



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Committee Members: Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP, Chair
Jonathan Alvarado, ARNP, CRNA
Kathleen Errico, PhD, ARNP, Pro Tem
Megan Kilpatrick, MSN, ARNP-CNS, AOCNS
Shannon Fitzgerald, MSN, ARNP
Deb Smith DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC
Bianca Reis, DNP, MBA, ARNP, PMHNP-BC

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

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

I. 7:00 PM Opening – Jonathan Alvarado, Chair

Call to order

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

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
 - Laurie gave a brief report on the NCSBN Midyear meeting specifically regarding the APRN compact. The APRN compact was passed by NCSBN in August of 2020. The APRN compact is scheduled to go into effect once 7 states have joined. Currently, Delaware and North Dakota have signed onto the APRN compact. Two other state are also considering this for legislation. 4 of the 7 required states may be signed on in the near future.
 - Laurie reported a few highlights from the March 11, 2022 business meeting:
 - Paula Meyer, after being the Executive Director of NCQAC for over 25 years, will retire in June of 2023.
- Review of Advanced Practice Draft Minutes: February 16, 2022
 - Reviewed with consensus to bring to the May commission meeting for approval.

III. Old Business

- Emergency to Permanent Rules Update

- Mary Sue gave a brief update on the Emergency to Permanent rules. Considering the public testimony submitted to the commission, the commission moved to withdraw subsections WAC 246-840-365 and WAC 246-840-367 from this rule package for further exploration, and to adopt only proposed changes to WAC 246-840-533 and WAC 246-840-930. The commission also moved to open a CR-101 for sections WAC 246-840-365, 246-840-367 and other relevant licensing rule sections.
- Scope of Practice Rules Update
 - Mary Sue gave a brief update on the Scope of Practice rules. The proposed language changes were included in the March business meeting packet for the commission's knowledge. Staff will continue to work on the proposed language and prepare to submit it for DOH review.

IV. New Business

- Advisory Opinion NCAO 12.00 Medical Acupuncture
 - During the Scope of Practice rules workshops, the commission received several comments regarding NCAO 12.00 Medical Acupuncture advisory opinion. The subcommittee discussed the need to update and modernize the document with updated information. Reviewed with consensus to recommend the opening of Advisory Opinion NCAO 12.00 Medical Acupuncture to the commission.

V. Ending Items

- Open Microphone (as time permits)
 - Louise Kaplan noted that SB 5753 now changes the law so that the executive director of NCQAC does not have to be a nurse but there are many reasons why the executive director should be a nurse.
- Review of Actions
- Meeting Evaluation – All
- Date of Next Meeting – April 20, 2022
- Adjournment – 7:45 PM