

Agenda Item: 5.2.1  
Prepared by: J Zych & J Walker  
Meeting Date: October 2009

### **Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report**

**Summary of Request:** Consider the report of the July 30, 2009 and September 23, 2009 meetings of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC).

**Meeting Report:** Minutes of the January 2009 (Attachment A) and July 2009 (Attachment B) meetings of the APNAC are provided for the Board's consideration. A verbal report regarding the January meeting was provided to Board members at the April 2009 Board meeting and will not be provided again as part of this report.

The APNAC met on July 30 and again on September 23 to continue working on revisions to Rule 222 based on the passage of Senate Bill 532 during the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session. The committee's recommendations regarding Rule 222 are submitted for the Board's consideration as agenda item 7.4.

**Pros and Cons:** None

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

**ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

Friday, January 9, 2009  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
333 Guadalupe, Tower 1, Room 1264  
Austin, Texas

**Members Present**

Jim Walker, MS, CRNA, Chair  
Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP  
Kathy Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-MS  
Mary Brucker, DNSc, RN, CNM  
Sister Deborah Fuchs, MSN, RN, CNM  
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP  
Linda Harrington, PhD, RN, CNS-AH  
Carolyn Sutton, MSN, RN, WHNP  
Susan Willis, CRNA  
Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP  
Lynda Woolbert, MSN, RN, CPNP

**Organization/Representation**

CRNA Education  
Consultant to Committee  
CNS Education  
Nurse-Midwifery Education  
CTCNM  
Texas Nurses Association  
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists  
Certificate Level Education  
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Graduate NP Education  
CNAP

**Absent**

Deborah Antai-Otong, RN, MS, CNS-PMH, PMHNP, CS Consultant to Committee  
Pam Brown Stewart, RN, FNP Texas Nurse Practitioners

**Guests**

Janet Morrow Executive Director, TANA  
Emily Easton Executive Director, TNP

**Board Members and Staff**

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP Board member, Liaison to Committee  
Jolene Zych, MS, RNC, WHNP Nursing Consultant--Advanced Practice  
Lori Becker Admin Assistant--Advanced Practice  
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN Nursing Consultant for Education  
\*Mary Beth Thomas, PhD, RN Director of Nursing Practice and Education

\*Present for portions of the meeting.  
Approval Date: September 23, 2009

**AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairperson J. Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 6/19/2008 MEETING**

S. Willis moved to approve the 6/2008 minutes. M. Brucker seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

**III. UPDATE ON ADVANCED PRACTICE ISSUES**

**A. Texas Dept of Public Safety Prescription Program Advisory Committee**—J Zych reported on the committee’s activities and recommendations regarding the prescription monitoring program.

**B. Update October 2008 Board meeting**—L Rounds and J Zych updated committee members on the adoption of amendments to Rules 221.4 through 221.6 and the Board’s response to written comments received.

**C. State and National Issues**—J Zych updated committee members on the following items: implementation of nursing jurisprudence exam and prep course, BON staffing changes, new executive director at the Texas Medical Board, online applications, and BON staff meeting with DPS.

**D. Meeting with APN education community**—L Rounds and J Zych updated committee members on November 2008 meeting with APN educators to introduce the *Consensus Model* and to discuss changes to the APN licensure process as a result of amendments to Rules 221.4 through 221.6.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Working with Podiatrists**—Deferred

**B. Rule Review for Rule 221**--J Zych recommended to committee members that the next sections of Rule 221 to be reviewed should include development of a

Committee members voiced agreement.

**AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

new section that outlines licensure processes as well as consideration of potential amendments to Rules 221.9 and 221.10.

**C. Other Health Professionals Becoming Nurses**—J Zych and J Hooper shared with committee members that they are continuing to monitor the Mid America program that is targeted for chiropractors.

**D. Potential Changes to Rules 221.9 and 221.10**—J Zych asked committee members for feedback regarding the current requirements for placing advanced practice designations on inactive status and the requirements for reinstatement. MB Thomas shared information regarding continuing competence based on TNA’s March 2008 document on this issue.

