



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commisison (NCQAC)
Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee Minutes
February 3, 2023**

Committee Members Present: Sharon Ness, RN, Chair
Jamie Shirley, PhD, RN, Pro Tem

Absent: Ella Guilford, MSN, M.Ed., BSN, RN, Member
Helen Myrick, Public Member
Tiffany Randich, RN, LPN, Pro Tem
Robin Fleming, PhD, MN, BSN, BA, RN, Pro Tem

Staff Present: Deborah Carlson, MSN, PMC, CPM, RN, Director of Nursing Practice
Shana Johnny, DNP, MN, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant
Holly Palmer, Administrative Assistant

I. 12:00 PM Opening – Sharon Ness, Chair

Ms. Ness called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. The Consistent Standards of Practice subcommittee members and staff were introduced and the Public Disclosure Statement read aloud.

II. Standing Agenda Items

a. Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates

i. NCQAC Executive Director Paula Meyer will retire in June 2023; the committee has chosen three final candidates. These individuals will be present at the March 2023 Commission meeting.

b. Review of Draft Minutes – December 2, 2022, subcommittee minutes were reviewed, with the consensus reached to bring them to the March 2023 Commission meeting for approval.

c. Subcommittee Work Plan Review – Ms. Johnny reviewed the workplan.

III. Old Business

a. Advisory Opinion Request – Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Scope of Practice in Performing Endoscopy Procedures – The draft Advisory Opinion was reviewed, with the consensus reached to bring it to the March 2023 Commission meeting for approval.

b. Delegation

i. **NCAO XX.XX Nursing Delegation to Nursing Assistants Advisory Opinion Draft** – This item moved to the April 2023 subcommittee agenda for further discussion.

- ii. **NCAO XX.XX Delegation of Enteral Feedings Advisory Opinion Draft** – This item moved to the April 2023 subcommittee agenda for further discussion.
- iii. **HB 1124 – Delegation Blood Glucose Monitoring & Testing** – Rules are being revised due to new laws approved last year that allow NAs to work in any setting. Workshops are held to gather more input.
- c. **Jurisprudence Module** – The new module is on the NCQAC website and is available to the public. The module provided by NCSBN will be available concurrently for now.
- d. **LPN Scope of Practice and Pleural Cavity Drainage Devices** – Consensus reached to update the existing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on this topic. The draft FAQ will be reviewed at the April 2023 subcommittee meeting.

IV. **New Business**

- a. **F03.04 Advisory Opinion Procedure Review** – Consensus reached to bring to March 2023 Commission meeting for approval, with a minor change adding Nursing Assistants (NAs) to the “Purpose” section.
- b. **NCAO 16.01 Opioid Use Disorder – Medication Assisted Treatment – Nurse Care Managers Scope of Practice Advisory Opinion Revision** – Consensus reached to bring to March 2023 commission meeting for approval.
- c. **Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Medical Assistant (MA) Scope of Practice Comparison** – Ms. Carlson compared the scopes of practice for LPNs and MAs with the subcommittee. Consensus reached to bring to the March 2023 Commission meeting as informational.
 - i. Commissioner Shirley suggested that a comparison between NAs and Nursing Techs (NTs) be developed. Ms. Carlson will prepare a draft for review at the April 2023 subcommittee meeting.
- d. **School Field Trips and Delegation** – This issue was raised at a national level; NCQAC has an Advisory Opinion on the subject that can be updated.
- e. **Case Management Team (CMT) Questions Cosmetic/Dermatology** – Consensus reached to update the current Advisory Opinion-Suggestions to forward the topic to the Advanced Practice Subcommittee with a request for their input.
- f. **SBB 5229 Health Equity Education** – This work is ongoing. Communications will be going out for future workshops. The deadline for implementation is January 2024.
- g. **Meeting Length** – Discussion regarding extending the length of Subcommittee meetings due to the depth of discussion needed for items on the agendas. Further discussion at the April 2023 subcommittee meeting.
 - i. The April 2023 subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for 90 minutes.

V. **Ending Items**

- a. Review of Actions
- b. Meeting Evaluation
- c. Date of Next Meeting – April 7, 2023
- d. Adjournment