

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

March 2, 2010

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order:

Dr. Kathy Scott, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

I. Introductions

Dr. Scott asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

II. Review and approval of December 1, 2009 minutes.

A correction was noted in the list of attendees. A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Deb Martin to accept the minutes, motion carried.

III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved/retired at the January 2010 Board Meeting

A. Chronic Dialysis in an Outpatient Facility: The Role of an LPN

B. Cervical Ripening Agents & Prostaglandin Suppositories

C. Sigmoidoscopy: Flexible Screening

D. Suture/Staple Removal: The Role of the LPN

E. Delegation of Nursing Assistant Tasks

IV. Review of current advisory opinions

A. Death Assessment of – Deborah Piluri, Rolland Arnold, Vicki Goorum, & LPN Advisory Committee member Larry Martin. The draft advisory opinion was reviewed. Discussion centered on use of wording; i.e. declaring death vs. determination of death, “focused” assessment. The committee decided not to include the phrase “to declare death only when there is no RN physically present in facility” but rather to state that the LPN can determine death if they have the knowledge/competency. The nursing observations included in the focused assessment were listed under general requirements.
Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Bring revised draft advisory opinion to the next LPN Advisory Committee Meeting. Judy Bontrager.

B. Palliative Sedation at End of Life – Nadine Lenzion, Vicki Buchda. Vicki Buchda led the discussion which included the debate of whether the title/content of this advisory opinion should be “Palative Sedation” or “Palliative Sedation at the End of Life”, since palliative sedation is used for pain management in situations that are not end of life. The committee decided to have this advisory opinion focus on the end of life, and perhaps that discussion could be revisited at a future reviews. To add clarification, the definition of palliative care was revised to state: the monitored use of medications intended to provide relief of refractory symptoms but not to intentionally hasten death.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Tammi Bymers, seconded by Thomas Kraus to take the revised draft to March Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

C. Apherisis in an Outpatient Setting – Barbara LaBranche, Dr. Robin Kirschner. Dr. Kirschner led the discussion on proposed revisions. The committee felt that an RN must

continue to be physically present. The title was changed to Apheresis: The Role of the LPN. It was felt that the advisory opinion needs to state information regarding the procedure vs. the setting. i.e. “in the outpatient setting”. References were updated.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Judy Irvin, seconded by Peggy Hampton to take the revised draft to March Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

D. Mediset/Unit Close Package – Dr. Robin Kirschner. Dr. Kirschner emphasized the need for this advisory opinion and how important it is to have nurses filling Medisets to increase patient safety in taking their medications. References were updated.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Amy Warengo, seconded by Pat Johnson to take the revised draft to the March 2010 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

E. Vaginal Speculum Exam & Specimen Collection – Amy Warengo, Dr. Susan Mayer. Amy Warengo noted that no other State Board of Nursing has an advisory opinion about collection of vaginal specimens but the Boards’ website had 200 hits on this opinion. The Committee felt the advisory opinion should not be retired. Warengo noted there is no supporting data for LPNs to do this procedure. The Committee wanted emphasis placed on the fact that it is not within the scope of practice for an RN to do pap smears (i.e. excluding in bold, pap smears). The rationale and references were updated.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Deb Martin, seconded by Tammi Bymers to take the revised draft to the March 2010 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

F. Sheath Removal: Placement of Mechanical Compression Devices & Vascular Closure Devices – Peggy Hampton, Carolyn Lohmann, Keata Bhakta. Peggy Hampton recommended no content changes. The references were updated.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Vicki Buchda, seconded by Tammi Bymers to take the revised draft to the March 2010 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

V. New Topics of Discussion

A. Lap Bands –Judy Irvin, Peggy Hampton, Tom Kraus. Judy Irvin led the discussion on the newly proposed advisory opinion for Lap Bands. Irvin states that no other State Board of Nursing has an advisory opinion on this subject. She emphasized the need to have these patients assessed by a Physician/Licensed Independent Practitioner who specializes in bariatric surgery prior to an RN filling or removing saline from the lap band.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Vicki Buchda, seconded by Tammi Bymers to take the revised draft to March 2010 Board Meeting. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

