



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2021 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Committee Members: Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC
Joanna Starratt, MSN, ARNP, CRNA
Kathleen Errico, PhD, ARNP, Pro Tem
Lindsey Frank, CD, OB-RNC, ARNP, CNM
Megan Kilpatrick, ARNP-CNS, RN
Shannon Fitzgerald, MSN, ARNP

Excused: Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, Chair

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

I. 7:00 PM Opening – Donna Poole

Call to order

- Introduction
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call
 - Donna called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced the Advanced Practice Subcommittee members and staff. The Public Disclosure Statement was read aloud for the meeting attendees.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
 - Donna announced that at the May 14, 2021 business meeting, they will be requesting permission from the commission to open the rules regarding reactivating inactive and expired ARNP licenses in relation to the emergency rules that were put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Review of Advanced Practice Draft Minutes: March 17, 2021
 - Small grammatical corrections to the words, “website” and “Telehealth” in the second bullet point of the announcement section. Reviewed with consensus to bring the May 14, 2021 business meeting for approval with corrections.

III. Old Business

- Scope of Practice Rules Update – Mary Sue Gorski and Shannon Fitzgerald
 - Mary Sue and Shannon provided a brief update on the scope of practice rules. Mary Sue noted that the rules were previously opened to consider putting the scope of practice decision tree into rule in order to give nurses a stronger foundation in their decision making. Since then, much work has evolved around the decision tree and in the process the focus has shifted to strengthening the structure of decision making for nurses as they evaluate new procedures and skills. Discussions have been held with RN and LPN internal staff about this new approach as well as future stakeholder engagement in order to gather more information.

IV. New Business

- ARNPs United Prescriptive Authority Request Letter and Response

- The subcommittee reviewed the letter from ARNPs United regarding prescriptive authority as well as NCQAC's response. A discussion regarding the letter's request that the subcommittee consider making a recommendation to the commission that prescriptive authority be included as part of licensure rather than being optional followed. Donna noted that more research will need to be done on the requirement. Several subcommittee members provided examples of prescriptive authority in nursing practice and their own experiences. Joanna provided some background history as to why CRNAs don't need prescriptive authority as well as possible next steps. The subcommittee discussed the possibility of an 'opt-out' versus an 'opt-in' option regarding prescriptive authority. The group agreed to gather and review more data pertaining to prescriptive authority and continue the discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

V. Ending Items

- Open Microphone
 - Louis Kaplan responded to the subcommittee's questions regarding prescriptive authority and advised that the subcommittee avoid using terminology that would infer that ARNPs do not need prescriptive authority.
 - Leslie Emerick requested a clarification on the scope of practice work.
- Review of Actions
- Meeting Evaluation – All
- Date of Next Meeting – May 19, 2021
- Adjournment at 7:58 PM