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Arizona State Board of Nursing

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES April 25, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Crawley, CRNA, MSHSA, Co-Chair
Denise G. Link, DNSc, WHCNP Co-Chair
Martha Carey-Lee, MS, FNP-C
Nancy Cisar, MSN, CNS
Nancy Denke, MSN, FNP
Elizabeth Gilbert, RNC, MS, FNP
Judy Hileman, Psych/MHNP, MS, FNP
Anita Martinez, MS, CNM
Sally Reel, PhD, FNP

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Karen Grady, Education Program Administrator
Pamela Randolph, Associate Director, Education
Mary Rappoport, Nurse Practice Consultant
Joey Ridenour, Executive Director
Valerie Smith, Associate Director, Investigations
Kim Zack, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Brodie, MS, CPNP
Regina Deringer, MS, FNP
Debra Duarte-Anderson, MS, Psych/MHNP
Carol Harrigan, MSN, NP
Jane E. Lacovara, RN-BC, MSN, CNS
James Mitchell, MS, MBA, NP, Psych/MHNP
Agnes Oblas, MSN, ANP
Linda Pierce, MA, MSN, GNP, WHCNP
Marianne McCarthy, PhD, RN
Claretta Munger, BSN, MSN, CPNP
Mel Stradling, CRNA

GUESTS:

Carol Bafaloukos, University of Phoenix
Joyce Benjamin, AZNA
Christina Chacon, CGCC, Student
Janeen Dahn, FNP-C, University of Phoenix
Angela Golden, Northern Arizona University
Monica Harreze, CGCC, Student
Karen Holder, FNP CNM
Candace Lewis, PPAZ
Cynthia K. Locke, PPAZ
Arin Lopez, Scope of Practice Committee
Rebecca Lopez, CGCC, Student
Susan Mayor, Scope of Practice Committee
Lawrence Rosenfeld, Greenberg Traurig

1. GREETING

The Advanced Practice Committee was called to order by Theresa Crawley at 10:33 a.m. Crawley informed the Committee that because members in attendance did not constitute a quorum no decisions would be made. At the advice of Assistant Attorney General Kim Zack members discussed only agenda items 3B - Pharmacy Board Information on

Expedited Partner Therapy; 4A - NP Program Preceptor/Clinical Placements; and 4B - E- Prescribing Initiative. Crawley welcomed members and invited them to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 14, 2007 meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum and will be placed on the May 6, 2008 Advanced Practice Committee meeting agenda.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. NP Scope of Practice Related to First and Second Trimester Surgical Abortions

This matter was not discussed and will be placed on the May 6, 2008 Advanced Practice Committee meeting agenda.

B. Pharmacy Board Information on Expedited Partner Therapy

Grady addressed the committee stating that she contacted the Pharmacy Board after the December 15, 2007 meeting regarding questions the Advanced Practice Committee had relative to partner therapy. The Pharmacy Board was aware of the proposed legislation, and advised the Board to wait to implement any policies until the law passes at which time all pharmacies will be notified of the law and what drugs and conditions are covered. The Pharmacy Board advised that for partner therapy a separate prescription would have to be written with the other partner/patient's name on it.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. NP Program Preceptor/Clinical Placements

Link addressed the committee stating that this matter was placed on the agenda in response to e-mails that have appeared on a nurse practitioner discussion board from students in various programs canvassing for preceptors. Link expressed concern with the use of such methodology for finding clinical placements rather than faculty securing the clinical sites and doing due diligence in evaluating/assessing the clinical sites and the qualifications of the preceptors.

Randolph stated that the Education Advisory Committee discussed this matter at the April 18, 2008 meeting, but provided no solution. Education Advisory Committee members noted that some students do not follow protocols for finding a preceptor. Program directors on the Education Advisory Committee noted that finding quality preceptors was a problem across the board in nursing education.

Dr. Reel offered that one of the challenges with online and distance programs is that the further away from the metropolitan area where the program is located the more difficult it may be to do adequate assessments of everybody in the community that

constitutes a qualified preceptor. Dr. Reel stated that her program asks distant or out-of-state students to submit names of qualified people, then the school takes over to call the sites, verify license, etc. Students assisting with the identification of a potential site does not relieve the responsibility of the program to ensure that there is faculty supervision and evaluation of learning and outcomes.

Members discussed concerns with the process that follows the identification of a qualified preceptor, (i.e., the match between course objectives and clinical site, risk management, and clinical affiliation agreements), the various ways to evaluate students including electronic methodologies and utilizing preceptors that meet the criteria for adjunct faculty.

Members agreed that if e-mails canvassing for preceptors appear on the discussion board students should be redirected to their faculty.

Randolph will draft recommendations based on this discussion and the discussion of the Education Advisory Committee on April 18, 2008 to be reviewed at the May 6, 2008 Advanced Practice Committee meeting.

B. E-Prescribing Initiative

Grady addressed the committee stating that the document related to the initiative came to the Board from the Governor's office with a request for feedback. An executive order will be drafted in relation to E-Prescribing. Committee members supported comments submitted by Link which will be submitted by Ridenour.

Link offered that this matter has been taken up by the Arizona Partnership for Implementing Patient Safety (APIPS). Joyce Benjamin, Executive Director of the Arizona Nurses Association (AZNA) addressed the committee stating that the AZNA Board of Directors requested Benjamin represent AZNA on the APIPS committee which has been meeting for the past 2-3 years, once every 3 months, and is chaired by Dr. Bruce Bethancourt and Ms. Adda Alexander. Benjamin stated that the group discussed the issue of E-prescribing in February, and has a timeline for implementation by 2011. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation given at the meeting was provided to the Advanced Practice Committee prior to the meeting.) Link and Benjamin noted that they suggested APIPS revise their vision statement to reflect practitioner or provider rather than just physician because there are many more people besides physicians that prescribe. APIPS was open to the suggestion and voted to change the language of the vision statement. Link asked committee members to consider volunteering or recommending persons that can serve on the following committees: Strategy and Planning; Standards, Measures and Outcomes; Policy and Incentives; Communication, Outreach and Education; and Technology. Link noted that having more than one representative on each committee would be a good idea. Participating groups are not limited to clinicians; however, nursing is noticeably absent. The next APIPS meeting will be held on June 11, 2008, at ARMA.

Link announced the Healthy Arizona Connection Summit, being held Friday May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd. A panel discussion, Provider Experiences with E-

Prescribing, will take place on Saturday. Organizers are looking for an additional panelist that has a solo or small practice that utilizes E-Prescribing.

Link also announced a free Internet based program, set up by the National E-Prescribing Patient Safety Initiative for medication prescribers. The program has the ability to make electronic prescribing accessible and includes clinical decision making support. For registration and information, members can visit www.nationalerx.com.

5. ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

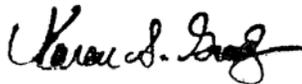
Students in the audience inquired as to whether or not preceptors could be monetarily compensated, which may make it easier to obtain and retain preceptors.

Link offered that there is a mechanism for compensating preceptors in the medical field through a program called the Graduate Medical Education Fund. Advanced practice professional organizations have been lobbying to be included. Link also offered that there are other ways to compensate preceptors which may include covering registration costs for continuing education opportunities. Link also stated that many nurses consider teaching new nurses to be part of their professional role.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Signature

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