B. The Role of the LPN related to Minimum Data Set (MDS) – Pat Johnson, and LPN Advisory Committee members Lesley Eastman, Kelly Cassidy, Kay Huff, Dina Capek. After meeting with LPN Advisory Committee members, LPN Advisory Committee member Dina Capek, Director of Health Services Royal Oaks Lifecare Community noted in an email of 1/15/10; “There has been no real interest that I can determine to proceed with suggesting an advisory opinion regarding MDS completion. I think that after the discussions that have been held on this topic, it appears to have been driven by comments by DHS surveyors. Yes,

many facilities have LPNs gathering data and completing the MDS forms, but really the data collected does include the RNs documentation as well as documentation from all interdisciplinary team members in the skilled nursing environment. It seems that the “assessment” definition is more pertinent to nurses than who completes the MDS forms. Maybe what DHS surveyors were really conveying is that in some facilities they are finding no RN input documented in a resident record to support that the resident has been assessed by an RN. Unless you have comments to the contrary, I would suggest not spending any more time considering how we would develop an advisory opinion on this topic.” SOP Committee member Deborah Piluri, states that Patty Ross is the new state resident assessment instrument coordinator and will be providing training for providers and surveyors in May. Piluri stated Ross will be attending CMS training and will have information pertinent to this discussion.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Continue discussion of the role of the LPN in collecting data for the MDS record. Invite AZDHS coordinator Patty Ross to speak with the SOP committee on June 1st – Deborah Piluri.

C. Wound Care; Role of the LPN in LTC – Nadine Lenzion, Keata Bhakta, & Lori Gutierrez of the LPN Advisory Committee. Nadine Lenzion introduced the draft of a new advisory opinion on Wound Care: The Role of the LPN in Long Term Care (LTC). The committee discussion centered on the lack of RN supervision in this aspect of care for patients in LTC. It was felt that both the RN & LPN roles need to be defined/differentiated. It is the RNs responsibility to do the plan of care. One guest visiting the SOP Committee meeting noted that in the LPN → BSN program there are a “large number of LPNs acting as wound care nurses”.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Return to SOP Committee on 6/1/2010. Revise draft to include the role of both the LPN & RN. – Nadine Lenzion.

VI. Student Questions

Approximately 20 students representing Boswell Nursing School, Eastern AZ College, Chamberlain Colleges, Grand Canyon University, & University of Phoenix observed the committee. Time was given to address specific questions they had.

VII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board March 2010

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee June 2010

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**Scope of Practice Committee Meeting
Arizona State Board of Nursing**

List of Attendees

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rolland Arnold, RN, MSN
Keata Bhakta, RN, MSN
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS, NEA-BC
Shirley Burnette, LPN
Peggy Hampton, RN, BSN
Judy Irvin, RN, JD
Robin Kirschner, RN, EdD, CRN, CPAN
Thomas Kraus, RN, BSN
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA
Nadine Lenzion, RN, MN, CNRN, COCN
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC
Deborah Piluri, RN, MSN
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP
Francisco Saenz, RN, MSN, MBA, HCM
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sherry Burns, RN, BSN, CEN
Carmel Dolcine, LPN
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP,
CNNP, RNC, NPD/BC
Jason Lin, RN, CEN, CCRN
Carolyn Lohmann, RN, BSN, CCRN
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN
Tammie Byemers, RN, MSN

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Patricia Johnson, LPN
Kathy Scott, RN, MPA, PhD, FACHE

GUESTS PRESENT:

Students from Boswell Nursing School,
Eastern Arizona College, Chamberlain
College of Nursing, MCC Nursing
Program, Grand Canyon University,
University of Phoenix, & Estrella
Mountain Community College.