



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Meeting Agenda
November 12, 2021
8:30 AM- 5:00 PM**

Commission Members:

Laurie Soine PhD, ARNP, Chair
Tiffany Randich, RN, LPN, Vice-Chair
Adam Canary, LPN, Secretary/Treasurer
Mabel Ezeonwu PhD, RN
Ella B. Guilford, MSN, M.Ed., BSN, RN
Dawn Morrell, RN, BSN, CCRN
MaiKia Moua, RN, BSN, MPH
Helen Myrick, Public Member
Sharon Ness, RN
Donna Poole, MSN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC
Tracy Rude, LPN
Yvonne Strader, RN, BSN, BSPA, MHA
Kimberly Tucker PhD, RN, CNE

Assistant Attorney General:

Sierra McWilliams, Assistant Attorney General

Staff:

Paula R. Meyer, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Chris Archuleta, Director, Operations
Gerianne Babbo, Ed.D, MN, RN, Director, Education
Shad Bell, Assistant Director, Operations
Amber Bielaski, MPH, Assistant Director, Licensing
Debbie Carlson, MSN, RN, CPM, Director, Practice
John Furman, PhD, MSN, CIC, COHN-S, Washington Health
Professional Services (WHPS) Liaison/Research
Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Director, Advanced Practice,
Research and Policy
Karl Hoehn, JD, FRE, Assistant Director, Discipline
Grant Hulteen, Assistant Director, Discipline – Investigations and
WHPS
Bethany Mauden, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Moisiso, PhD, RN, Director, Nursing Assistant Programs
Catherine Woodard, Director, Discipline and WHPS
Amy Sharar, Communications Specialist
Bonnie King, Health Services Consultant
Holly Palmer, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Bear, Nursing Consultant

I. 8:30 AM Opening – Laurie Soine, Chair – DISCUSSION/ACTION

II. Call to Order

A. Introductions – a quorum was reached as all members are present, thanks for the continuing members while waiting (Donna and Tracy) for governor approval for new member.

B. Land Acknowledgment – Yvonne Strader

C. Order of the Agenda

D. Announcements – honor Mabel Ezeonwu and congratulations

III. Consent Agenda – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are approved with one single motion

A. Approval of Minutes

1. NCQAC Business Meeting – August 18, 2021, September 9, 2021; September 10, 2021
2. Advanced Practice Subcommittee –
 - a. August 18, 2021
 - b. September meeting canceled
3. Discipline Subcommittee – no minutes to review
4. Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee –
 - a. August 3, 2021
5. Licensing Subcommittee –
 - a. August 17, 2021
 - b. September 21, 2021
6. Research Subcommittee –
 - a. August meeting canceled
 - b. September 20, 2021

B. Letter from NCSBN President Jay Douglas

A. Performance Measures

1. Investigations
2. Legal
3. Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS)
4. Nursing Education (NPAP)
5. Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel (NAPAP)

B. Governor’s licensing report

NCSBN Policy Brief—Unvaccinated Nursing Students ACTION: Ms. Randich moved, with a second from Ms. Ness, to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried.

II. NCQAC Panel Decisions – DISCUSSION

No discussion on panel decisions

The NCQAC delegates the authority as provided by law for certain decisions to a panel of at least three members. A member of the NCQAC must chair panels. Pro tem members

of NCQAC may serve as panel members. The following decisions are provided for information.

A. Nursing Program Approval Panel (NPAP)

1. September 2, 2021
2. September 16, 2021
3. October 7, 2021
4. October 29, 2021

B. Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel (NAPAP)

1. September 13, 2021 (Regular Meeting, Canceled)
2. September 27, 2021 (Rules Meeting)
3. October 5, 2021 (Rules Meeting)
4. October 11, 2021 (Regular Meeting)

C. Advanced Practice Panel

1. October 20, 2021

III. Chair Report – Laurie Soine – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Nominations committee appointments –Dr. Soine appointed Dawn Morrell, Mabel Ezeonwu, and Ella Guilford to the Nominations committee. Ms. Underwood will be the staff person to assist the committee.

B. COVID-19 vaccine mandate update – 79.6% of Washingtonians received at least 1 vaccine. 10 million vaccine doses administered over the last eleven months in Washington State.

IV. Executive Director Report – Paula Meyer – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Budget Report – Adam Canary, Chris Archuleta – Mr. Archuleta presented the budget to date.

