

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

**Summary of Request:** Consider the reports of the August 30 and October 4, 2010 meetings of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC).

**Meeting Report:** Minutes of the May 2010 (Attachment A) and August 2010 meetings of the APNAC are provided for the Board's consideration. A verbal report regarding the May meeting was provided to Board members at the July 2010 Board meeting and will not be provided again as part of this report.

The APNAC met on August 30, 2010 and again on October 4, 2010 to discuss their charge from the Board related to reviewing the educational requirements for advanced practice licensure for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists. Staff shared observations regarding advanced practice nursing education with committee members. Committee members will review their recommendations to the Board at their next meeting, and these recommendations will be presented for the Board's consideration at the January 2011 meeting.

Committee members also discussed interim approval for new graduates of advanced practice nursing education programs who have not yet obtained national certification. It is anticipated that the APNAC will have a recommendation for the Board regarding the interim approval process at the January 2011 meeting.

**Pros and Cons:** None noted.

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

## ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING AUSTIN, TEXAS

#### MINUTES

May 4, 2010

9:36 am – 3:06 pm

333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 500

Austin, Texas

#### Members Present

Glenn Alexander, RN, CPNP  
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 Vice-Chair  
Paula Rupert  
Carolyn Sutton, MSN, RN, WHNP  
Gayle Varnell, PhD, RN, CPNP  
Jim Walker, DNP, CRNA, Chair  
Susan Willis, CRNA  
Lynda Woolbert, MSN, RN, CPNP

#### Organization/Representation

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

#### Absent

Deborah Antai-Otong, RN, MS, CNS-PMH, PMHNP, CS  
Mary Brucker, PhD, RN, CNM

Consultant to Committee  
Nurse-Midwifery Education

#### Board Members and Staff

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP  
Jolene Zych, MS, RN, WHNP-BC  
\*Dusty Johnston, JD  
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN  
Lori Becker

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

#### Guests

Kathy Daniel  
Vicki Patrick  
\*Jim Willman

University of Texas - Arlington  
University of Texas - Arlington  
Texas Nurses Association

\*Present for portions of the meeting

Recorded by: Lori Becker  
Approval Date: 8-30-2010

**AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am by Chairperson J. Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 02/27/10 MEETING**

**III. UPDATE ON ADVANCED PRACTICE ISSUES**

**A. Update on April Board Meeting-J Zych and L Rounds**

1. **TPAPN** proposed expanding length of program participation for nurses. Would extend participation from 3 years to 5 years for APRNs with prescriptive authority and nurse anesthetists who have substance use disorders.

2. **Rule 221** - Amendments were adopted and will be published in May.

3. Dusty Johnston discussed a Board Order involving enforced suspension of a CRNA.

4. **HS Bill 3961** - L Rounds advised that there is a RFP for research related to clinical competency assessment programs.

5. **Basic Nursing Education**- L Rounds and J Hooper shared the Board's discussions related to basic nursing education programs that appeared before the Board.

**B. APRN Application issues** - J Zych shared observations regarding educational preparation of applicants who completed programs outside the state of Texas. For example, there is no minimum requirement for didactic content in the clinical major area..

Under III.C Rule 216 should read: Certification now meets continuing education requirement for licensure renewal.....  
Under III.E. should read: AACN  
Under V.A. motion seconded: should be "K" Baldwin instead of "C" Baldwin.  
S. Willis moved to approve minutes as corrected. G. Varnell seconded. Minutes approved as corrected.

Committee members voiced general agreement to request a charge from the Board to discuss these issues further.

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Also, still seeing applicants that do not have required courses in advanced physical assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacotherapeutics.

**C. State and National Issues**

1. K. Baldwin was recognized for her research related to CNS competencies in the publication “Advance for Nurse Practitioners”

2. Texas Tech has been pre-approved for a nurse-midwifery program at El Paso location.

3. The University of Mary-Hardin Baylor is inquiring about an NP program.

4. SB 528 in WV would have created a scope of practice commission. The bill did not pass.

5. Hawaii passed an APRN bill implementing the NCSBN Model Practice Act and rules for APRNs.

6. Discussion regarding the future of APRN education - DNP versus master’s degree..

7. L Woolbert reported that Medicaid rules are moving forward with DSHS

8. L Rounds shared changes at UTMB due to *Consensus Model*. Also, some tracks, such as PNP and ACNP, will no longer be offered.

9. J Zych advised that there was a request to discuss the issue of APRN licensure. Committee members agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting to ensure the issue is posted on the committee’s agenda prior to any discussion on the issue.

10. Jan Hooper discussed basic nursing education programs writing to Coordinating Board to establish pilot programs for BSN nurses to be clinical educators.

Discussion tabled.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Rule Review for Rule 221**–No discussion.

**B. Other health care professionals becoming nurses**- J Hooper shared that nursing programs have been contacted about offering nursing education to other health care

professionals. J Zych shared that staff continue to receive inquiries from other health care professionals who are asking about prescriptive authority.

**C. APRN Compact Draft** - It appears the Model APRN Compact rules may be inconsistent with the *Consensus Model*. J Zych is reviewing the draft and the *Consensus Model* to examine whether there are inconsistencies between the two documents.

**D. Certification audit--** J Zych reported that it appears the initial response is showing a high level of compliance with the certification requirement. Additional information will be forthcoming.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

**A. New Definitions for Rule 221.1** J Zych advised committee members that the amendments to Rule 222 have resulted in the need for changes to Rule 221.1 to ensure consistency between the rules. Staff is working on revisions to be shared with committee members for input at a future meeting.

