



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Committee Members: Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, Chair
Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC
Megan Kilpatrick, ARNP-CNS, RN
Shannon Fitzgerald, MSN, ARNP
Kathleen Errico, PhD, ARNP, Pro Tem

Absent: Joanna Starratt, MSN, ARNP, CRNA
Lindsey Frank, CD, OB-RNC, ARNP, CNM

Staff: Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Director Advanced Practice
Jessilyn Dagum, Research Assistant

I. 7:00 PM Opening – Laurie Soine, Chair

Call to order

- Introduction
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
 - Lori provided a brief update from the March 12, 2021 commission meeting. The Telehealth Advanced Practice Advisory Opinion and Opioid Overdose Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) presented by the sub-committee was approved by the commission. Mary Sue noted that procedure B09.05 Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) Application Exemption Requests was also approved by the commission.
 - Megan noted that finding items such as the Telehealth Advanced Practice Advisory Opinion on the NCQAC website was difficult. Laurie stated that the Communication Task Force is actively working on improving the website. Several sub-committee members also commented on how the website could be improved.
 - Megan mentioned her concern about existing confusion in the nursing community regarding CE requirements for licensure renewal. The sub-committee discussed the matter further. Mary Sue asked for the subcommittee's help finding ways to communicate and clarify the requirements for licensees.
- Review of Advanced Practice Draft Minutes: February 17, 2021
 - Reviewed with consensus to bring to the May commission meeting for approval.
- NCSBN Knowledge Network Call – Donna Poole
 - Donna gave a brief update about the NCSBN Knowledge Network Call and asked that her notes be included in the meeting minutes.

III.

Old Business

- Scope of Practice Rules Update – Mary Sue Gorski and Shannon Fitzgerald
 - Mary Sue provided background information on the scope of practice rules work. Shannon presented on the current work being done regarding the scope of practice rules including the rules process and proposed that sub-committee explore how to assist stakeholders' use of the rules. Shannon recommended that the sub-committee explore how to incorporate elements of the scope of practice decision tree into components of the rules. The sub-committee expressed their sentiments for Shannon and Mary Sue's work and discussed next steps. The draft rules language will be provided at next month's meeting for the sub-committee to review and discuss.

IV. New Business

- Alignment with Consensus Model
 - Mary Sue presented on the work to be done in order for the nursing commission be in alignment with the national consensus model. Mary Sue noted that a letter had been received from Dr. Louise Kaplan requesting prescriptive authority as part of licensure. The letter will be reviewed fully and discussed at next month's sub-committee meeting.

V. Ending Items

- Open Microphone (as time permits)
- Review of Actions
- Meeting Evaluation – All
- Date of Next Meeting – April 21, 2021
- Adjournment at 8:00 PM