



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2022  
8:30 AM- 5:00 PM**

**NCQAC Members:**

Laurie Soine PhD, ARNP, Chair  
Tiffany Randich, RN, LPN, Vice-Chair  
Adam Canary, LPN, Secretary/Treasurer  
Quiana Childress, GCertHealthSc, BS, LPN  
Mabel Ezeonwu PhD, RN  
Ella B. Guilford, MSN, M.Ed., BSN, RN  
Dawn Morrell, RN, BSN, CCRN  
MaiKia Moua, RN, BSN, MPH  
Helen Myrick, Public Member  
Sharon Ness, RN  
Yvonne Strader, RN, BSN, BSPA, MHA  
Kimberly Tucker PhD, RN, CNE

**Excused:**

Jonathan Alvarado ARNP, CRNA

**Assistant Attorney General:**

Sierra McWilliams, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

**Staff:**

Paula R. Meyer, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director  
Chris Archuleta, Director, Operations  
Gerianne Babbo, Ed.D, MN, RN, Director, Education  
Shad Bell, Assistant Director, Operations  
Amber Bielaski, MPH, Assistant Director, Licensing  
Debbie Carlson, MSN, RN, CPM, Director, Practice  
Mary Sue Gorski, PhD, RN, Director, Advanced Practice, Research and Policy  
Karl Hoehn, JD, FRE, Assistant Director, Discipline – Legal  
Grant Hulteen, Assistant Director, Discipline – Investigations and WHPS  
Bethany Mauden, Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Moisio, PhD, RN, Director, Nursing Assistant Programs  
Catherine Woodard, Director, Discipline and WHPS

**I. 8:30 AM Opening – Laurie Soine, Chair – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**II. Call to Order**

**A. Introductions**

**B. Order of the Agenda**

**C. Land Acknowledgement – Helen Myrick**

Ms. Ness to complete the land acknowledgement at the next meeting.

**D. Announcements**

Ms. Meyer announced the licensing audit by the State Auditor’s Office, required by legislation, for out of state applicants. Results expected to be available for the November meeting.

The Attorney General’s Office will be sending a letter regarding the Supreme Court leak regarding Roe vs. Wade. Ms. Meyer to send the letter to the ARNP chair and NCQAC.

**III. Consent Agenda – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are approved with one single motion.

**ACTION:** Ms. Randich motioned to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker. The motion passed.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. NCQAC Business Meeting

- a. March 11, 2022
- b. March 28, 2022

2. Advanced Practice Subcommittee

- a. February 16, 2022
- b. March 16, 2022

3. Discipline Subcommittee

- a. No minutes to review

4. Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee

- a. February 4, 2022

5. Licensing Subcommittee

- a. February 15, 2022
- b. No March Meeting

6. Research Subcommittee

- a. January 2022 – Cancelled
- b. February 22, 2022

7. Education Subcommittee

- a. March 7, 2022

**B. Performance Measures**

1. Investigations

2. Legal

3. Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS)

4. Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel (NAPAP)

5. Nursing Program Approval Panel (NPAP)

**C. Licensing Report to the Governor’s Office**

As of April 25, 2022, the average pending applications per day was at 1,070, down from 1,571 at the beginning of April. The current processing time to issue a temporary practice permit (TPP) is seven days (including weekends and holidays). In April of 2021, the NCQAC Licensing Unit had 25 FTEs and an average of only 496 pending applications per day. The NCQAC hired additional licensing staff on March 16, 2022, to address the continued increase in out of state endorsement applications, resulting in the increase of days to process a TPP. Beginning March 5, 2022, the licensing unit began working overtime on the weekends to address the application volume and had worked overtime each weekend since the beginning of March.

**D. Washington Center for Nursing/NCQAC monthly meetings**

1. February 22, 2022
2. March 22, 2022

**IV. NCQAC Panel Decisions – DISCUSSION**

The NCQAC delegated the authority as provided by law for certain decisions to a panel of at least three members. A member of the NCQAC must chair panels. Pro Tem members of NCQAC may serve as panel members. The following decisions were provided for information and are available in the packet.

