
- Date of Next Meeting – April 19, 2021
- Adjournment – 6:01 PM