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ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 30, 2010

AGENDA ITEM	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1	Greeting	The meeting was called to order by Denise Link at 9:30 a.m. Link welcomed audience members and introduced Marci Farquhar-Snow as a new member to the Advance Practice Committee. Committee members and Board staff introduced themselves.		
2	Approval of Minutes 10/2/09		Hileman moved and Feingold seconded to approve the October 2, 2009 minutes without correction. Motion carried unanimously.	
3	Committee Purpose/Goals	<p>Link addressed the committee stating that the Board decides what committees and goals are needed to support the work of the Board in protecting the public. Link discussed the role of the Board and its committees, and reviewed the current goals and their intended purpose noting that one of the goals is to review the Nurse Practice Act on a regular basis so that there is continuous evaluation of the legislation that dictates APRN practice.</p> <p>This matter was on the agenda for committee</p>		

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		review. There were no changes suggested or made to committee goals.		
4	NP Continuing Competency	<p>Link stated that in the last legislative session, Arizona State Representative Matt Heinz introduced a Bill requiring continuing education for nurses. Randolph noted that the Board was asked to provide information and research after the Bill was drafted. There was little evidence to support that continuing education increases competence. Research also showed no difference in levels of discipline and disciplinary action in states which require continuing education. Randolph further stated that mandatory continuing education requirements have resulted in nurses obtaining credits in areas not associated with their field of practice. In addition, the Board provided information regarding the financial impact to the agency. AzNA did not support the Bill. The Bill went to committee hearing; however the Bill did not go to a vote. The Board has subsequently authorized a continued competence committee which will be a subcommittee of the Education Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Members noted that some of the certification bodies require continuing education and/or evidence of competency for recertification, and that proof of such certification is provided when renewing licensure with the Board. Members discussed testing verification being better than CE hours if the Bill is passed;</p>		<p>Members cautioned that a mechanism must be established to evaluate competency, and the responsibility of oversight must be clearly established. Members agreed that a gap plan and/or counter proposal to the Bill must be created for nurses that are not nationally certified to ensure competency across the discipline if the issue moves forward. Link noted that due process would come into question when determining whether there is enough evidence to deny licensure.</p> <p>Link extended an invitation to committee members and the audience to participate in the upcoming dialogues with the education committee and the <i>ad hoc</i> subcommittee addressing this issue. Interested parties should contact</p>

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		<p>Cochran studies showed improvement with continuing education, but did not study mandated CE; whether Representative Heinz provided evidence of CE making a difference among physicians; competencies should be the focus rather than CE hours; concerns regarding pharmaceutical companies' involvement in professional development, and recommendations made by the IOM to ensure public and interdisciplinary oversight; self assessment; education vs. continued professional development; demonstrating competency by establishing portfolios for renewing licensure as seen in the United Kingdom and Canada; hardship for nurses practicing in rural areas; hospital requirements for continuing education;</p> <p>Carol Hansen addressed the committee and asked that the Board consider the economic situation of the nurses, noting that many nurses do not have internet access at home to take online courses and are not financially able to leave town for CE conferences. Randolph noted that the economic impact was shared with legislators.</p>		Denise Link via e-mail deniseg.link@gmail.com .
5	Sufficiency of Decision Tree Advisory Opinion for AP	Dahn addressed the committee stating that Board staff refers people to the decision tree as it includes didactic, clinical, and evaluation of competency. Members discussed the decision tree including more concrete information regarding simulation; a need for clarification		Brodie suggested that based on committee discussion "if needed" should be removed from the following statement on the Scope of Practice

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		for graduates who have had skills in lab but have not performed these skills in real clinical situations; maintaining a record of competence; the need for evidence and documentation; preceptorship and assessment of rural nurses;		Decision Making Model: “Has the nurse completed special education if needed?”, and that supervision/preceptor should go in between “Does the nurse possess appropriate knowledge?” and “Is there documented evidence of competency and skill?” Reel suggested clarifying ‘supervised practice’. Link suggested a definitions page.
6	Items for Agenda for Future Meetings	Brodie asked for a statement in writing to address nurse mid-wife students not allowed in hospitals. Randolph stated that this issue is addressed in statute and offered to work with Brodie on the matter.		Moffat recommended the APRN consensus model be placed on the agenda. The induction date is 2015 for universal adoption. Moffat recommended each discipline coming forward with what they want to be adopted for position paper as the moratorium on rule making extends to 2011.
7	Call to the Public	Link invited students in the audience to come forward to address the committee. Students in attendance were from Grand Canyon University and Mesa Community College/Boswell. Students noted that they were unaware of the proposed legislation regarding mandatory continuing education,		

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		and found the discussion on its impact on nurses interesting. Link shared the committee appointment process.		
8	Adjournment		There being no further business Reel moved and Martinez seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m.	

July 30, 2010 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Attendance

Members Present	Members Absent	Board Staff	Guests
<p>Denise G. Link, RNP, PhD, CNE, FNAP, Chair Susan K. Bohnenkamp, RN, MS, CCM, APRN-BC Janice L. Bovee, CNM Jennifer Brodie, MS, CPNP Martha Carey-Lee, MS, FNP-C (telephonically) Marci Farquhar-Snow, MN RN BC CCRN CMC CCNS ACNP Carol E. Feingold, MS APRN PMHNP BC Elizabeth Gilbert, RNC, MS, FNP Julia Griffin, RN MS AOCNS Judy Hileman, Psych/MHNP, MS, FNP Jacqueline A. Keuth, RN MS CCNS CCRN Anita Martinez, RN MS CNM James Mitchell, MS, MBA, Psych/MHNP Rodney Moffett, CRNA MS Sally Reel, PhD, FNP</p>	<p>Kathryn Busby, JD, Co-chair Nancy Denke, MSN, FNP Carol Harrigan, MSN, NNP Marianne McCarthy, PhD, RN Claretta Munger, BSN, MSN, CPNP Agnes Oblas, MSN, ANP</p>	<p>Janeen Dahn, Advanced Practice Consultant Pamela Randolph, Associate Director Education Karen Gilliland, Board Staff</p>	<p>Suzie Alderden, Mesa/Boswell Student Diana Eaton, Mesa/Boswell Student Angela Golden, NAU faculty Carol Hansen, Banner Desert Valerie Noll, Mesa/Boswell Student Kathleen Raife, BTMC Tracy Thomas Grand Canyon Univ Student Kathy Watson, University of Phoenix Lori White, Mesa/Boswell Student</p>