

## **Consideration of Appointment of Members to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee**

**Summary of Request:** Consider the appointment of representatives to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee for a new, two-year term.

**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. Representatives of the professional organizations are nominated by their respective organizations for the Board's consideration. Pursuant to Board Rule 211.6(f)(1)(A), additional members may be approved by the Board. Further, pursuant to Board Policy 5.3, Advisory Committees and Task Forces, members will serve limited terms of 2-3 years.

The terms of the current committee members have expired. Therefore, staff is requesting that the Board review and consider the appointment of all new committee members who will each serve a two-year term. Board members may wish to note that Board Rule 221.6(f)(1)(A) includes a representative from the Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice. This organization is no longer in existence, and the list of nominees does not include a representative of this organization.

Board Rule 211.6(f)(1)(A) sets forth the committee membership. Attachment A contains information regarding the nominees and a brief summary of their current practice. Each nominee provided staff with a curriculum vitae (CV). All CVs were reviewed by staff to prepare this agenda item.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Move to appoint the new members to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committees as set forth in Attachment A for a two-year term, to begin January 1, 2022, and expire on January 1, 2024.

### **Attachment A: Nominees for Appointment to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee**

The following information includes the names and brief summary of professional qualifications of all nominees seeking appointment to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.

- **Chadi Awad, MBA, MSN. RN, NEA-BC, representing the Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership:** Mr. Awad is currently the chief nursing officer and patient safety officer at Methodist Hospital—Metropolitan in San Antonio. Mr. Awad has been a nurse leader for many years and practiced as an acute care nurse practitioner in the State of Virginia. Mr. Awad is currently the president of the South Central Texas Organization of Nursing Leaders.
- **Carol L. Delville PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, FCNSI, representing Clinical Nurse Specialist Education:** Dr. Delville is a clinical nurse specialist in adult health nursing and is currently an associate professor at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Delville is the current director of the Adult/Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist program. Dr. Delville has extensive experience as a CNS in practice and in CNS education.
- **Irene Gilliland PHD APRN-ACNS ACHPN, representing Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists:** Dr. Gilliland is a clinical nurse specialist in adult health nursing who previously served on the committee as the clinical nurse specialist education representative. The program in which Dr. Gilliland previously taught in San Antonio has closed, and the Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists are requesting that Dr. Gilliland continue to serve on the committee as the representative for this organization. She has extensive experience in clinical practice in hospice and palliative care. Dr. Gilliland currently teaches remotely as adjunct faculty for Purdue University in the nursing education and leadership graduate tracks.
- **Jennifer G. Hensley, EdD, APRN, CNM, FACNM, representing Nurse-Midwifery Education:** Dr. Hensley is a nurse-midwife and is currently a clinical professor at Baylor University (nursing education program located in Dallas). She is the current coordinator of the DNP nurse-midwifery specialty track. Dr. Hensley has extensive experience as a CNM in practice and in nurse-midwifery education. Dr. Hensley has also practiced as a WHNP in other states.
- **Holly L. Jeffreys, DNP, APRN, FNP–BC, representing Texas Nurse Practitioners:** Dr. Jeffreys is a family nurse practitioner and is currently Department Head for Nursing at West Texas A&M University in Canyon where she also holds the rank of associate professor at WTAMU. In addition to her experience in education, Dr. Jeffreys has extensive experience in clinical practice, with particular expertise in rural health issues.
- **Stephanie S. Morgan, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, representing Texas Nurses Association:** Dr. Morgan is a family nurse practitioner who is a clinical professor and director of practice innovation at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Morgan is the director of UT at Austin School of Nursing Wellness Clinics (Family Wellness Center and Del Valle Children's

Wellness Center) as well as owner and chief executive officer of a health care consulting company in Bastrop. She has extensive clinical practice experience.

- **J. Dru Riddle, PhD, DNP, CRNA, FAAN, representing the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists:** Dr. Riddle is a nurse anesthetist who has been nominated for appointment by the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists to serve a second term on the APNAC. Dr. Riddle currently serves as associate professor of clinical practice and director of clinical education in the School of Nurse Anesthesia at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Dr. Riddle also serves as an associate professor of medical education for the TCU/University of North Texas Health Science Center School of Medicine and the director of the Center for Translational Research in the Health Innovation Institute at TCU. He continues to also practice as a staff CRNA and has formerly served as Chief CRNA.
- **Linda R. Rounds, PhD, APRN, FNP, FAANP, FAAN, representing Nurse Practitioner Education:** Dr. Rounds is a family nurse practitioner who is the Betty Lee Evans Distinguished Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. She currently serves as the associate dean for professional development at UTMB. Dr. Rounds has extensive experience in clinical practice and in nurse practitioner education. Dr. Rounds currently continues to have teaching responsibilities in the nurse practitioner programs at UTMB. Dr. Rounds previously served the Board as a member of the APNAC in the late 1990s prior to being appointed to the Board as a Board member. Dr. Rounds served as the president of the Texas Board of Nursing from 2000-2011.
- **Cheryal A. Tritschler, MSN, APRN, CNM, representing Consortium of Texas Certified Nurse-Midwives:** Ms. Tritschler is a nurse-midwife in clinical practice in the Houston area where she focuses on high risk obstetric and gynecologic care of women. She has also served as a perinatal educator and has extensive experience in obstetrics prior to becoming a CNM. Ms. Tritschler is current enrolled in a doctoral education program while maintaining her clinical practice.
- **James R. Walker, DNP, CRNA, FNAP, FAAN, representing Nurse Anesthetist Education:** Dr. Walker is a nurse anesthetist who has represented nurse anesthesia education on the committee. He is an associate professor in the department of anesthesiology and also in the school of health professions at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He was the director of the nurse anesthesia program at Baylor College of Medicine through December 2020, and continues to have teaching responsibilities in the program. Dr. Walker also has extensive clinical experiences in addition to his role in education. Dr. Walker has served as the chair of the advisory committee, elected to this position by his fellow committee members.