

Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the report of the November 5, 2007 meeting of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC). Minutes from the August 15, 2007 meeting are attached for the Board's consideration.

Meeting Report: Minutes of the August 15, 2007 meeting of the APNAC are provided as attachment A for the Board's consideration. Written and verbal reports regarding that meeting were provided to Board members at the October 2007 Board meeting and will not be provided again as part of this report.

The APNAC met on November 5, 2007 to begin discussing its charge from the Board to review Rule 221. Committee members considered whether there is an ongoing need for provisional authorization to be offered to new graduates. Provisional authorization currently serves as a mechanism that allows new graduate advanced practice nurses to practice prior to taking the national certification examination. Historically, these examinations were offered only two or three times per year via pencil and paper testing. Because each of the Board-recognized certification examinations is now computer based and readily available, there may no longer be a need for provisional authorization to be offered. Pros and cons were discussed by the committee members, and it was recommended that provisional authorization should be eliminated and interim approval should be extended to 120 days.

Committee members also discussed pros and cons regarding the use of the term advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) rather than the term that is currently utilized (advanced practice nurse, or APN). APRN more clearly identifies that the licensee is both a registered nurse and an advanced practice nurse and is consistent with the language utilized in the APRN compact. Along with this issue, committee members also discussed whether authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse should be referred to as licensure rather than recognition linked to RN licensure. Staff reminded APNAC members that use of the term "licensure" rather than recognition does not change the legal scope of practice for advanced practice nurses; rather, the term license would simply provide a more accurate reflection of the processes used by board staff to review and approve applications. Committee members agreed that recommendations for proposed revisions to the rule should include use of the terms APRN and licensure.

APNAC members requested that staff include changes regarding each of these issues in drafting proposed revisions to Rule 221. Staff will prepare a draft of proposed revisions to Rules 221.4, relating to Requirements for Full Authorization to Practice, 221.5, related to Provisional Authorization, and 221.6, related to Interim Approval to serve as a starting point for further discussion by the committee. The committee will meet again in February 2008. It is anticipated that the committee will have recommendations for the Board's consideration at the April 2008 Board meeting.

Pros and Cons: None

Staff Recommendation: This report is for information purposes only. No action is required.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS AUSTIN, TEXAS

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 15, 2007
9:15 am -3 pm
333 Guadalupe, Tower I, Room 1264
Austin, Texas

Members Present

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP, Chair
Deborah Antai-Otong, RN, MS, CNS-PMH, PMHNP, CS
Kathy Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-MS
Pam Brown-Stewart, RN, FNP
Mary Brucker, PhD, RN, CNM
Linda Harrington, PhD, RN, CNS-AH
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP
Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP
Jim Walker, MS, CRNA
Susan Willis, CRNA
Lynda Woolbert, MSN, RN, CPNP
Sister Deborah Fuchs, MSN, RN, CNM
*Carolyn Sutton, MSN, RN, WHNP

Organization/Representation

Board member, Advanced Practice Nursing
CNSs in Practice
CNS Education
Texas Nurse Practitioners
Nurse-Midwifery Education
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists
Texas Nurses Association
Graduate NP Education
CRNA Education
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
CNAP
CTCNM
Certificate Level Education

Absent

Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP
Kenneth Massie, MBA, MSN, RN, CNA, BC

NPs in Practice
TONE

Staff

Jolene Zych, MS, RNC, WHNP
*Katherine Thomas, MN, RN
Dorothy Joy, MSN, RN
Sarah Svec

Nursing Consultant for Advanced Practice
Executive Director of BNE
Nursing Consultant for Education
Administrative Assistant for Advanced Practice

Guests

Joe Don Cavender, RN, CPNP
Charley Elliott, RN, NNP
*Jim Willmann, JD

Children's Medical Center of Dallas
Texas Children's Hospital
Texas Nurses Association