B. Strategic Plan Update

1. Communications
2. Academic Progression in Nursing/LPNs
3. Nursing Assistants
4. Washington Health Professional Services

C. Rules Update – Shad Bell - Bonnie King reviewed the emergency rules. Sections have been reduced due to language changes.

D. Office of the State Auditor

1. Licensing – the 2021 state budget included language for nursing licensing to be accomplished in seven days. The language also included an audit, by the State Auditors Office, of the NCQAC and the Washington Medical Commission licensing processes.
2. Prescription Monitoring Program – The NCQAC and WA Medical Commission are included in the audit of the Prescription Monitoring Program’s audit. Staff attended meetings and reported on the requirements for nurses, especially Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, with the Prescription Monitoring Program.

E. Commission Pay Worksheet Review – Chris Archuleta

Mr. Archuleta reviewed the board pay worksheet, the purpose of the columns and data collected. Mr. Archuleta reminded NCQAC members to submit their board pay by the 10th of every month.

V. Sub-committee Report – DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Advanced Practice – Laurie Soine, Chair

B. Consistent Standards of Practice – Sharon Ness, Chair

1. NCAO 6.0 Standing Orders and Verbal Orders Advisory Opinion; Request to rescind with follow-up of two separate advisory opinions on Standing Orders and Verbal Orders.

ACTION: Motion by Ms. Ness, with a second from the subcommittee, to rescind NCAO 6.0 Standing Orders and Verbal Orders Advisory Opinion. Motion carried.

2. NCAO XX.XX Standing Orders Advisory Opinion Draft; Request to approve
ACTION: Motion by Ms. Ness, with a second from the subcommittee, to adopt the Standing Orders Advisory Opinion. Motion carried.

3. NCAO XX.XX Verbal Orders Advisory Opinion Draft; Request to approve–
4.**ACTION:** Motion by Ms. Ness, with a second from the subcommittee, to adopt the Verbal Orders Advisory Opinion. Motion carried.

5. NCAO 11.01 Compounding and Reconstituting Medications Advisory Opinion; Request to revise the advisory opinion to clarify the terms compounding vs reconstituting medications as per new pharmacy law. Correction to citation to RCW 70.58A.

ACTION: Motion by Ms. Ness, with a second from the subcommittee, to adopt the Advisory Opinion, Compounding and Reconstituting Medications Advisory Opinion as revised. Motion carried.

6. NCAO 23.01 Determining, Pronouncing, and Certifying Death Revision; Request to revise the advisory opinion to be consistent with the Washington State Medical Association’s change to the term “Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment” to “Portable Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment” – moved by Sharon Ness – RCW 70.58 A was revised from RCW 70.58 -

ACTION: Motion by Ms. Ness, with a second from the subcommittee, to adopt the revision of the Advisory Opinion, Determining, Pronouncing, and Certifying Death. Motion carried.

7. Nursing Delegation of Enteral Feedings; Request to develop advisory opinion
ACTION: Motion by Ms. Ness, with a second from the subcommittee, to develop an advisory opinion on Nursing Delegation of Enteral Feedings. Motion carried.

C. Discipline – Adam Canary, Chair

1. Procedure I06.02 Final Investigative Report; aligns language with the paperless environment –
ACTION: Motion by Mr. Canary, with a second from the subcommittee, to adopt revised Procedure I06.02 Final Investigative Report. Motion carried.
2. Procedure A06.10 Review of Commission Reports; adds dissemination of misinformation to above threshold and termination from employment for failing to vaccinate to below threshold. –

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Canary, with a second from the subcommittee, to adopt revised Procedure A06.10 Review of Commission Reports. Motion carried.

D. Research – Sharon Ness, Chair – no items for discussion

E. Nursing Education

1. Education Sub Committee –

ACTION: Motion by Dr. Tucker that NCQAC establish an Education Subcommittee to meet quarterly or more often as needed. Second by Yvonne Strader. Motion amended by Helen Myrick to add members from Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel with the members of the Nursing Program Approval Panel. Amendment accepted. Motion carried. Dr. Tucker will be the chair. Dr. Ezeonwu and Dr. Soine will be members.

2. Clinical Placements – challenges with clinical placements –Ms. Meyer attended a meeting hosted by Representative Cody, Representative Slatter and Representative Enteman on clinical placements. Representative Cody requested the NCQAC explore standardized clinical hours. Ms. Meyer and Dr. Babbo will schedule an interested parties meeting in December.

