Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of three nurses for the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee: Kathryn Griffin, RN; Vickie Ragsdale, RN; and Diane Moy, RN.

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 State Health Services nominated Kathryn Griffin to replace Jay Norwood, as it’s representative. Ms. Griffin has been a registered nurse for 31 years, and is currently Chief Nursing Executive at Terrell State Hospital in Terrell, Texas. She currently holds a certification as Nurse Executive Advanced Board Certified (NEA-BC). She has been recognized as a Great One Hundred Nurse by the Texas Nurse’s Association in addition to being appointed a member of the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Study (TCNWS) advisory committee. Ms. Griffin holds a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from East Carolina University.

- Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging nominated Vickie Ragsdale to replace Rose Ireland, as it’s representative. Ms. Ragsdale has been a registered nurse for 32 years. She is currently employed with Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (TAHSA) as Nurse Liaison and as long-term care consultant with Ragsdale Senior Care Consulting, LLC. She co-authored an Alzheimer’s caregiver manual for long-term care and facilitated the development of a end of life care program. She completed a Gerontology Portfolio from the University of Texas Institute of Gerontology as part of her graduate studies, and is currently a Ph.D. Candidate, at University of Texas at Austin.

- Ms. Diane Moy has been a registered nurse for 34 years and holds Advanced Practice recognition as Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist. Since 2003, Ms. Moy has been clinical faculty with the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing. Ms. Moy served as chief executive officer for three large psychiatric hospitals in Texas as well as having served as a nursing executive with Texas MHMR and Texas Department of State Health Services. Ms. Moy also served as a member of the Differentiated Essential Competencies Workgroup. Ms. Moy holds a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from University of Texas at Austin.

Pros and Cons: Staff’s review of each of the three candidates biographical data form indicates that each of them are qualified to serve as representatives of nursing practice to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Move to accept and approve the nomination of Kathryn Griffin, Vickie Ragsdale, and Diane Moy.