

Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the report of the March 28, 2011 meeting of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC).

Meeting Report: Minutes of the December 2010 meeting of the APNAC are provided for the Board's consideration. A verbal report regarding the December meeting was provided to Board members at the January 2011 Board meeting and will not be provided again as part of this report.

The APNAC met on March 28, 2011. Committee members began discussing their charge from the Board to consider the potential for APRNs to be approved to conduct physical and psychological evaluations under *Texas Occupations Code*, § 301.4521, Board Rules, and guidelines. Agenda item 7.5 from the October 2010 Board meeting was provided to committee members for their review prior to this meeting. John Lehman, PhD, clinical psychologist was invited to attend and participate in the meeting. Dr. Lehman shared a presentation on psychological examinations and testing for the committee's consideration. Experts in psychiatric/mental health nursing also participated in the meeting, including Margaret Brackley, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, from the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Stella Logan, MSN, RN, from the University of Texas at Austin, and Diane Snow, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, CARN, from the University of Texas at Arlington. Dusty Johnston and Jena Able, staff members from the legal department, also attended the meeting and participated in the discussion. Committee members will continue discussion of these charges at their next meeting on May 9, 2011.

Pros and Cons: None noted.

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

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

MINUTES

December 13, 2010
10:15 am – 2:23 pm
333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 500
Austin, Texas

Members Present

Kathleen Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-AH
Sister Deborah Fuchs, MSN, RN, CNM
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP
Linda Harrington, PhD, RN, CNS-AH
Carolyn Sutton, MSN, RN, WHNP
Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP
Jim Walker, CRNA, DNP, Chair
Susan Willis, CRNA
Lynda Woolbert, MSN, RN, CPNP

Organization/Representation

CNS Education
CTCNM
Texas Nurses Association
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists
Certificate Level Education
Graduate NP Education
CRNA Education
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists
CNAP

Absent

Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP
Deborah Antai-Otong
Mary Brucker, PhD, RN, CNM
Paula Rupert

Consultant to Committee
Consultant to Committee
Nurse-Midwifery Education
Texas Nurse Practitioners

Board Members and Staff

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP
Jolene Zych, MS, RN, WHNP-BC
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN
Lori Becker

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

Recorded by: Lori Becker
Approval Date: March 28, 2011

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<p>I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Chairperson J. Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.</p> <p>II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 10/4/2010 MEETING</p> <p>III. ADVANCED PRACTICE AND BOARD OF NURSING ISSUES - UPDATE AND DISCUSSION</p> <p>A. October Board Meeting Update</p> <p>1. J Hooper shared that the Board voted to close the LVN to ADN program at St. Phillips College in San Antonio.</p> <p>2. J. Hooper shared that the Board approved revisions to the Differentiated Entry Level Competencies of Graduates of Texas Nursing Programs and renamed them the Differentiated Essential Competencies of Graduates of Texas Nursing Programs (DECs). The DECs have been updated and expanded to include new competencies for BSNs.</p> <p>3. J Zych reported that the Board voted to issue a charge for the APRN Committee to discuss whether APRNs should be included in the category of approved providers who conduct physical and psychological evaluations under <i>Texas Occupations Code</i> § 301.4521, Board Rules and guidelines.</p> <p>4. J Zych informed committee members that Mary Beth Thomas will include the APNAC committee members on an e-mail regarding a transition to practice study being conducted by National Council.</p> <p>B. Report on meeting with APRN education community - J Zych</p> <p>L. Rounds, K. Thomas and J. Zych met with 50 APRN educators on Nov. 12, 2010. Topics for discussion included a review of the <i>Consensus Model</i>, DNP education and an analysis of the foundational requirements for licensure that are identified in the <i>Consensus Model</i>. Texas regulations are currently closer to meeting many of the foundational requirements than other states. Issues such as titles, broader population foci, certification issues and states' differing interpretations of the <i>Consensus Model</i> were also discussed.</p>	<p>Approved with no changes</p> <p>Staff will contact external expert resources to assist the committee with this charge. Experts will be invited to the next committee meeting.</p>

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<p>C. State and National Issues - J Zych</p> <p>1. J. Zych and other representatives of the Texas BON will attend the 2011 NCSBN APRN summit in January.</p> <p>2. K. Thomas and other staff were invited to attend a meeting with the Higher Education Coordinating Board and several representatives of nursing education to discuss DNP-level education.</p> <p>3. TERCAP is compiling data regarding state to state discipline.</p> <p>IV. OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>A. Other Health Professionals Becoming Nurses</p> <p>B. APRN Compact Implementation-J Zych</p> <p>1. J. Zych is working with K. Thomas and to revise model Compact and rule language that reflects the <i>Consensus Model</i>. K. Thomas will share this information with the compact administrators.</p> <p>2. Certification Audit Update - J Zych</p> <p>The audit is continuing to progress well with high compliance rates. A very small percentage have gone delinquent and very few are being sent to enforcement.</p> <p>3. Discussion Regarding APRN titles Identified in the <i>Consensus Model</i> - J Zych</p> <p>The current titles are not totally in line with the consensus model. J. Zych presented a draft of Rule 221.2 for the committee to review and make suggestions on wording and content.</p> <p>4. Interim Approval for New Graduates Who are Not Yet Certified. - J Zych</p> <p>J. Zych presented a draft of Rule 221.6. The proposed rule change would require that new graduates hold national certification before they are eligible for interim approval.</p>	<p>This item was not discussed.</p> <p>Committee members should forward input to J. Zych</p> <p>The committee voted unanimously to pass this rule change. J. Zych will forward this to legal to approve.</p>

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<p>V. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>A. New Definitions to be Added to Rule 221.1- J Zych</p> <p>Major changes will be revisited after the current legislative session has ended.</p> <p>B. APRNs conducting physical and psychological evaluations under <i>Texas Occupations Code</i> § 301.4521, Board Rules and guidelines- J Zych</p> <p>J. Zych provided handouts of the agenda item relating to the charge from the board and sections of the Nursing Practice Act. Staff is requesting that J. Lehman, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist, give a presentation that includes background information and case examples and also serve as a resource to the committee. The legal department will provide information on how evaluations and testing are used in determinations by the board. APRN experts will also be asked to attend to verify if the current education of APRNs meets the criteria for an evaluator as set forth in board guidelines.</p> <p>VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES The next meeting will be held March 28, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.</p> <p>VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.</p> <p>Handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Item 7.5 from the October, 2010 Board meeting • NPA, Sec. 301.452.Grounds for Disciplinary Action • Draft of proposed changes to Rule 221.2:Authorization and Restrictions to use of Advanced Practice Titles • Draft of proposed changes to Rule 221.6: Interim Approval. 	<p>Staff will follow up with experts to request their assistance and verify attendance at the next meeting.</p>