**B. APRN Titles Identified in the *Consensus Model*--**J Zych advised that the committee will need to discuss APRN titles - will need to discuss how to phase out those that are not in line with the consensus model.

## VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be held August 30, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM.

### Handouts:

Mailed prior to meeting (by email):  
Agenda for May 4, 2010 with meeting information  
Minutes of the 2/17/2010 meeting

JZych requested feedback to share with compact administrators. Please submit thoughts and ideas.

JZych requested that committee members share ideas and recommendations for phasing out titles.

**ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

August 30, 2010  
9:45 am – 2:59 pm  
333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 225  
Austin, Texas

**Members Present**

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Practice

Baylor University Medical Center  
Texas Nurses Association

Recorded by: Lori Becker  
Approval Date: 10-4-2010

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**AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION****ACTION****I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by Chairperson J. Walker. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 05/4/2010 MEETING**

III. C 1. Should read: K. Baldwin was recognized for her research in CNS competencies in the publication "Advanced for Nurse Practitioners".  
Grammatical changes:  
Page 3, 2. Add hyphen to "nurse-midwifery"  
Page 3, 8. Add word "also" to beginning of second sentence.  
Page 3, 10. Capitalize "Coordinating Board"  
Minutes approved as corrected.

**III. ADVANCED PRACTICE AND BOARD OF NURSING ISSUE - UPDATE AND DISCUSSION****A. July 2010 Board meeting update-J Zych**

1. Rule 221 changes were approved by Board and the application will be updated to reflect this change.

2. The APNAC committee has been charged by the Board to discuss the minimum education requirements of nine semester credit hours.

3. Eligibility & Discipline Advisory Committee will ask the APNAC committee to discuss APRNs doing forensic evaluations for eligibility and disciplinary purposes. The charge will be presented for the Board's consideration in October.

J Zych will pull information from other states to present at the next meeting.

**B. APRN Application Issues-J Zych**

1. The educational requirement in Rule 221.3 does not address nurses with master's degrees in non-advanced practice roles (i.e., Nursing Education, Nursing Administration). This raises a question regarding whether there should be differences in post-master's APRN education requirements for those nurses who are seeking initial APRN recognition versus

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those who are seeking to add recognition in an additional APRN role and/or population focus area. There are many issues to be considered.

**C. State and National Issues Affecting APRNs** -

1. J Zych reported that out of state APRN programs having students complete clinicals in Texas are being referred to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

2. J Zych reported AMA has been polling various state boards of nursing regarding collaborative agreements.

3. L. Woolbert reported that she received information from the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) regarding APRNs in the hospice setting. Federal law allows APRNs to be “attending providers;” however, federal requirements reference the term “attending physician.” APRNs cannot refer to themselves as physicians in the state of Texas. Additional clarification will be forthcoming from DADS.

4. J Zych stated that inquiries related to scope of practice for primary care prepared APRNs practicing in ICU/critical care and other similar settings have increased. Each scope of practice issue is different and must be answered on an individual basis.

5. J Zych announced that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing will be holding a national summit in January to educate boards of nursing regarding the *Consensus Model*.

6. The Texas BON is holding a meeting on 11/12/2010 with APRN educators to discuss the *Consensus Model* implementation in the state of Texas.

7. Members inquired regarding the APRN application processing times. J Zych stated that we are interviewing for contract staff to help with reviews. Some online improvements are also being worked on to allow applicants to check the status of their application.

8. JZ gave an update on the joint meeting of the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee and Advisory Committee on Education that

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occurred on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss requirements for reactivation of licensure for nurses who have been out of practice for four or more years. New refresher course requirements will be outlined when the proposed rule changes are presented to the Board.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Other Health Professionals Becoming Nurses**

No report at present.

##### **B. APRN Compact Implementation-J Zych**

1. Kathy Thomas will be meeting with other states to address issues related to incorporating the *Consensus Model* into the model compact rules and regulations.

##### **2. Certification Audit Update - J Zych**

The audit is going well with good response rates and high compliance rates.

##### **3. Discussion Regarding APRN titles Identified in the *Consensus Model* - J Zych**

The time line was discussed, perhaps one year. There are some titles identified in the *Consensus Model* that currently have no exams and should be excluded from the list of recognized titles for now. The committee will discuss this further at their next meeting.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. New Definitions to be Added to Rule 221.1-**Will need to ensure consistency with definitions in Rule 222.

##### **B. APRN Licensure-**

J Zych shared that the Board's strategic plan includes a discussion regarding granting separate licenses to APRNs for a variety of reasons, including discipline. An example demonstrating why disciplinary action on an APRN license without corresponding action on

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an RN license may be appropriate was shared with committee members—the APRN with prescriptive authority who fails to completed the required five contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics. This would not have any negative impact on RN practice. J. Willmann presented TNA’s objections to separate licensure. The committee discussed the issues that were raised.

**C. Review of Educational Requirements for Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists (Rule 221.3)-**

1. Kathy Baldwin will attempt to obtain a draft of the CNS national task force’s criteria for CNS education for the next meeting.

2. The Texas BON will begin collecting workforce data regarding APRNs. This will include what type of programs applicants are enrolling in and what percentage plan on staying in Texas to practice.

**VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next meeting will be held October 4, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.

**Handouts:** Rule 221.2, Rule 221.3

Diagram of Delegated-Site-Based Prescriptive (RX) Authority for APRNs in Texas