*Present for portions of the meeting

Recorded by Sarah Svec
Approval Date: 11-5-2007

AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION

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<p>I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Chairperson L Rounds. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.</p> <p>II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 3/06 and 5/06 MEETINGS M Brucker moved to approve the 3/06 minutes as modified. J Walker seconded. J Walker moved to approved the 5/06 minutes approved. P Brown-Stewart seconded.</p> <p>III. UPDATE ON ADVANCED PRACTICE ISSUES</p> <p>A. Report on Advanced Practice Educators Meeting A meeting was held with the APN educators in 2/2007 to discuss advanced practice issues at the state and national level. Approximately 50 educators from around the state attended.</p> <p>B. Report on Nursing Work Hours Public Hearing A public hearing was held on 4/18/07 to obtain feedback on a position statement regarding nursing work hours. Based on the feedback received, the Board voted to remand the proposed position statement back to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC) for further consideration.</p> <p>J Walker moved that "In the spirit of cooperation and collaboration, APNAC requests that the work hours position statement draft will not go to the Board until it has been reviewed by APNAC and recommendations of APNAC are considered by NPAC. APNAC also requests that four advanced practice nurses, one representing each role, participate in the work hours discussion with NPAC" M Brucker seconded the motion.</p> <p>C. Legislative and Agency Activities Update K Thomas reported on the recent Legislative Session.</p>	<p>3/06 minutes approved as modified unanimously.</p> <p>5/06 minutes approved unanimously.</p> <p>Motion approved unanimously.</p>
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The agency will be continued for 10 years and the agency's name will change to the Texas Board of Nursing.

The Sunset Bill requires changes that will eliminate duplication with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and requires the BNE to recognize national nursing accrediting bodies. New APN programs will continue to be approved by the BNE until they obtain national accreditation.

The BNE is required to develop a jurisprudence exam by 9/1/08 that will test all new nurses on Texas law and regulations before a Texas nursing license will be issued.

Changes have been made to TPAPN. The program will function as a diversion program rather than an alternative to discipline. Nurses will be reported to the Board when a practice violation occurs as a result of substance abuse or mental health issues.

The Board is required to clearly identify which crimes relate to the practice of nursing. The Eligibility and Disciplinary Taskforce will be reviewing current policies regarding crimes that relate to nursing and making recommendations to the Board.

L Rounds reported that Governor Perry will be appointing and/or reappointing several positions on the Board.

D. State and National Advanced Practice Issues

K Thomas met with the committee to discuss changes in advanced practice issues at the state and national level.

K Thomas attended a presentation by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing

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<p>K Thomas indicated that a subcommittee of the APN Consensus Group and the NCSBN APRN Advisory panel is preparing a draft model for the future of advanced practice nursing.</p> <p>IV. OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>A. Possible Revisions to Rules 221.5 and 221.6—not discussed</p> <p>B. Rule Review for Rule 219 Committee discussed revisions to Rule 219.</p> <p>V. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>A. Certification Audit Board staff will complete an audit in the near future that will require APNs who are required to maintain national certification to submit documentation of current national certification.</p> <p>B. Changes to Committee Structure and Election of Chair Board staff advised the committee of changes to the committee structure as a result of the Sunset review. Staff recommended that the APNAC request that the Board reappoint Carolyn Sutton for another term due to continued need for expertise related to certificate level nurse practitioner education. Staff also recommended that APNAC request that the Board appoint Deborah Antai-Otong and Glenn Alexander as consultants to the committee given their years of service to and knowledge and expertise with the committee. M. Brucker moved to approve staff’s recommendation, and the motion was seconded by S. Willis.</p> <p>The committee was also advised that they needed to select a chairperson from among the committee members. D. Antai-Otong nominated J. Walker as chair. M. Brucker seconded the nomination.</p>	<p>Discussion will continue by email.</p> <p>Motion approved unanimously.</p> <p>Motion approved unanimously.</p>
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<p>VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES The next meeting will be held September 17, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM if needed. A meeting date was also scheduled for November 5, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.</p> <p>VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.</p>	
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Handouts: Provided by email prior to meeting:

1. 3/31/2006 APNAC minutes
2. 5/22/2006 APNAC minutes
3. Proposed amendments to Rule 219

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP
Board President

James R. Walker, MS, CRNA
Chair