

Consideration of Appointment of New Members to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee

Summary of Request:

Consider the staff recommendation regarding the nominations for committee members for the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC).

Historical Perspective:

In accordance with Board [Rule 211.6\(f\)\(1\)\(C\)](#), NPAC reviews and analyzes issues that affect the practice of nursing. At the July 2014 Board meeting, the Board issued a [charge to NPAC](#) for possible recommendations regarding rule changes to Board Rule 217.16, related to reporting of minor incidents.

The Nursing Practice Advisory Committee has not met since May 19, 2014. In order to prepare for the NPAC meeting to address this outstanding charge, Board staff contacted current members and organizations to confirm membership or secure replacement representation. Three organizations have provided information for replacement representation. These organizations are the:

- Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice (TAHC&H),
- Texas School Nurses Organization (TSNO), and
- Texas Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE).

Board staff have reviewed the credentials of each nominee and concluded that each individual is fully qualified to fulfill the role and responsibilities associated with NPAC membership. A summary of each nominee is included in Attachment "A".

Staff Recommendation:

Accept and approve the following nominations for NPAC membership:

- Rachel Hammon, BSN, RN, representing the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice;
- Francis Luna, RN representing the Texas School Nurses Organization; and
- Toya D. White, MBA, MSN, RN, FNP-C representing the Texas Organization of Nurse Executives.

NPAC Nominee Biographical Summaries

- Rachel Hammon, BSN, RN, *representing the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice*, is the current Executive Director at the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice (TAHC&H). Ms. Hammon has extensive experience in the home health industry and worked in many roles giving her a diverse knowledge of home health care. Ms. Hammon serves on various committees and has been a member of NPAC in the past.

- Francis Luna, RN, *representing the Texas School Nurses Organization*, is currently working as a school nurse in the Garland Independent School District and is enrolled in a RN to BSN program. Ms. Luna has extensive experience in both pediatrics and as a school nurse and she is active in both the TSNO and the National Association of School Nurses.

- Toya D. White, MBA, MSN, RN, FNP-C, *representing the Texas Organization Nurse Executives (TONE)*, is an advanced practice manager and nurse practitioner for Texas Health Dallas. Ms. White actively serves on various committees and is actively engaged in several professional associations and community organizations.