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Arizona State Board of Nursing

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES May 5, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Crawley, CRNA, MSHSAr Co-Chair
Nancy Cisar, MSN, CNS
Nancy Denke, MSN, 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
Agnes Oblas, MSN, ANP
Donald Pierce, MSN, FNP
Sally Reel, PhD, FNP
Mel Stradling, CRNA

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Joey Ridenour, RN, MN Executive Director
Karen Grady, MS, RN, FNP, BC, AP Consultant
Pam Randolph RN, MSN, Ed. Consultant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judith F. Rich, RN, MSN, Co-Chair
Jennifer Brodie, MS, CPNP
Martha Carey-Lee, MS, FNP-C
Regina Deringer, MS, FNP
James Mitchell, MS, MBA, NP, Psych/MHNP
Claretta Munger, BSN, MSN, CPNP
Linda Pierce, MA, MSN, GNP, WHCNP

GUESTS PRESENT

Patricia Ann Struck

1. GREETING

The Advanced Practice Committee meeting was held at the Arizona Medical Board, 9535 East Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale, Arizona, and called to order by Theresa Crawley at 9:36 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2006

Lacovara moved and Link seconded to approve the January 13, 2006 minutes with correction. Motion carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Day of Education

Grady addressed the Committee stating that the date for the Nurse Practitioner Summit has been changed to Friday, September 29, 2006 with a confirmed location of the Conference Center at Rio – Rio Salado College. The program will begin at 8:15 a.m. and

close at 4:00 p.m. Tracy Klein and Renee McLeod have been confirmed as speakers, and panelist confirmations include Kathy Player, Pat Shannon, and Joey Ridenour. Panelists will be receiving questions that have been edited to reflect the keynote addresses. A promotional flyer will be ready for distribution by late May. Announcements and information will be posted on the AZBN website and the quarterly journal.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. NCSBN Vision Paper

Committee members, having read the National Council of State Boards of Nursing 2006 Vision Paper: *The Future Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing* and reviewed opinions from a variety of sources submitted in response, agreed to discuss each of the eight recommendations listed on pages 17 thru 19 of the Vision Paper. Committee members noted both pros and cons to each recommendation and reached consensus as follows.

- Recommendation 1: “Boards of nursing will be the sole regulators of Advanced Practice Nurses.” There were no pros or cons noted.

Committee members support Recommendation 1.

- Recommendation 2: “APRN licensure will be in the categories and titles of nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife or nurse practitioner.” Committee members stated certified nurse specialists (CNS) should continue to be recognized as advanced practice. Although potential over-regulation was discussed as a potential “con”, Committee members saw global recognition of title and ensuring minimum standards are met as necessary to maintain a standard for public safety. Members cited ANCC, NACNS, and the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses’ opposition. Additional cons listed were failure to acknowledge contributions made by CNS, notable differences between nurse practitioner and certified nurse specialist preparation and scope of practice, and the inappropriateness of grandfathering CNS in as NPs as cons.

Committee members do not support Recommendation 2.

- Recommendation 3: “Boards of nursing will approve APRN programs for purposes of licensure.” Committee members recognized recommendation 3 as being consistent with the current process for evaluating and approving programs, and the recommendation providing enough leeway to allow the board to evaluate a program as pros. Members discussed potential over regulation or duplication of the accrediting bodies’ work and the ambiguity of the bullet points as cons.

Committee members support Recommendation 3 with the caveat that the soundness of the education lies with the accrediting body, and the role of the board is to evaluate the adequacy of the program for eligibility for licensure, avoiding duplication of the accrediting body’s function.

- Recommendation 4: “All programs leading to APRN licensure including clinical/practice doctorate and post masters programs will meet established educational requirements.” Committee members discussed that clarity is needed regarding who establishes the educational requirements, and that bullet number 3 should be eliminated due to ambiguity of language.

Committee members support Recommendation 4 with the deletion of bullet number 3 and the following caveat: National competencies and program standards currently exist for AP educational programs. State boards are expected to use nationally recognized educational standards rather than create their own.

- Recommendation 5: “Requirements for licensure as a nurse practitioner will include successful completion of a core nurse practitioner licensure examination and a residency program.” Committee members noted that increased public understanding of the role, since it would more closely resemble medical education, may be a pro. Cons included that this recommendation would change the AP educational system and increase the length of educational process, without evidence that that the individual will be safer and/or more competent than with the current system. The educational system would be changed by NCSBN, not by the accrediting bodies. The terms regarding the residency program are unclear. Lack of rationale based on evidence was noted.

Committee members do not support Recommendation 5.

- Recommendation 6: “Evidence of continued competency will be required for purposes of licensure renewal.” Committee members noted support from the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses. Concern with inconsistency in ways to demonstrate competence and differing state board standards were listed as cons.

Committee members support Recommendation 6 with the caveat that bullet number 2 include the requirement of evidence of initial and continuing national certification and that continued competence *may allow* a variety of forms such as recertification, clinical hours or portfolios.

- Recommendation 7: “Fully licensed APRNs will be independent practitioners. After licensure, there will be no regulatory requirements for supervision.” Committee members referenced the Committee’s past history and the history of the Board in supporting independent practice.

Committee members support Recommendation 7 providing that bullet number 2 is eliminated.

- Recommendation 8: “The Advanced Practice Compact will be the regulatory model used to effect mutual recognition of advanced practice nurses.” Committee members noted the use of one standard across state boards and recognition as pros.

Committee members support Recommendation 8.

In sum the Advanced Practice Committee maintains that the vision paper lacks evidence that the nurse would be more competent through this model than with the existing model; it lengthens the period of time for the educational process; and that there is an existing standard for certification. In addition, the Committee will recommend NCSBN consider withdrawing the vision paper and reframe the paper, submitting one that is evidence based and presents consistent facts. Further, the Committee supports the resubmission being reviewed by an advanced practice nurse advisory panel and interested organizations that will engage in constructive dialogue about the document.

A summary of the Advance Practice Committee consensus and recommendations will be presented to the Arizona State Board at the May 18-19, 2006 meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

A. NP Re-entry Into Practice

There was no discussion regarding NP Re-entry Into Practice. This item will be placed on the July 14, 2006 agenda.

B. Education/Measurement of Competencies for Expanding NP Depth of Practice

There was no discussion regarding Education/Measurement of Competencies for Expanding NP Depth of Practice. This item will be placed on the July 14, 2006 agenda.

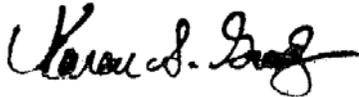
C. Other

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED/APPROVED BY:



Signature