

**Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON)
Research Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Subcommittee Members: Judy Loveless-Morris, PhD, Chair
Sharon Ness, RN
Mary Baroni, PhD, RN
Yvonne Strader, RN, BSN, BSPA, MHA

Absent: Katie Haerling, PhD, RN, CHSE

Staff Present: Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Director of Advanced Practice and Research
Shad Bell, Assistant Director of Operations
Emma Cozart, Data Consultant

I. 5:00 PM Opening

- Call to Order, Introduction, Public Disclosure Statement, Roll Call
 - Judy Loveless-Morris called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and introduced the Research Subcommittee members and staff. The Public Disclosure Statement was read aloud for the meeting attendees.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
- Review of Draft Minutes: May 15, 2023
 - Reviewed, with consensus to bring to the September 7-8, 2023, NCQAC Business Meeting for approval.
- Review Work Plan

III. Old Business

- Update of ongoing projects in the Research Unit.

IV. New Business

- Brainstorm new initiatives for the Research Subcommittee.
 - See the Brainstorming Session section below.

V. Ending Items

- Public Comment – None
- Review of Actions
 - Research team will compile inventory of ideas for review at next meeting
- Meeting Evaluation – All
- Date of Next Meeting – August 21, 2023
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Research Subcommittee Purpose: Improve access and utilization of available data to inform policy decisions, evidence-based regulatory practice, and foster research.

Below are the results of a research subcommittee brainstorming session held in November 2020, followed by our current brainstorming session held in July 2023. The research subcommittee staff recommends a workgroup to further refine priorities.

Possible strategic goals discussed at November 23, 2020 RSC meeting	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with Communications Task Force on development of standards or guidelines for interpretation and dissemination of data generated by the Commission 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking of NCQAC data use by internal and external stakeholders for research, program evaluation and CQI including revisiting the “List and Labels” process to determine options for voluntary requests to help with tracking. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRB issues for both internal and external NCQAC Data use 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website development 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of external data bases that may be relevant to the Commission 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on interpretation and implication of data-driven initiatives including simulation data on 1:2 ratio for simulation during Covid-19 Pandemic as well as annual workforce data and education reporting. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritization of student selection for capstone projects and fieldwork with the Commission 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit and review sub-committee position description and policies and procedures for updating and next steps 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible role of sub-committee in Critical Gaps initiatives 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Sub-committee annual report 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Newsletter 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual meetings with each sub-committee for data driven questions and/or initiatives. 	
Possible strategic goals discussed at July 17, 2023 RSC meeting	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More detailed data collection and reporting on LPN to BSN Programs. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LPN to BSN strategic initiative • How much of an impact has the nursing assistant program had and how this may address the nursing shortage • Wants to follow effects DEI efforts on NA program and the positive impact on patients (do we have less complaints, less racialized complaints) • Follow LPN apprenticeship program in 2024 • Postlicensure LPNs and LPN to BSN highlighted in the Annual Report, with more emphasis on LPN programs. • Start separating postlicensure LPNs programs that have previously been aggregated with RNs in the annual surveys and reports. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effects of simulation on NCLEX pass rates. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effect of implementing the Nurse Licensing Compact on Disciplinary Actions in Washington. • Yvonne Strader wants to follow disciplinary actions for those with single-state licenses versus multistate licenses and examine differences between the two types of licensees. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More detailed data collection and reporting on nursing assistant programs, and how they may be affecting the nursing shortage. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting licensing to military licenses and spouses and barriers facing them 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telehealth 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we use data as a tool when making decisions 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Ness suggested that we collect data on how many nurses come into our state and apply for the multistate nursing compact license. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Sue noted that the compact rule states that the requirement for demographic completion is only applied to certain types of facilities and is mandated by the employers. The nursing assistant programs are the survey data that we are launching in March 2024. Simulation rules changing, we should drill down on Simulation data, and examining how little simulation is used now. LPN progression and how we evaluate all the academic progression, and the LPN apprenticeship program. 	