**A. Nursing Program Approval Panel (NPAP)**

1. February 3, 2022
2. February 10, 2022
3. February 22, 2022
4. March 3, 2022
5. March 17, 2022
6. April 7, 2022
7. April 21, 2022

**B. Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel (NAPAP)**

1. February 14, 2022
2. February 28, 2022
3. March 14, 2022

**V. Chair Report – Laurie Soine – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Dr. Soine celebrated Nurses Week by giving a short presentation on Florence Nightingale and a letter by Sidney Hebert, the Secretary of War in England, on beginning regulation of nursing.

**A. Substance Use Disorder Review Panel members and chair**

Dr. Soine briefly discussed the Substance Use Disorder Review Panel and informed the NCQAC of the panel members and chair. The procedure was approved at the last business meeting. Panel members are Ms. Ness, Ms. Morell, Ms. Strader, Mr. Canary. Mr. Canary will serve as the chair.

## **B. Leadership Succession**

1. Search committee charter - The NCQAC to create a search committee with the purpose of assisting the NCQAC in selecting a candidate for the Executive Director position. The committee to be comprised of the two NCQAC officers, two Pro-Tem members (who have previously served as NCQAC officers), and four NCQAC Staff. The NCQAC Executive Director will serve as an ad hoc member of the committee. A designated staff member will be identified to serve as an assistant to the committee. The committee members will be appointed by the 2021-2022 NCQAC Chair with the approval of the NCQAC.

**ACTION:** Ms. Childress motioned to approve the search committee charter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Strader. The motion carried.

2. Search committee members

Ms. Strader (Co-Chair), Mr. Archuleta (Co-Chair), Ms. Morrell, Ms. Rude, Dr. Soine, Dr. Babbo, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bielaski.

## **C. Training topics for the coming year**

The NCQAC discussed training topics for the upcoming year. Suggestions for topics included: Diversity; Understaffing of Nurses particular to discipline (NCSBN Discipline Case Management topic and speaker; Data analytics (NCSBN IT conference presentation); Impact on Nursing by the Pandemic; Changing Practice due to Lessons Learned; Telehealth; Webinar on Impacts of Covid (Dr. Babbo will send to the NCQAC officers); Self-Care; Supporting new nurses; Race and health equity; Nursing trends; Diversity model; NCLEX Next Generation; Trends in Nursing such as navigators and increased specialization.

- D. **National Council of State Boards of Nursing's annual meeting, August 16-19, Chicago.** The NCQAC chair and the executive director will be the delegates for the House of Delegates business. Members discussed travel to the meeting.

Topics to be discussed at the July meeting.

NCQAC officers were invited to attend and make themselves known.

**ACTION:** Mr. Canary, Ms. Moua, Ms. Guilford, Ms. Morrell, Ms. Childress would like to attend.

- E. **Location of business meetings, July 2022 through December 2023**

July 7 & 8 Business Meeting will take place at the Tacoma Convention Center. Workshop will take place on July 7, Business meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. A dinner will take place on July 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the members who completed their terms since the pandemic began.

September 8 & 9, 2022 Business Meeting – Spokane area was recommended.

November 18, 2022 Business Meeting – Tumwater was recommended.

January 13, 2023 Business Meeting – Tumwater was recommended.

March 10, 2023 Business Meeting – Tumwater was recommended.

May 12, 2023 Business Meeting –SeaTac area was recommended.

July 13 & 14, 2023 Business Meeting – Tumwater was recommended.

Per changes to the Open Public Meetings Act – If meetings are to be held remotely, there must be vote if safety is a concern.

**ACTION:** Ms. Randich motioned to approve the location recommendations for future meetings. Ms. Ness seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Per Ms. McWilliams, AAG, the conditions for attendance at the meetings would need to be determined prior to each meeting. These conditions would include social distancing or/and if masks are required. The condition recommendations are delegated to the NCQAC officers.