Dr. Babbo reported on comments from the nursing education programs related to the challenges from unvaccinated students and the requirement to complete clinical experiences. Unvaccinated students are not able to complete the clinical portion due to facility requirements for all nursing students to be vaccinated. Nursing Program Covid Guidance Winter/Spring – allows for 100% simulation for mental health, OB & Peds. Programs have different of clinical hours as the regulations are a minimum amount of clinical hours.

VI. Education Session

Cultivating Joy: Improving Nurse Resilience Through Use of a Practice Playbook – Diana Meyer, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAEN

Dr. Diana Meyer, retired as the senior director of a team of researchers at St. Luke’s Health System, Idaho. Dr. Meyer presented study findings on nurse resilience. Nurse resilience, responsibilities in healthcare systems, and individual actions were described as well as strategies to improve nurse resilience. The research described the nurse resilience outcomes related to use of the strategies.

VII. Open Microphone – no speakers for open mic.

Open microphone is for public presentation of issues to the NCQAC. If the public has issues regarding disciplinary cases, please call 360-236-4713. There were no participants for Open Microphone.

VIII. Rules Hearing – Nursing Technician Rules - DISCUSSION/ACTION

Quorum is present.

The purpose of this hearing was to solicit comments for the proposed rules filed with the Code Reviser's Office on September 28, 2021 and in the Washington State Register as WSR# 21-20-058. NCQAC welcomed questions, comments and testimony in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules.

Q&A – No questions

Testifying began at 1:25pm

Laura Hofmann – Leading Edge Washington – Supports

Vicki McNealley – Washington Healthcare Association – Supports

Leah Meadows – DNS in Long Term Care Setting – Supports

Kaitlyn Hoe – Nursing Workforce – Supports

Jenny Fornfri – Nursing workforce – does not support

Mari Sullivan – ARNP – supports

ACTION: Ms. Ness moved to adopt the proposed rules language for WAC 246-840-010, 246-840-840, and 246-840-850 as amended and to proceed with the filing of the CR-103. Second by Donna Poole. –

Discussion – Adam Canary – nursing students working as Nurse Techs in his facility supports. MaiKia Moua – would the students be under the same discipline? Yes. Nurse Techs must register and can work up to their level of education. By registering, Nurse Techs are subject to RCW 18.130, the Uniform Disciplinary Act

Motion carried. Hearing concluded at 1:45 pm.

IX. 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Education – Dr. Gerianne Babbo, Dr. Kathy Moisio - DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Nursing Education

1. Dean/Director webpage – has gone live.
2. Presentation-Nursing Education During Covid - Direct Clinical/Simulation Dr. Mary Baroni presented information on the average clinical placement hours and use of simulation by nursing education programs at Council of Nurse Educators of Washington State (CNEWS). Dr. Baroni gave the presentation for NCQAC. Dr. Baroni and Dr. Babbo also presented the assignment to explore standardizing clinical placement hours.

B. Nursing Assistants

1. New Staff in Unit: Welcome to Marlin Galiano and Alana Llacuna
2. Update on Testing Progress and Curriculum Work: working through backlog of nursing assistants who are registered but need to be certified. Approximately 6000 have taken the written portion of the certification examination, 5000 have taken skills

portion of the certification examination. Pass rate average is 70%. We anticipate 5000 nursing assistants to complete the written and skills portions of the examination within the next two months.

Testing changes: new test vendor who will be fully phased in by January 31, 2022.

3. Developing the LPN Apprenticeship Summit – The summit was held on October 22 with excellent participation. The summit focused on the development of the LPN apprenticeship programs and process for nursing programs to apply.

X. 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM HELMS Update – Marcus Bailey, Paula Meyer - DISCUSSION/ACTION

Health Systems Quality Assurance (HSQA), with the NCQAC, Washington Medical Commission and the Chiropractic Care Quality Assurance Commission, is replacing the current database with a new database, the Health Enforcement and Licensing Management System (HELMS). At the September meeting, Christie Spice, HSQA acting assistant secretary, announced the decision package for additional funding for the HELMS project. Ms. Meyer gave the presentation for Mr. Bailey

Issues of poor performance in regard to subcontractor vendor for integration services. The issues were brought to the attention of the main contractor, Carasoft. Carasoft removed the integration subcontractor. Other options are being explored.

XI. Meeting Evaluation

Ms. Guilford will present the land acknowledgement in January
Dr. Baroni announced that Premera funded the LPN to BSN Program.

XII. Closing

Meeting adjourned at 3:48pm