

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

August 26, 2008

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order:

Pat Johnson, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03am. Student guests were from University of Phoenix FNP program and the University of Phoenix LP to BSN program.

I. Introductions

Pat Johnson asked the guests in the audience to introduce themselves.

II. Review and approval of May 20, 2008 minutes.

A motion was made by Kimberly LaMar and seconded by Joan Olcott to accept the minutes, motion carried.

III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved at the July 2008 Board Meeting –

Judy Bontrager noted that due to the heavy work load with RN/LPN renewals during June & July that the advisory opinions that were suppose to be submitted for Board approval were not submitted. Those advisory opinions will be submitted to the Board in September.

IV. Review of current advisory opinions

A. Dual Profession & Dual Health Care Licensure/Certification – Clint Armer reviewed documents pertaining to dual professions from California & Virginia. Donna Heitmann noted that many states do not have advisory opinions on this. Many examples were voiced:

- What about a NP who is moonlighting as an RN can they perform functions of an NP?
- What about a school nurse who is hired as a health aid, can she perform RN functions?
- What about a LPN caring for family members and administering IV push medications for pain?
- What about a registered nurse who is working as an EMT, can she perform skills that require an RN?

Suggestion was made to add “within the job description and liability limit of the employer” to

the last sentence under dual health care licensure/certification paragraph and to revise the RATIONALE TO READ: “In light of the more than 40 alternative and complimentary therapies and increasing level of nursing licensure/certification the Arizona State Board of Nursing acknowledges that there are times a nurse may be asked to assume a role that does not use all of the education and skills of their licensure/certification, they will be held legally to the standard of care for the highest credential held”.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Obtain input from Board staff on ways to clarify understanding of this advisory opinion and return to December Scope of Practice meeting. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

B. Electrophysiology Related Procedures by RN's – Colleen Payne stated there is “a lot of gray” around the issue of who can do what in invasive cardiac procedures. She reviewed the advisory opinion that Kentucky Board of Nursing has for RN's in invasive cardiac procedures, and the articles in the packet relating to personnel roles in the cath lab. Payne also reviewed standards of the Cardiac Rhythm Society. She indicated many hospitals limit the function of the RN in these capacities due to liability. It was suggested the term “electrophysiology” qualified physician be changed to just “qualified physician” in the advisory opinion. References were updated.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Joan Olcott, seconded by Aleksandra Yearwood to take the revised draft to the September Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person - Judy Bontrager.

C. Peripherally Inserted External Jugular Catheters – Ann Earhart reviewed the Infusion Nurse Society (INS) position paper on the role of the RN in insertion of External Jugular Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (EJPICC) and External Jugular Peripheral Intravenous Catheter (EJPIV). Ann recommended a change in the title, stating external jugular cannulation first, for ease of locating in the index of advisory opinions. The rationale was revised and abbreviations added.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Susan Poole, seconded by Clint Armer to take the revised draft to September Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

D. Dermatological Procedures Performed by RN's – Joan Olcott reviewed the proposed changes to this advisory opinion. Additional procedures were added, the title was changed, and references were updated. Group discussion centered on whether we should combine the visual sclerotherapy advisory opinion and the laser advisory opinion with this advisory opinion. After discussion it was decided to combine the sclerotherapy and laser advisory opinions with the dermatological advisory opinion, add a separate section for role of the LPN and then retire the separate advisory opinions on lasers and sclerotherapy. The committee requested that Joan Olcott and Clint Armer continue to work on this advisory opinion and return to the December meeting with a revised draft.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Revise draft advisory opinion and bring to December Scope of Practice meeting. Responsible person – Joan Olcott, Clint Armer.

E. Stress Testing – Pharmacological – Mary Hubenthal stated that there really is no literature available to support or not support this advisory opinion. Recommended changes included: changing licensed nurses to registered nurses, changing Licensed Independent Providers (LIP) requirement from being “present” to “readily available”. The committee requested Hubenthal do make some format changes and return to the December Scope of Practice meeting.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Revise draft advisory opinion and bring to December Scope of Practice meeting. Responsible person – Mary Hubenthal, Debbie Martin.

F. Supervision of Unlicensed Nurse Externs by RN's – Kimberly LaMar, Susan Poole. Due to time limitations at this meeting, this advisory opinion will be discussed at the December Scope of Practice meeting.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Bring draft advisory opinion recommendations to the December Scope of Practice Committee meeting. Responsible person – Kimberly LaMar, Susan Poole.

G. Intravenous Infusion Therapy / Venipuncture – Questions from the users of the advisory opinion continue to come in on this “most referred to” advisory opinion. The committee discussed the following requested clarifications:

* Clarification on if the LPN can remove a midline catheter – Yes.