Committee members requested staff obtain information from other boards of nursing regarding what mechanisms they have in place for assuring competence when an advanced practice nurse reinstates his/her license after an absence from practice.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Licensure Process**—J Zych requested that committee members provide feedback on preferred mechanisms for advanced practice licensure. Options discussed included separate license numbers for RN and APRN licenses or modifying the RN license number to indicate advanced practice status. Committee members discussed the possibility of having a five character license number in order to make the credentialing process easier. The current six digit numbering system has made identifying the correct patient care provider difficult at times. J Zych reminded committee members that the APRN compact will allow APRNs from other jurisdictions to practice in Texas who may have longer license numbers. Discussion regarding this issue will continue at the next meeting. Staff will obtain feedback from IT.

**B. New Definitions to Be Added to Rule 221**—Discussion deferred.

**VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next meeting will be held June 8, 2009 from 9:30 to 3:30

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Handouts mailed prior to meeting (by email):

Agenda for January 9, 2009 with meeting information

Minutes from 6/19/2008 APNAC meeting

Agenda Item 5.3.2, July 2008 Board Meeting (regarding continued competence)

**ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, July 30, 2009  
10:00 am B 2:45 pm  
333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Room 102  
Austin, Texas

**Members Present**

Jim Walker, DNP, CRNA, Chair  
Kathy Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-MS  
Mary Brucker, PhD, RN, CNM  
Sister Deborah Fuchs, MSN, RN, CNM  
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP  
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Pam Brown Stewart, RN, FNP

Consultant to Committee  
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Texas Nurse Practitioners

**Guests**

Cindy Zolnierek, MSN, RN Director, Practice,

TNA

**Board Members and Staff**

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Jolene Zych, MS, RNC, WHNP  
Lori Becker  
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN

Board member, Liaison to Committee  
Nursing Consultant--Advanced Practice  
Admin Assistant--Advanced Practice  
Nursing Consultant for Education

Recorded by Janice Hooper  
Approval Date: September 23, 2009

**AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION****ACTION****I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairperson J Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 1/9/09 MEETING**

- A. Board Action: Amendment to CE Rule – national certification will be accepted for 20 CEUs. Current certification will suffice for audit. APNs with prescriptive authority are still required to have 5 CEUs for pharm.
- B. 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session: 5 bills affect APNs:
  - SB 532 – alternate practice site setting; ratio increased to 4 FTEs for physician delegation in primary practice sites, alternate sites, and long term care facility based practice sites; 90 day supply instead of 30 for controlled substances in Schedules 3-5.
  - SB 1415 – pilot program for deferred disciplinary action
  - HB 963 – criminal history and evaluation for licensure. Chapter 53 Tex. Occup. Code will give guidance; criminal history questions are on APN applications; Will we eventually need to expand DO for advanced practice?
  - SB 904 – Soma moved to Schedule 4.
  - SB 911 – Pain management clinics will need to be licensed by the Medical Board.Exemption: APNs within specialty who work with pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapies other than those identified in the bill.
- C. Update on state and national issues: LACE ANCC – CNS core exam will test role knowledge for certification rather than specialty knowledge. The exam is supported by NACNS.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Working with Podiatrists --Deferred
- B. Changes to Rule 221.4 - 221.6 – in effect and implemented. Will focus on Rule 222 and come back to 221.
- C. Other health professionals becoming nurses – PHSSON CCNE accreditation decision not known at this point

Deferred

**AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION****ACTION**

- D. Consideration of Potential Changes to Rules 221.9 and 221.10 – related to re-entry deferred
- E. Licensure processes – License number is the issue and will depend upon IT.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Goal Development – to prepare for APRN Compact implementation. Goal Dec. 2010 for materials to go to January 2011 Board meeting. Consensus Model calls for all BONs to have an APRN advisory committee
- B. New Definitions to be Added to Rule 221.1 – needed since some programs are moving to entry to practice at DNP.
- C. Revisions to Rule 222 Due to Passage of SB 532 – revisions completed during meeting.
- D. Other issues: whether advanced practice nurses could treat partners in cases of STDs.

**V. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next meeting will be held September 23, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

**Handouts:**

Mailed prior to Meeting (by email):  
Agenda for July 30, 2009 with meeting information – Rule 222 with proposed rule changes