



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Advanced Practice Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Committee Members: Jonathan Alvarado, ARNP, CRNA, Chair
Laurie Soine, PhD, ARNP
Lindsey Frank, CD, OB-RNC, ARNP, CNM
Shannon Fitzgerald, MSN, ARNP
Deb Smith DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC

Absent: Joanna Starratt, MSN, ARNP, CRNA
Kathleen Errico, PhD, ARNP, Pro Tem
Megan Kilpatrick, MSN, ARNP-CNS, AOCNS
Bianca Reis, DNP, MBA, ARNP, PMHNP-BC

Staff: Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Director, Advanced Practice and Research
Jessilyn Dagum, Research Assistant

I. 7:00 PM Opening – Jonathan Alvarado, Chair

Call to order

- Introduction
- Public Disclosure Statement
- Roll Call
 - Jonathan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Advanced Practice subcommittee members and staff were introduced. The Public Disclosure Statement was read aloud for the meeting attendees.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates
 - Jonathan, Laurie and Mary Sue attended the NCSBN APRN Round Table conference. There was discussion on how covid-19 has affected staffing as well as diversity within the different specialties.
 - Mary Sue noted the presentation on the nurse practitioner workforce was particularly impressive. The tending data took into account the changes due to covid-19 as well as in the regulatory environment.
 - Laurie noted that it was interesting to hear how many states had altered scope of practice or supervisory requirements in response to the pandemic for ARNPs.
- Review of Advanced Practice Draft Minutes: March 16, 2022
 - Reviewed with consensus to bring to the May commission meeting for approval.

III. Old Business

- Emergency to Permanent Rules Update
 - Mary Sue gave a brief updated on the Emergency to Permanent rules. Subsection 246-840-365 and 246-840-367 were withdrawn from the Emergency to Permanent rule package at the March 11, 2022 business meeting and will go forward in separate rule making.
- Prescriptive Authority Update

- Jonathan gave a brief update on the prescriptive authority work. Mary Sue reviewed the proposed language changes to the ARNP licensing documents that reflect prescriptive authority as an opt-out option rather than opt-in. Reviewed with consensus to bring to the May commission meeting for approval.
- ARNP National Certification Update
 - Mary Sue and Jessilyn gave a brief update on the ARNP national certification work. The last warning letter was sent out on April 1, 2022 and will continue to be sent out on the first of every month. The latest number of ARNPs with missing or expired national certification was 390. The commission has included a reminder regarding this requirement on their Friday bulletin GovDelivery message.

IV. New Business

- None

V. Ending Items

- Public Comment
 - Louise Kaplan – Made a few suggestions to the prescriptive authority changes. Louise suggested piloting these changes with recent graduates. Mary Sue and Jessilyn will update the documents and send them back out to the group and Louise.
- Review of Actions
- Meeting Evaluation – All
- Date of Next Meeting – June 15, 2022
- Adjournment – 7:56 PM