



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee Minutes  
December 2, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Subcommittee Sharon Ness, RN, Commission Member, Chair  
Members Present: Helen Myrick, Public Commission Member  
Ella Guilford, MSN, Med, BSN, RN, Commission Member  
Robin Fleming, PhD, MN, BSN, BA, RN, Pro Tem  
Jamie Shirley, PhD, RN, Pro Tem

Subcommittee Tiffany Randich, RN, LPN, Pro Tem  
Members Absent:

Staff Present: Deborah Carlson, MSN, BSEd, PMC, CPM, RN, Nursing Practice Director  
Shana Johnny, DNP, MN, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant  
Holly Palmer, Administrative Assistant  
Victoria Hayward, Public Health Nursing Consultant

- I.** 12:00 p.m. Opening – Sharon Ness, Chair
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
  - b. Ms. Ness introduced the Subcommittee members.
  - c. Shana Johnny introduced the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) staff members in attendance.
  - d. Ms. Ness read the public disclosure statement.
  
- II.** Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
  - a. The Subcommittee presented a motion at the November 18, 2022, NCQAC business meeting to create a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Scope of Practice in Performing Endoscopy Procedures Advisory Opinion; The Commission passed the motion.
  - b. Nursing Licensing Fees increased as of December 1, 2022
  - c. Recruiting for a new Executive Director is ongoing. Interviews are being held, the Commission will introduce the final three candidates to the full Commission at the March NCQAC business meeting.
  - d. Consensus reached to send the October 7, 2022, draft meeting minutes to the January 13, 2023, NCQAC Business Meeting.
  - e. Ms. Johnny reviewed the subcommittee work plan.
  
- III.** Old Business
  - a. Ms. Carlson updated members on the Vent/Vent-Trach Models of Care for Pediatric Patients Consortium. There is continued discussion around providing parents the training required to be a Nursing Assistant (NA) and allowing payment through the state for those parents to care for their children in their homes. This proposal will require a legislative process. Due to the complexity, the Consortiums proposed that legislation be submitted to start a feasibility study, and the Commission may be involved in that; if that occurs, Paula Meyer, Executive Director, has suggested that

Margaret Holm participate in the work related to that study. This item is on the agenda of the December 7, 2022, Legislative Panel.

- b. Ms. Johnny updated on the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Scope of Practice in Performing Endoscopy Procedures Advisory Opinion; the Commission passed a motion to create the advisory opinion at the November 18, 2022, Business meeting; Ms. Carlson is beginning draft documents and has reached out to providers who work in this practice area to provide additional content.
- c. Ms. Johnny provided an update on HB 5183, Forensic Nurse Training; a rules package (CR-103) has been filed and will be effective December 24, 2022. All regulatory boards must adopt or adapt the model rules that DOH created; interested parties' meetings have been held; implementation timelines were discussed; as well as effective ways to increase involvement and input; in early 2023, workshops will begin on a regional basis; these rules will not take effect until 2024.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Ms. Carlson updated members on the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) training for Nursing Assistant Delegation – Expiration of COVID-19 Waiver; The waiver has expired, but there are questions related to the requirements for training for Nursing Assistants (NAs); Ms. Carlson will draft a statement for the full Commission to consider at the January 2023 business meeting.
- b. The Commission is getting increased complaints from the public related to cosmetic/dermatological procedures offered by providers working out of “mobile clinics” that provide services in an in-home atmosphere; this issue will be brought to the subcommittee in February 2023 for further discussion related to potentially updating the existing Advisory Opinion.
- c. Ms. Carlson provided an update on the Health Environment for All (HEAL) Act; there are discussions around how nursing is related to environmental health in the broader picture; more information will be forthcoming.
- d. Ms. Johnny updated the members on the Chest Tube Devices Frequently Asked Questions Revision/Clarification – LPN Role Request; This request has been sent back to the original requester to provide the subcommittee with additional information.
  - i. Ms. Carlson provided an update on Delegation; the legal unit has suggested minor changes to the Advisory Opinion for Nursing Delegation to Nursing Assistants and Home Care Aids, as well as to the Delegation of Enteral Feedings Advisory Opinion; these will be updated and presented to the subcommittee at the February 2023 meeting.

#### V. Public Comment

- a. Members of the public were given the opportunity to provide comments to the Subcommittee
  - Debra Strom- recommends caution with AO LPN SOP on monitoring sedation for an endoscopy procedure. She is requesting the Commission review the American College of Anesthesiology & American College of Gastroenterology definitions on levels of sedation. These definitions have yet to match in the past. Ms. Strom indicates that there is a slippery slope with what GI clinicians call light sedation. Misapplication of an AO by a healthcare organization could occur if applied to an at-risk population or different settings. One should be clear on the practice setting, patient population and risk factors involved. The medical clinics see the College

of Anesthesiology as experts in this area because they rescue patients from unattended consequences.

**VI. Ending Items**

- a. Review of Actions
- b. Meeting Evaluation – None
- c. Date of Next Meeting – February 3, 2023
- d. Meeting Adjourned at 1:07 p.m.