

Nursing Practice Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of Elizabeth (Beth) Skeleton, RN to serve as the Texas Department of Aging and Disability (DADS) representative to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee.

Historical Perspective: The purpose of the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC) is to advise the Board on issues that may have an effect on the practice of nursing [Rule 211.6(f)(1)(C)]. The Nursing Practice Advisory Committee, after reviewing and analyzing nursing practice issues, makes recommendations to the Board in the form of rules, position statements or guidelines. Members of the committee represent various nursing practice areas, professional organizations and state agencies. Individuals are nominated by the organizations or agencies.

Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services nominated Beth Skeleton to replace Michel Dionne-Vahalik, as it's representative to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. Ms. Skeleton has been a registered nurse for 35 years, and is currently a nursing facility policy specialist with DADS. She has worked in the licensing and certification of adult day care centers, assisted living facilities and nursing facilities. Her past nursing experience consists of obstetrics, public health and the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

Pros and Cons: Staff's review of Ms. Skeleton's biographical data form indicates that she is qualified to serve as the Texas Department of Aging and Disability's representative to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Move to accept and approve the nomination of Elizabeth Skeleton to represent Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services on the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee.