



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Education Subcommittee Agenda  
October 3, 2022 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

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**I. 12:00 PM Opening – Kim Tucker Chair  
Call to order**

- Introduction
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call

**II. Standing Agenda Items**

- Announcements/Hot Topics
  1. None
- Review of Draft Minutes
  1. None

**III. Old Business**

- None

**IV. New Business**

1. Presentation by Dr. Carrie Miller: Conceptualizing Quality in Nursing Simulation Education

Summary: Simulation-based experiences in nursing education have become commonplace. There is a general understanding of the benefit of simulation; however, the measure of simulation quality is evolving. This presentation discusses the essentials of defining simulation quality using INACSL's Healthcare Simulation Standards of Best Practice. These include best practices of simulation facilitation, prebriefing, debriefing, and professional integrity. Implementing simulation best practices into nursing curricula can impact patient outcomes and safety. Simulation-based education quality can promote nurse graduates' readiness for clinical practice.

2. Discussion with Education Subcommittee Members

One recommendation from the presenter was for a Nursing Simulation taskforce at the Nursing Commission level. A question was asked about whether the recommendation was envisioned as a separate task force from the Washington State Simulation Plan (WSSP) task force. The response was the vision was for a separate task force to include experts in nursing regulation and other entities who could move the simulation work forward. WSSP envisioned itself as part of a new task force.

It was noted that national and international simulation research is ongoing. The WSSP is aware of and supports the national and international research while as the same time is conducting parallel work. Dr. Katie Haerling's work on simulation was recognized as part of the parallel work.

A question was raised about the recommendation to open WAC 246-840-534, Simulation, and what specifically about this WAC may put students or the public at risk. What really needs to be updated to ensure public protection? The response was WAC 246-840-534 was excellent when created but so much as been learned since 2016 including that

simulation can be done exceptionally poorly. A definition of quality simulation was suggested being added to WAC 246-840-534 to support public safety.

**Public Comments:**

A question was asked about where to find quality simulation scenarios in addition to those found at the National League for Nursing Simulation Innovation Research Center. Ideas presented included Open-RN, Canadian Alliance of Nurse Educators Using Simulation, and the Nursing Simulation Library at Montgomery College, Maryland as well as searching the internet for other options.

Discussion about funding simulation for nursing programs included partnering with college/university administration, demonstrating how the program is incorporating simulation into the curriculum, and sharing simulation utilization reports.

It was noted Big Bend Community College previously offered a simulation technician program. This program was based on grant funding and is no longer offered. It was questioned if it was time to start a conversation about a simulation technician program in the state of Washington.

Discussion occurred about this being the right time to request funding from the state and the federal government to support simulation. The question was asked if there was a financial model or if one could be developed for simulation funding? How much money would be needed to develop a model and scale up to get ahead of the ongoing nursing staff and faculty shortages. The comment was made that healthcare is part of the infrastructure of the United States and should be funded as such, since simulation is a model that works. Dr. Katie Haerling's current work on simulation cost analysis was referenced. It was noted the various stakeholders (education, healthcare agencies) should speak out statewide and nationally with one voice. Dr. Haerling's research outcomes will be presented at a communications meeting in the near future for nursing program deans/directors.

An idea was presented asking if schools of nursing should be required to have simulation in the curriculum which would generate funding from colleges/universities since it was part of the curriculum. The idea of standardized simulation across the state was noted as an option and ongoing discussion on this topic would be interesting.

**V. Ending Items**

- Public Comments
- Date of Next Meeting –Nov. 22, 2022
- Adjournment

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