

Consideration of Appointment of New Members to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of two new members to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC). John Gonzalez has been nominated to represent Texas Nurse Practitioners, and Dru Riddle has been nominated to represent the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

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 and the nominations are approved by the Board before members begin their service.

The previous representative of Texas Nurse Practitioners was Michael Hazel. The organization requested that they be allowed to nominate a different member to serve in lieu of Dr. Hazel. Dr. John Gonzalez, DNP, RN, ACNP-BC, ANP-C currently practices at Parkland Health and Hospital System and is also an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Arlington. As of September 2017, Dr. Gonzalez serves as the chair of the graduate nursing programs.

The previous representative of the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists was Susan Willis, whose term would expire in 2018. The organization nominated a new individual to serve in lieu of Ms. Willis. Dr. J. Dru Riddle, PhD, DNP, CRNA is an assistant professor of professional practice at Texas Christian University where he is also the director of the Center for Translational Research: A Joanna Briggs Institute Center of Excellence. He is also the chief nurse anesthetist and manager of CRNA operations at North Star Anesthesia.

Pros and Cons: Staff's review of each nominee's curriculum vitae indicates that each is qualified to serve as the representative of the organization that nominated him. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Move to approve Dr. John Gonzalez to represent Texas Nurse Practitioners and Dr. J. Dru Riddle to represent the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists on the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.