## VI. Executive Director Report – Paula Meyer – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Ms. Meyer gave a brief thank you for all the nurses for Nurse’s Week.

### A. Budget Report – Adam Canary, Chris Archuleta

Mr. Archuleta presented the budget report. The report covered the period of July 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, nine months into the biennium, with fifteen months remaining. The NCQAC budget is underspent by 2.3% and the current revenue balance is \$5.3M.

**REVENUES:** The recommended revenue balance or “reserve” should be 12.5% of biennial budgeted allotments, or approximately \$4.3 million. NCQAC continues to operate above the recommended reserve balance and in March there was a significant spike in revenues. As a result, revenues currently outpace projections by approximately 6.7%, or \$695K. This is due in part to the continued high volume of endorsement applications and volunteer nurses that are applying for licensure to remain in Washington after the emergency.

**BUDGET/ALLOTMENTS:** The agency was able to post all indirect charges; therefore, this report contains actuals, and no estimates were needed. Allotments granted in the 2022 supplemental budget have not yet been uploaded and are not reflected in the report. Expenses continue to follow recent trends.

**FISCAL OUTLOOK:** The combination of revenues exceeding projections and underspending the budget has resulted in a gain of more than \$1M to our revenue balance to date. However, there are several upcoming key expenditures that will impact the revenue balance. NCQAC still owes \$5.4M for HELMS to be withdrawn in the 21-23 biennium. The approval of the licensing and LTC decision packages grants us the additional spending authority, however, it does not include the funding (dollars) needed to support the work. As a result, we anticipate the reserve balance dropping below recommended levels in FY23. In response, NCQAC requested the secretary open a CR-101 to increase fees. At the April special meeting, the NCQAC approved recommending fee increases to the secretary. The rules hearing is scheduled for June 13 and fee increases to be implemented by November 2022.

### B. Strategic Plan Update

**Academic Progression** - Updated May 2022

**Goals:** Evaluate the demand for licensed practical nurses and registered nurses in the state. Continue the discussion of the appropriate degree preparation for PNs.

**Progress:** Trend data compiled and grid of LPN programs completed. Preliminary outcomes data by June 2022.

**Communications** – NCQAC Communications identified three overarching goals, and the objectives listed in the document directly support these goals. Objectives to be met through specific tasks outlined in our separate workplan. Year One of the biennium to be spent doing the work to achieve these goals, and year two to be spent evaluating our success/progress, as well as finalizing any work that supports the goals. Evaluation methods to be determined for each objective prior to Year Two.

**Goals:**

- Provide exceptional communications internally and externally.
- Develop and implement a strong and meaningful identity for NCQAC, to include mission, vision statement, and logo.
- Ensure accessibility and inclusivity in all aspects of communication with the public and our stakeholders.

**Nursing Assistants** –Goal: Streamline nursing assistant training and testing processes, expand capacity through use of technology, and support progression into nursing as evidenced by the following outcomes:

- New training program applications consistently reviewed in 7-10 days;
- Statewide first-time test-taker pass rates (average, annualized) improved to 75% for 2023 and to 80% by 2024;
- Testing capacity increases to 22,932 test-takers per year (119% increase) through use of a virtual approach;
- Quantitative ratings of >3.7 on a 5-point scale on electronic surveys regarding the new curriculum by training programs and students at 6, 12, and 18 months post-implementation; and
- The LPN Registered Apprenticeship Program (LPN RAP):
  - Enrolls 45 students (15 at each pilot site) in three different geographical areas in 2023; and
  - The completion rate for students in the pilot is >85%.

**Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS)** - Goal: Increase the number of nurses enrolled in the Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS) program voluntarily and in lieu of discipline by 25% every two years through education, early identification, referral to treatment, and advocacy. NCQAC and WHPS staff do this by promoting the just culture model and employment retention. Will require an additional case management team for each 100 nurses added to the program.

