

Consideration of Appointment of a New Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Member

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of Sheryl Innerarity, PhD, RN, ACNS, FNP-BC, to serve as the nurse practitioner education representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.

Historical Perspective: The purpose of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC) is to advise the Board on issues and regulations that have or may have an impact on advanced practice registered nurses [Rule 211.6(f)(1)(A)]. This committee reviews issues that may impact either advanced practice nursing education or practice. Members of the committee represent advanced practice nursing professional organizations and advanced practice nursing education for each of the four advanced practice roles as identified in Board Rule. Individuals are nominated by the organizations.

The previous nurse practitioner education representative to the APNAC was Dr. Gayle Varnell who has joined Board staff as a nurse consultant for education. Dr. Innerarity was nominated by the Texas Nurse Practitioners organization to fulfill the nurse practitioner educator role on the APNAC.

Pros and Cons: Staff's review of Dr. Innerarity's biographical data indicates that she is qualified to serve as the nurse practitioner education representative. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept and approve the nomination of Dr. Sheryl Innerarity to represent nurse practitioner education on the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.