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Arizona State Board of Nursing

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES July 14, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Crawley, CRNA, MSHSAr Co-Chair
Jennifer Brodie, MS, CPNP
Martha Carey-Lee, MS, FNP-C (telephonically)
Nancy Cisar, MSN, CNS
Carol Harrigan, MSN, NP
James Mitchell, MS, MBA, NP, Psych/MHNP
Agnes Oblas, MSN, ANP
Donald Pierce, MSN, FNP
Sally Reel, PhD, FNP

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Karen Grady, MS, RN, FNP, BC, AP Consultant
Pam Randolph RN, MSN, Ed. Consultant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judith F. Rich, RN, MSN, Co-Chair
Nancy Denke, MSN, FNP
Regina Deringer, MS, FNP
Debra Duarte-Anderson, MS, Psych/MHNP
Elizabeth Gilbert, RNC, MS, FNP
Linda Herrmann, MSN, GNP
Judy Hileman, Psych/MHNP, MS, FNP
Jane E. Lacovara, RN-BC, MSN, CNS
Denise G. Link, DNSc, WHCNP
Anita Martinez, MS, CNM
Marianne McCarthy, PhD, RN
Claretta Munger, BSN, MSN, CPNP
Linda Pierce, MA, MSN, GNP, WHCNP
Mel Stradling, CRNA

1. GREETING

The Advanced Practice Committee was called to order by Theresa Crawley at 9:55 a.m.

Information gathered will be presented to the Board as 'information only' as Committee members present did not constitute a quorum. Members present will be used as a subcommittee to review information regarding the Pharmacy Board Prescription Monitoring Program and the proposed revisions to Article 5.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 5, 2006

The May 5, 2006 meeting minutes were neither reviewed nor approved, and will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Day of Education (NP Summit)

Committee members were mailed material regarding the Nurse Practitioner Summit scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2006. The event brochure and registration form were placed on the AZBN website. Online registration is unavailable. Registrants are asked to download and mail in the form with the appropriate fee. A full page advertisement will appear in the Arizona State Board of Nursing Third Quarter Journal announcing the event and providing registration information. All nurse practitioners that the Board has an email address for will be sent notification via email. Additionally, medical facilities, nursing programs, and nursing organizations are being mailed registration and information regarding the summit.

Confirmed speakers and panelists include Ms. Tracy Klein, Dr. Renee McLeod, Honorable Brian Brendan Tully, Dr. Denise Link, Dr. Sally Reel, Mr. Donald Pierce, Ms. Kathy Player, Ms. Pat Shannon, and Ms. Joey Ridenour. James Mitchell will be unable to participate in the summit due to a scheduling conflict. Grady will seek a replacement for Mitchell's panel discussion presentation. Anticipated attendance remains at 100.

B. Update on NCSBN Vision Paper

Grady reported that the Board adopted the recommendations from the Advanced Practice Committee for the NCSBN Vision Paper. The recommendations were forwarded to National Council. Nancy Chornick of NCSBN provided an update to the Board which stated that neither the NCSBN APRN Vision Paper nor the Advanced Practice Consensus Workgroup Report will be released in final form at this time. The two groups will continue to work together on conflicting views. A timeline of eighteen months was given. Committee members should expect another version of the Vision Paper within that timeframe.

C. Proposed Revisions to Article 5 Rulemaking

Randolph addressed the Committee requesting that the material not be distributed to others as it has not yet been approved by the Board.

Proposed rule revisions address revoking the approval of an out-of-state program when the program does not meet Arizona standards; applications; clinical nurse specialist certification waiver option until an exam is developed; English language proficiency; and continued competency.

Proposed rules on NP reentry into practice, continued competency and expanding skills within the scope of practice were discussed under other agenda items.

D. NP Reentry Into Practice; Practice Requirement

A subcommittee was established to review the matter of nurse practitioner reentry into practice and practice requirements.

Members reviewed the draft rulemaking and offered suggestions. In particular, members expressed concern with regard to how practice and practice requirements will be defined. Definitions used by ANCC were cited and recommended as guidelines. Randolph will incorporate the ANCC definitions in the rulemaking draft for further clarification. Members also agreed that nurse practitioners reentering practice should show current national certification or have proof of 45 hours in advanced pharmacology and 45 contact hours of continuing education related to the category and specialty area of certification along and including precepted clinical experience.

A series of Frequently Asked Questions for nurse practitioner reentry into practice similar to that of the RN/LPN 960 hour rule requirement FAQs will be drafted.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Educational Requirements for Expanding NP Depth of Practice

Members received a handout with proposed language for R4-19-508C, increasing competency within scope of practice. The subcommittee established that other states address this subject in rule and not advisory opinion. Recommendations included that educational preparation incorporate academic coursework or continuing education activities consisting of both theory and supervised clinical practice. Members provided feedback on the proposed changes.

B. Pharmacy Board Prescription Monitoring Program

Grady addressed the Committee members stating that the Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force (Pharmacy Board) is drafting an Arizona statute based upon the Prescription Monitoring Model Act of 2002. Committee members were asked to share their thoughts and offer suggestions.

The proposal would include the implementation of a tracking system whereby prescriptions for controlled substances would be monitored for misuse or abuse. This system may also include serialized prescription forms at the state's discretion. Pharmacies and practitioners dispensing from offices would be impacted by this program. Members acknowledged the benefit of such a tracking program in minimizing fraud and narcotic abuse by patients, and requested additional information regarding details of success in other states, circumstances under which the governing agency of such a program would be required to provide information to prescribers, and the impact on prescriber practices, i.e. paper work.

The Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force will meet on July 24, 2006 to discuss how the Arizona statute should be drafted. Randolph will attend the meeting and share Committee members' thoughts on the proposed statute.

5. ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

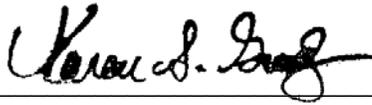
The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2006, 9:30 a.m. Agenda items will include the following:

- Discussion – results of the Nurse Practitioner Summit;
- May 5, 2006 Advanced Practice Committee Minutes;
- Proposed revisions to Article 5 rulemaking;
- NP re-entry into practice; practice requirements;
- Educational requirements for expanding NP depth of practice.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED/APPROVED BY:



Signature