SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE
June 1, 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 & students who attended to introduce themselves.

II. Review and approval of March 2, 2010 minutes.

A motion was made by Amy Warengo & seconded by Peggy Hampton to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

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

A. Palliative Sedation at End of Life
B. Apheresis: Role of the LPN
C. Mediset
D. Sheath Removal, Placement of Mechanical Compression Devices & Deployment of Vascular Closure Devices
E. Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Band (LAGB) Fill

IV. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved/retired at the May 2010 Board Meeting

A. Intravenous Infusion Therapy / Venipuncture: The Role of the LPN
B. Determination of Death: Role of RN / LPN

With review of the advisory opinions that were approved by the Board, Dr. Scott encouraged the committee to always consider "why" we are making recommendations for changes in the advisory opinions, and are we recommending changes based on patient safety and for the right reasons. Judy Irvin raised a question regarding how much should draft opinions be discussed with the nursing community prior to Board approval. Dr Scott encouraged committee members to discuss and obtain input from others for the committee to consider.

V. Review of current advisory opinions

A. Assessment of Patient Condition by a Professional Nurse – Postponed until August 31, 2010 SOP meeting.

B. Intrauterine/Intracervical Insemination – Amy Warengo, Dr. Susan Mayer. Amy Warengo noted that she had found that most states were supportive of RN's performing intrauterine/intracervical insemination. Fertility clinics do instructional programs and have documentation to show competency. Clinics want this costly procedure to be successful. Judy Hampton suggested a wording change to the rationale. Dr Scott noted the Boards' March Journal cover (attached) and the document prepared by Pam Randolph entitled "Comparison of RN/LPN Standards Related to Scope" (attached) and encouraged the committee to consider these models when drafting advisory opinions.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Pat Johnson & seconded by Nadine Lendzion to take the revised draft to the July 2010 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

C. **Vaginal Speculum Exam & Specimen Collection** – At the May Board meeting, the Board reviewed this advisory opinion and approved the opinion to be retired. No further action required.

VI. New Topics of Discussion

A. **MDS Information – The Role of the LPN** – Deborah Piluri suggested that the committee hold on proceeding with an advisory opinion on this subject. Piluri distributed a summary sheet relating to the subject (attached). She indicated that the Department of Health Services will be overseeing Long Term Care facilities to see if facilities are utilizing the steps of assessment appropriately. Piluri emphasized the need for RN's awareness of their responsibility relating to the Minimum Data Set collection of information.
Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Report the discussion, recommendation to Boards' Executive Director who chairs the LPN Advisory Committee. The request for an advisory opinion for MDS assessments came from this committee. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

B. **Wound Care: Role of the LPN** – A lengthy discussion was held regarding the draft advisory opinion relating to this advisory opinion. Many questions were raised: what is included in the basic education of the practical nurse relating to wound care? The need to focus on the scope of practice of the LPN in all settings, not just in Long Term Care; the need to stress the RN responsibility to conduct initial assessment, develop the plan of care for patients with wound care needs, and continue the responsibility of oversight for the care; what can the LPN do – staging, measurements, conservative sharp wound debridement? What parts should be included in an advisory opinion vs. facility policies; should the LPN be doing advanced wound care; this advisory opinion should be for both RN & LPN roles; what is the right thing for the care of the patient vs. cost of having staff well trained in care of wounds; what is the minimal training RN/LPN's should have; review of what other states permit LPN's to do; defining of basic and advanced care and required education; the need for the rationale to include why an LPN can do specific aspects. As evidenced by the multiple questions, there is need for further research and input before a draft advisory opinion can be offered to the LPN Advisory Committee.
Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Continue with research, input from long term care facilities who are currently addressing this issue. Talk with specific long term care facilities regarding training they offer their LPN/RN's in wound care, how they are currently meeting the CMS requirements for assessment and care of wounds. Return to August 31st SOP meeting with another draft advisory opinion – Nadine Lendzion, Keata Bhakta, Lori Gutierrez (board member), Deborah Piluri.

C. **ANA – Customized version of Mosby's nursing consult**. Deborah Martin informed the SOP committee members about ANA's custom edition of Mosby's Nursing Consult that is available to ANA/AZNA members. This can be a helpful comprehensive online tool to obtain clinical information, including guidelines and current work of nursing experts. Access is through the members' only section of Nursing World at www.nursingworld.org/membersonly

D. **Texting Results to Physicians –** Peggy Hampton raised the question regarding whether information should be texted to physicians. Many issues were identified relating to HIPDA.

Members noted policies at their facilities – some allowing texting and others not allowing texting.
Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Research standards that have been developed already and bring information to August 31st SOP meeting – Peggy Hampton.

VII. Student Exchange
Students from University of Phoenix were given opportunity to contribute to the discussions throughout the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board July 2010

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee August 31, 2010

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List of Attendees

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Keata Bhakta, RN, MSN
Shirley Burnette, LPN
Sherry Burns, RN, BSN, CEN, MSN
Peggy Hampton, RN, BSN
Judy Irvin, RN, JD
Robin Kirschner, RN, EdD, CRN, CPAN
Thomas Kraus, RN, BSN
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP, CNNP, RNC, NPD/BC
Nadine Lendzion, RN, MN, CNRN, COCN
Jason Lin, RN, CEN, CCRN
Carolyn Lohmann, RN, BSN, CCRN
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN
Deborah Piluri, RN, MSN
Francisco Saenz, RN, MSN, MBA, HCM
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Rolland Arnold, RN, MSN
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS, NEA-BC
Carmel Dolcine, LPN
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN
Tammie Bymers, RN, MSN

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:
Patricia Johnson, LPN
Kathy Scott, RN, MPA, PhD, FACHE
Lori Gutierrez, BS, RN-C, RAC-CT, CBN

GUESTS PRESENT:
Students from University of Phoenix,
Allison Damron, Flagstaff Medical Center