**C. Rules Update – Shad Bell, Bonnie King**

1. Tracking Rules & Legislation

Several rules have been refiled and there will be a hearing on the fee rule.

2. Blood Glucose Delegation – Request to Open CR101

Substitute House Bill 1124 Glucose Testing and Monitoring - Nurse Delegation Bill identifies two areas that require NCQAC rulemaking:

- Expands the allowance for the RN to delegate glucose monitoring and testing beyond community-based and home settings to all settings where the NA-R/NA-C and HCAs work.
- Removes from statute the timelines for RN supervision and evaluation of the delegated task of administering insulin and directs the NCQAC to determine the interval in rule.

This will also provide an opportunity to perform a general review of the rules relevant to nursing delegation. The rules are already opened to address these issues in the nursing assistant WACs.

**ACTION:** Ms. Ness moved to open a CR101 and other relevant rule sections:

246-840-010; 246-840-910; 246-840-920; 246-840-930; 246-840-940; 246-840-950; 246-840-960; 246-840-970; 246-840-700; on SHB 1124 Glucose Testing and Monitoring. The motion was seconded by Ms. Guilford. The motion carried.

**D. HELMS Update**

Ms. Meyer gave the HELMS update. HELMS is expected to go live in June 2023.

Applications are to include demographic information in a single process, no one has been denied licensure or renewal for failing to complete the information.

HELMS is set up in such a way that if someone does not complete the information they cannot proceed with their application. Ms. Meyer asked that the Licensure Subcommittee review the procedure and whether there may be appeal if an applicant does decide not to complete the demographic data.

**E. Signature Authority delegated from the NCQAC**

At the September Board Meeting, Ms. McWilliams AAG, and Mr. Hoehn to give an hour presentation regarding this authority.

**F. Hearing dates for the coming year**

**ACTION:** Ms. Strader moved to accept the hearing dates as listed for the 2023 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Guilford. The meetings may be virtual or in person, further discussion to take place at a future date. The motion carried.

**G. NCQAC members completing their second terms**

Ms. Meyer expressed thanks to Dr. Soine and Ms. Randich for their service and displayed the awards. To be given in person at the July meeting.

**H. Pro Tem members completing their fourth terms**

Ms. Meyer expressed thanks to Pro Tems who have completed their fourth terms: Kathleen Errico, Diana Brovold, Carol O’Neal, Joanna Starratt, Linda Tieman, Lori Wilde.

**VII. Subcommittee Report – DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**A. Advanced Practice – Jonathan Alvarado, Chair – Dr. Soine gave the report.**

1. ARNP Prescriptive Authority – On March 10, 2021 the Advanced Practice subcommittee received a letter from ARNPs United of Washington State requesting the subcommittee consider recommending to the NCQAC that prescriptive authority be included as part of licensure rather than being optional. This would require a person who applies for licensure to meet the requirements for prescriptive authority at the time of application. The subcommittee spend several months researching the process of prescriptive authority in other states as well as options meeting ARNPs United’s request. The subcommittee recommends procedural changes to licensure documents that reflect prescriptive authority as part of initial licensure with the option to opt-out rather than opt-in. **ACTION:** It was determined by the subcommittee that more work needed to be completed prior to having a motion.

2. NCAO 12.00 Medical Acupuncture - Scope of Practice for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners Advisory Opinion

The Advanced Practice subcommittee received several comments during the Scope of Practice rules workshops regarding the NCQAC Advisory Opinion (NCAO) for ARNP Medical Acupuncture. The subcommittee recommends the NCQAC open the advisory opinion in order to update and modernize the document with more current and updated information.

**ACTION:** Ms. Randich moved to open the advisory opinion NCAO12 Medical Acupuncture to update and modernize the document with updated information. The motion was seconded by the Advanced Practice Subcommittee. The motion carried.

