

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF NURSING (WABON)

# Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee (CSPSC) December 3, 2024 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Subcommittee Members Present:	Ella Guilford, MSN, Med, BSN, RN, Chair Quiana Daniels, BSN, RN, LPN, Member Heleena Hufnagel, MBA-HCA-BS, Member
	Tiffany Randich, RN, LPN, Pro Tem
	Diana Meyer, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAEN, Pro Tem
Subcommittee Members Absent:	None
Staff Members Present:	Shana Johnny, DNP, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant Marlin Galiano, MN, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant, Ad Hoc Seana Reichold, Staff Attorney Luis Cisneros, Staff Attorney, Ad Hoc Dennis Gunnarson, Administrative Assistant
Staff Members Absent:	Deborah Carlson, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Director Margaret Holm, JD, RN, Ad Hoc

## I. Opening

A. Ella Guilford called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Public Disclosure Statement was read for the meeting attendees. The Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee (CSPSC) members and support staff were introduced. Public attendees were provided an opportunity to introduce themselves.

## II. Standing Agenda Items

- A. Announcements/Hot Topic/WABON Business Meeting Updates: The following announcements were made:
  - i. Rules updates and continuing competency reviews are in process focusing on licensing.
  - ii. Jurisprudence (JP) Module is waiting final approval.
- B. Review of Draft Minutes October 1, 2024
  - i. The subcommittee reviewed draft minutes and reached consensus to take to the board for approval.



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### III. Old Business

- A. Informed Consent Advisory Opinion Update Shana Johnny provided an update on the status of the advisory opinion. Public workshops are scheduled December 5, 2025. Discussed concerns from the public about the broadness and lack of clarity of the document.
- B. Quality Improvement/Matrix Tool Demonstration Shana Johnny provided a live demonstration of the matrix that uses a weighted scoring and branching logic to prioritize requests and assignments. This tool has progressed with several iterations. The next step is to validate the tool.
- C. Nurses Dispensing and Distributing Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication (OORM) Frequently Asked Question Draft (FAQ) A draft FAQ was developed to respond to a request from the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) to clarify whether nurses in hospitals are allowed to distribute and dispense Naloxone to patients in the postpartum setting. A minor edit was recommended regarding the Scope of Practice Decision Tree. The members reached consensus to send the draft to the WABON for approval.

#### V. New Business

- A. Radiology Procedures Scope of Practice Advisory Opinion Draft The CSPSC received an Advisory Opinion Request from the WABON Practice Director to develop an advisor opinion about nursing scope of practice in performing radiology procedures. We are receiving questions from the public about radiology procedures, with an additional focus regarding fluoroscopy. Shana Johnny provided a Situation, Background, Assessment, and Recommendation (SBAR). Discussion and concerns included the following:
  - i. Clarification of what radiology procedures this addresses, routine/basic radiology and/or advanced radiology imaging, or a specific radiology procedure.
  - ii. Training requirements.
  - iii. Clarification of the difference between the Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) scope of practice. Recommendation to define the difference between routine/non-complex radiology procedures and complex procedures. Fluoroscopy is a specialized area. It is not clear whether this is within the nursing scope of practice. Research is still ongoing, and opinions vary. The Consensus was made to postpone sending the Advisory Opinion Request to develop an advisory opinion to the WABON, allowing staff to perform additional research and information for discussion at the next CSPSC meeting.



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- B. Telehealth Advisory Opinion and FAQ RN/LPN Drafts Shana Johnny provided an update with an overview of two laws passed regarding Telehealth. One allows out of state practitioners to provide care without a Washington State License. The law does not define a RN or LPN as a practitioner. Legal consultation is in process as to whether the RN or LPN is allowed to provide care without a Washington State License under the direction of a defined practitioner. The second law allows reimbursement to out of state providers. The current advisory opinion exempts nurses who are in the role of tele presenter (assisting a practitioner in conducting a telemedicine visit) and the nursing assistant from meeting the training requirements. This is also in consultation with our legal staff.
- C. Medication Assistance Rules Hearing Shana Johnny announced that the Washington State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission scheduled a hearing at their business meeting December 12, 2025.

#### VI. Public Comments

A. Public comments included appreciation for the openness to WSHA's recommendations to modify meeting format. Feedback suggested that the agenda should clearly outline actions to be taken and provide flexibility during the meeting for the public attendees wishing to address these topics. Public feedback expressed surprise that the recommendations from the Interagency Aesthetics Task Force about informed consent did not return to the CSPSC for discussion.

#### **VII.** Ending Items

- A. Review of Actions:
  - i. CSPSC Minutes Draft Send to WABON for approval.
  - ii. OORM FAQ Draft Send to WABON for approval.
  - iii. Radiology Advisory Opinion Request Continue to research and discuss at next meeting.
  - iv. Meeting Evaluation Support allowing the public to provide feedback during the meeting instead of an allotted time on the agenda.
  - v. Next Meeting Date February 4, 2025.