* Flushing of a PICC or CVC by the LPN – Yes.

* Does the IV instructional class taken in another state need to be comparable to

Arizona's? – Yes, if it isn't additional instruction must be provided before the LPN is permitted to do that skill.

The committee felt that these clarifications could be made to the advisory opinion without returning it to the board for approval.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Amy Warengo, seconded by James Soler to make the clarifications as requested – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

H. Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Insertion, Radiographic Verification of Placement, & Removal – Ann Earhart reviewed the recommended changes to this advisory opinion. These recommendations were based on research she did with other states, local facilities, review of the literature; position statements from Association of Vascular Access, American College of Radiology and the Infusion Nurses Society.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Jeannette Sasmor, seconded by Kim LaMar to take the revised draft to the September Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

I. Orders: Accepting, Transcribing, Signing off Orders – A call was received from Barbara Brewer, Director of Professional Practice at John C. Lincoln requesting the committee review this advisory opinion and reconsider how orders are accepted. Ms. Brewer was present to speak with the committee. A very involved discussion ensued about how specific we should be in the advisory opinion; are we putting nurses at risk when orders are received from a LIP via a medical assistant; what principles should be included when reality dictates orders are handled differently in different settings (i.e. home health vs. hospitals); what are other states doing; how is it actually being done in our state / community; does it increase potential risk to the patient to take verbal orders from a medical assistant. After much discussion the chair asked for volunteers to research these issues and bring recommendations back to the December Scope of Practice meeting.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Bring recommendations to Scope of Practice December meeting – Jeanette Sasmor, Mary Hubenthal, Colleen Payne, Joan Olcott, Debbie Martin, Kim LaMar, Clint Armer, and Judy Hayter.

V. New Topics of Discussion

A. Subcutaneous Infusions by LPN's - Susan Poole reviewed the draft advisory opinion. Most states do not address this as an advisory opinion. Poole noted that this procedure is mostly used in long term care. Some members questioned if the LPN could administer drugs via subcutaneous infusion. The committee felt that if the LPN could administer the drug subcutaneous, they could also give the drug via subcutaneous infusion. Amy Warengo asked if that would include turbutalene. If pregnant women are sent home on turbutalene subcutaneous infusions, the RN sets the pump before discharge and the patient is self administering the drug. However, the LPN can assist with site changes, etc. Poole noted that subcutaneous infusions are also used in home health for pain management, chemotherapy, chelation, and hydration. Poole stated she did not believe this skill was included in the IV instructional course and would require additional education for the LPN.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Continue work on draft advisory opinion and return to December Scope of Practice meeting.

B. Need to establish uniform method of establishing references – James Soler prepared examples of APA & AMA sampling formats for the committee to review for use in the advisory opinions references. The committee chose the APA format.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – All references used for advisory opinions will be formatted using APA format. Responsible person - ALL

VI. Letter from Dr. Ryan Miller – Information only.

VII. Recommendations for Model Rule Changes – Faculty Qualifications Summary of Recommendations to the 2008 Delegate Assembly with Rational – Information only.

VIII. Next Meeting – December 2, 2008 at 10am. The group decided to have a potluck for this meeting. Debbie Martin & Joan Olcott will provide the desserts; all others bring their favorite dish.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board September 2008

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee December 2008

JB/ccO

Scope of Practice Committee Meeting
Arizona State Board of Nursing

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List of Attendees

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clinton Armer, RN, BSN
Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN
Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI
Karen Hardy, RN, MSN
Judith Hayter, LPN
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH, EMT
Mary Hubenthal, RN
Patricia Johnson, LPN
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP, CNNP,
RNC, DPD/BC
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA
Joan Olcott, RN
Colleen Payne, RN, MS-NL, TNCC
Susan Poole, RN, CRNI, BSN, MS, CNSN
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP
Jeannette Sasmor, RN, MBA, EdD
James Soler, RN, BSN, CEN, CRN, CCRN
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN
Eva Woodburn, RN, BSN, MSN
Aleksandra Yearwood, RN, RNFA, BSN

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA
Marianne Locke, RN

GUESTS PRESENT:

Audrey Warren, University of Phoenix
Krista Kirkland, John C Lincoln, North
Mountain
Cynthia DiSanto, University of Phoenix
Zanza Kruer, University of Phoenix
Katie Wall, University of Phoenix
Eva Miller, University of Phoenix
Debra Kurth, University of Phoenix
Julie Slivinsky, University of Phoenix
Amy Parker, University of Phoenix
Grace McGill, University of Phoenix
Val Jacovides, University of Phoenix
Barbara Brewer, John C Lincoln North
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Mihaela Grea/Farley, University of Phoenix
Stella Makinde, University of Phoenix