

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE**  
**February 24, 2009**

**Members Present:** See Attached List

**Guests Present:** See Attached List

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**Call to Order:**

Pat Johnson, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

**I. Introductions**

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

**II. Review and approval of December 2008 minutes.**

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

**III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved at the January 2009 Board Meeting:**

- A. Dual Profession & Dual Healthcare Licensure/Certification
- B. Stress Testing: Pharmacological
- C. Supervision of Unlicensed Nurse Externs by RN's
- D. Subcutaneous Infusions by LPN's
- E. Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Chronic Pain (submitted by Advance Practice Committee)
- F. Nurse Practitioner Description of Roles and Functions (submitted by Advance Practice Committee)
- G. Neonatal Circumcision (Retire this opinion – (submitted by Advance Practice Committee)
- H. Clinical Nurse Specialist in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (retire this opinion-submitted by Advance Practice Committee)

**IV. Review of current advisory opinions**

**A. Medical Esthetic Procedures Performed by Nurses –** Joan Olcott reviewed the “new” advisory opinion that was drafted to replace 3 current advisory opinions (Dermatological Procedures Performed by RN's, Lasers (Pigment & Vascular Specific) for Cutaneous Procedures, and Visual Sclerotherapy). A lengthy discussion was held about procedures that LPN's could do & procedures that the RN could do independently. A suggestion to put an explanation about advisory opinions at the beginning of each advisory opinion was accepted. This included a statement that facilities could restrict practice further in their setting and or requires additional expectations related to competency training and supervision to assure the safety of their patient population and or decrease risk. The wording from Kentucky Board of Nursing was added to indicate medical esthetic procedures that are not within the scope of practice of the RN or LPN to do.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For –** A motion was made by James Soler & seconded by Marla Moore to take the draft to the March Board meeting. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**B. Orders: Accepting, Transcribing, Review Orders** – Jeanette Sasmor reviewed the proposed changes to this advisory opinion. Guest Victoria Graham asked the committee to discuss the requirement (currently in the advisory opinion) that an LPN must have an RN sign off on the orders before they can be implemented. The committee acknowledged this has been the practice in the past but with technology the orders can be entered via computers, and implemented more quickly. The committee is recommending to the Board that orders taken by an LPN shall be reviewed by an RN. The statement: “It is ultimately the responsibility of the supervising RN to assure that the LPN accepting orders and carrying out such does so in a safe and correct manner”, remained in the opinion. The differentiation in procedures between acute care settings and non hospital settings was deleted.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Clint Armer, seconded by Donna Heitmann to take the revised draft to the March Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person - Judy Bontrager.

C. Due to limited time agenda items IV C, D, E, F, G, H, and V.E were rescheduled for the Scope of Practice meeting on June 2, 2009.

## V. New Topics of Discussion

**A. Insertion of Central Lines by RN’s** – Ann Earhart presented a draft advisory opinion for consideration. Sally Valdez, guest, presented some background information, including the need for such an advisory opinion. Discussion included pros/cons for requiring the use of ultrasound, minimum of 2 years experience, need for certification in vascular access, need for the nurse to be an experienced PICC nurse, etc. Another state that has approved RN’s to insert internal jugular lines is Tennessee. California and Nevada state it is within the scope of practice for air medical nurses to insert central lines if peripheral access can not be obtained.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Continue research and bring back to June Scope of Practice meeting – Ann Earhart.

**B. Web page inquiries** – Judy Bontrager reviewed the number of hits that are received for advisory opinions and emphasized to the committee the importance of their work in developing/revising the advisory opinions.

**C. Current Scope of Practice Members Interested in Serving a Second Term** – Judy Bontrager requested the names of persons interest in serving on Scope of Practice for a second term 2009-2011. Bontrager also encouraged committee members to talk with potential applicants interested in becoming a member of the committee.

**D. Report on outcomes for Nitrous Oxide Advisory Opinion** – James Soler reported that during the past year, they have obtained support, drafted policies, and continue to move forward. Soler was hopeful that they could begin collecting data on patients in the near future. Bontrager thanked Soler for his contributions to the Scope of Practice Committee. Soler has been accepted into an RN Anesthesia program in Connecticut and will be moving in May.

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board March 2009

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee June 2009

JB/cc

**Scope of Practice Committee Meeting  
Arizona State Board of Nursing**

**List of Attendees**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Clinton Armer, RN, BSN  
Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI  
Judith Hayter, LPN  
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH, EMT  
Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC  
Mary Hubenthal, RN  
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA  
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

**BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:**

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN  
Tammie Bymers, RN, MSN

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Karen Hardy, RN, MSN  
Patricia Johnson, LPN  
Kathy Scott, RN, MPA, PhD, FACHE

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP,  
CNNP, RNC, NPD/BC  
Marianne Locke, RN  
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA,  
BC  
Eva Woodburn, RN, BSN, MSN  
Aleksandra Yearwood, RN, RNFA, BSN

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Victoria Graham, Banner Del E Webb  
Medical Center  
Mary Keenan, Banner Health