

Consideration of Appointment of New Nursing Practice Advisory Committee Members

Summary of Request:

Consider Board Staff's nominations of new members to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC):

- Peggy Roberts—representing Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas (LVNAT)
- Raul Luna—representing Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Carson Easley
- June Marshall

Historical Perspective:

Advisory committees provide independent expertise on board functions and policies [NPA Sec. 301.1595(b)]. The Nursing Practice Advisory Committee reviews and analyzes issues that affect the practice of nursing and advises the Board [Board Rule 211.6(f)(1)(C)]. By Board Rule, a representative from specific nursing organizations/government agencies (including LVNAT and DSHS) and other members approved by the Board comprise the NPAC.

Peggy Roberts, LVN is nominated as the representative from LVNAT. Ms. Roberts is currently President of LVNAT and has served in that role since 2011. She presently practices as a LVN providing hospice home nursing visits and has practice experience in the long-term care setting. Ms. Roberts has served on various Board advisory committees in the past representing LVNAT.

Raul Luna, RN, BSN, MSN is nominated as the representative from DSHS. Mr. Luna is the Director of Nursing for the Hospital Services Section at the Texas Department of State Health Services. Mr. Luna brings over forty years of nursing experience, including practice history in nursing administration, quality management, mental health, and dialysis specialty work.

Carson Easley, RN, MSN is nominated by Board Staff. Ms. Easley is the Director of Nursing Services at The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. Her background includes nursing education, psychiatric/mental health nursing, quality management, and nursing administration. She has served on numerous advisory committees throughout the State.

June Marshall, DNP, RN, NEA-BC is nominated by Board Staff. Ms. Marshall has seventeen years of nursing leadership experience and has chaired or co-chaired Nursing Peer Review Committees in four healthcare organizations over the past twenty years. Ms. Marshall is presently a Nurse Scientist at Texas Health Resources.

Pros and Cons:

Staff's review of the résumés/curricula vitae and biographical data forms of each candidate indicate each are qualified to serve on the NPAC.

No cons noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept and approve the nominations of Peggy Roberts, Raul D. Luna, Carson Easley, and June Marshall to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee.