

Agenda Item: 5.2.1  
Prepared by: J Zych  
Meeting Date: April 2008

### **Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report**

**Summary of Request:** Consider the report of the February 5, 2008 meeting of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC). Minutes from the November 5, 2007 meeting are attached for the Board's consideration.

**Meeting Report:** Minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting of the APNAC are provided as attachment A for the Board's consideration. Written and verbal reports regarding that meeting were provided to Board members at the January 2008 Board meeting and will not be provided again as part of this report.

The APNAC met on February 5, 2008 to continue work on its charge from the Board to review Rule 221. The discussion focused on consideration of the requirements for authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse that are found in Rules 221.4 – 221.6. At the committee's request, staff prepared draft rule language that proposes to eliminate provisional authorization and extend interim approval to 120 days. Committee members provided input to staff regarding draft rule language that will be discussed further at the committee's next meeting on April 29, 2008. It is anticipated that the committee will have recommendations regarding Rules 221.4 through 221.6 for the Board's consideration in July 2008.

**Pros and Cons:** None

**Staff Recommendation:** This report is for information purposes only. No action is required.

# ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS AUSTIN, TEXAS

### DRAFT

### MINUTES

Monday, November 5, 2007  
9:24 am – 2:26 pm  
333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Suite 225  
Austin, Texas

### Members Present

Jim Walker, MS, CRNA, Chair  
Kathy Baldwin, PhD, RN, ANP, GNP, CNS-MS  
Sister Deborah Fuchs, MSN, RN, CNM  
Stanley Harmon, RN, MSN, FNP  
Linda Harrington, PhD, RN, CNS-AH  
Carolyn Sutton, MSN, RN, WHNP  
Susan Willis, CRNA  
Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP

### Absent

Pam Brown-Stewart, RN, FNP  
Mary Brucker, DNSc, RN, CNM  
Phyllis Gordon, RN, CNS-MS  
Kenneth Massie, MBA, MSN, RN, CNAAB, BC  
Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP  
Lynda Woolbert, MSN, RN, CPNP  
Deborah Antai-Otong, RN, MS, CNS-PMH, PMHNP, CS

### Board Members and Staff

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP, Chair  
Jolene Zych, MS, RNC, WHNP  
Denise Benbow, MSN, RN  
Allison Hassinger  
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN  
\*Dusty Johnston, Attorney

\*Present for portions of the meeting

Recorded by Janice Hooper  
Approval Date:

### Organization/Representation

CRNA Education  
CNS Education  
CTCNM  
Texas Nurses Association  
Texas Clinical Nurse Specialists  
Certificate Level Education  
Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Consultant to Committee

Texas Nurse Practitioners  
Nurse-Midwifery Education  
Texas Nurses Association  
TONE  
Graduate NP Education  
CNAP  
Consultant to Committee

Board member, Liaison to Committee  
Nursing Consultant for Advanced Practice  
Nursing Consultant for Practice  
Administrative Assistant for Nursing  
Nursing Consultant for Education  
Board Counsel

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 am by Chairperson J Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

## **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 8/07 MEETING**

The following corrections were made to the Minutes for 8/15/07 meeting:

List of attendees: move K. Massie to “Absent” and add “November 5, 2007” to “Future Meeting Dates.”

## **III. ADVANCED PRACTICE ISSUES: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

- A. 10/07 Board Meeting**
- B. Report on National Pain Summit – J. Zych**
- C. Plan for Certification Audit for APNs**
- D. Position Statement on work hours –**  
tabled for further discussion

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Levels of Authorization – Interim and Provisional** – Discussion related to changes in Rule 221. The consensus was to delete provisional and to extend interim to a maximum of 120 days. Applicant would lose interim if they failed the exam. The applicant file would remain active for 12 months following graduation; then applicant must reapply.

**B. Collaboration with Podiatrists** – Discussion related to issues for CRNAs and NPs. Questions: Do podiatrists have the authority to delegate prescriptive authority to CRNAs? Can podiatrists delegate to NPs to prescribe medical aspects of care?

S. Willis moved to accept minutes as revised. Sister D. Fuchs seconded and motion passed.

J. Zych will continue to request someone come from the Podiatry Board to discuss the podiatrists’ broad based education and their authority to delegate.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Rule Review for Rule 221** – Revisions will take into consideration the APRN compact.

**B. Discussion Regarding References in Rule 221** – Proposed changes to 221 will be handled in sections to facilitate priorities in rule changes.

**1. Advanced Practice Nurse vs Advanced Practice Registered Nurse** – Discussion considered the advantages and disadvantages of each term and whether to change to using APRN.

**2. Authorization vs Licensure** – Discussion centered around whether to call the process licensure and whether a separate license should be issued. This would not involve changes in scope of practice nor the process of applying for authorization.

## VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be held February 5, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

### Handouts:

Mailed prior to Meeting (by email):

- Agenda for November 5, 2007
- 8/15/2007 APNAC Minutes

J. Zych will look at

- (1) enabling legislation
- (2) NCSBN Advanced Practice Model Rules

J. Zych will prepare draft language for initial changes to Rule 221 in the following areas:

- separate license
- license process including reinstatement after discipline and related to practice hours and CEUs
- education piece considering the DNP
- issues related to petitions
- maintenance requirements, especially related to APNs who hold more than one recognition and requirements for separate CEUs and practice hours
- outpatient anesthesia rules
- rules matching Medical Board Chapter 192
- APNs working with podiatrists