

### **Consideration of Appointment of New Committee Members**

**Summary of Request:** Consider the nomination of Donna Richardson to serve as the Texas Nurses Association representative and Michelle Dionne-Vahalik to serve as the Department of Aging and Disability Services 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 and regulations that have or may have an impact on nursing practice [Board Rule 211.6(f)(1)(C)]. This committee reviews and analyzes issues that affect the practice of nursing. Members of the committee represent both professional and vocational nursing organizations, provider organizations, and state agencies. Individuals are nominated by the organizations.

The Texas Nurses Association would like to nominate Donna Richardson to replace Dana Bjarnason. Dr. Richardson is currently employed with the Parkland Health System as an Assistant Chief Nursing Officer/Vice President. Dr. Richardson's highest degree earned is a Doctor of Nursing Practice and she is Nurse Executive, Advanced-Board Certified (NEA-BC).

The Department of Aging and Disability Services would like to nominate Michelle Dionne-Vahalik to replace Elizabeth Skeleton. Ms. Dionne-Vahalik is currently employed with the Department of Aging and Disability Services as the Director of Quality Monitoring Program. Ms. Dionne-Vahalik's highest degree earned is a Masters of Science in Nursing.

**Pros and Cons:** Board staff's review of Dr. Richardson and Ms. Dionne-Vahalik's biographical data indicate they are qualified to serve as their organization's representative. No cons are noted at this time.

**Staff Recommendation:** Move to accept and approve the nomination of Dr. Donna Richardson to represent the Texas Nurses Association and Michelle Dionne-Vahalik to represent the Department of Aging and Disability Services on the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee.