



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2021 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

**Call to order**

- Introduction
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call
  - Laurie 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 shared a few announcements:
    - The licensing unit sent a letter out on December 1, 2021 reminding ARNPs to forward proof of their National Certification to the commission with each recertification. All were reminded that a Washington ARNP license is invalid without current National Certification. Shannon asked if there was a way ARNPs could verify that the commission has received a copy of their National Certification online. Mary Sue will inquire with licensing staff regarding this.
    - An advisory opinion from ARNP LACE Network on ARNPs Changing a Population or Role was shared with the subcommittee for their knowledge.
- Review of Advanced Practice Draft Minutes: November 17, 2021
  - Reviewed with consensus to bring to the January commission meeting for approval.

**III. Old Business**

- Prescriptive Authority Update – Mary Sue
  - Mary Sue gave a brief background and update on the Prescriptive Authority work. In March of 2021, ARNPs United requested that the Advanced Practice subcommittee consider recommending a change to

Washington's prescriptive authority granting process, making it an opt out verses opt in process. At the September 2021 business meeting, the commission voted to open the rules on prescriptive authority. Since then, the Advanced Practice subcommittee and commission staff have determined that ARNPs United's request might be accomplished through a procedural versus a rule change. The subcommittee discussed the process of making this procedural change to include prescriptive authority as an opt-out option instead of an opt-in.

- Following the update there was an opportunity for **Open Microphone** from public attendees to comment:
  - *Louise Kaplan* – Concurred that the option to use a procedural change would be more suitable. A procedural change would be advantageous and should still allow for public input. She sees no need for a rule change when it can be done otherwise.
- Following public comments, the subcommittee came to consensus to move forward with their recommendation to the commission to rescind their motion to open the rule regarding prescriptive authority and move forward with the procedural change.

#### **IV. New Business**

- Tribal Waiver for E-prescribing
  - Certain opioid rules require that opioid prescriptions be solely electronically completed as of January 1, 2022. The nursing commission is working alongside other prescribing professions within DOH on an interpretive statement for tribes regarding e-prescribing. This information was shared with the subcommittee for their knowledge.

#### **V. Ending Items**

- Review of Actions
- Meeting Evaluation – All
- Date of Next Meeting – January 19, 2021
- Adjournment – 7:51 PM