**B. Consistent Standards of Practice – Sharon Ness, Chair**

1. NCAO 2.10 Camp Nursing Advisory Opinion

The current advisory opinion was approved September 13, 2013. A review indicated the current opinion is based on Title 28A RCW: Common School Provisions that only apply to Kindergarten-Twelve (K-12) grades, public and private schools regarding nursing delegation. While this would apply to a K-12 school sponsored camp, 28A RCW would not apply to camps that were not a school sponsored camp. The proposed revision uses the concept of “in loco parentis” (in place of the parent), if a camp is not K-12 school sponsored camp that does not require nursing delegation.

**ACTION:** Ms. Ness moved to adopt the Camp Nursing Advisory Opinion. The motion was seconded by the Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee. The motion carried.

## 2. NCAO 8.02 Prevention and Treatment of Opioid-Related Overdoses Advisory Opinion

The statute RCW 28A.210.260 for Kindergarten-Twelve (K-12) grade schools was changed in 2021 which required a revision to the current advisory opinion regarding delegation of intranasal medication. The previous law required a nurse to administer intranasal medications if they were on the premises, and if they were not, this could be delegated to unlicensed assistive personnel but if administered by UAP, the law required they contact 911. The law change does not require calling 911 and does not stipulate that a nurse needs to administer if they were on the premises. It will be treated as any other medication through the delegation process. An additional addition is in reference to HB 1761 (effective March 11, 2022) that allowed the RN or LPN to distribute prepackaged emergency medication for opioid overdose prevention in hospital emergency rooms. **ACTION:** Ms. Ness moved to adopt the Prevention and Treatment of Opioid Overdoses Advisory Opinion. The motion was seconded by the Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee. The motion was withdrawn due to requests of rework to add language to include calling 911 for certain kinds of medication.

## 3. Patient Abandonment – Request to rescind the motion for a CR101

The NCQAC approved filing a rule Preproposal at the September 11, 2020 meeting in order to revise existing rules relevant to the definition of and clarification of patient abandonment.

The current WAC 246-840-710 Violations of Standards of Nursing Conduct or Practice includes the definition of patient abandonment which is consistent with the definition that the National Council State Boards of Nursing uses in their model rules.

The following conduct may subject a nurse to disciplinary action under the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW:

(1) Engaging in conduct described in RCW 18.130.180;

c. Willfully abandoning clients by leaving a nursing assignment, when continued nursing care is required by the condition of the client(s), without transferring responsibilities to appropriate personnel or caregiver;

The NCQAC Interpretive Statement on Patient Abandonment was approved November 16, 2012. Because it is ten years old there was initially a recommendation to open the rules to provide more specific details regarding patient abandonment. The laws and rules have not changed that would affect the information in the interpretive statement. Further discussion at Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee meetings readdressed the issue and reached consensus to request the NCQAC rescind the approval to revise the rules related to patient abandonment. It would be difficult to be specific in the rules as each case is unique and many involve employer-employee abandonment vs. patient abandonment. Other options are available such as developing questions and answers and continue to use the current interpretive statement.

**ACTION:** Ms. Ness moved to rescind the September 11, 2020 motion to begin rulemaking (CR-101) which would revise rules relevant to the definition of and clarification of patient abandonment. The motion was seconded by the Consistent Standards of Practice Subcommittee. The motion passed.

### C. **Discipline – Adam Canary, Chair** (no report from Discipline)

### D. **Licensing – Dawn Morrell, Chair**

#### 1. Draft Procedure B45.01- Suspected Fraudulent Application Documentation Review Process

On April 19, 2022, the Licensing Subcommittee reviewed the draft procedure B45.01 Suspected Fraudulent Application Documentation. The purpose of this procedure is to outline the process utilized by the NCQAC when reviewing a registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN), or

advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) application in which fraudulent documentation is suspected. Fraudulent documentation may include, but is not limited to, the licensing application, official transcripts, education verification, out of state licensure verification, and court documents. **ACTION:** Ms. Morrell moved to adopt the draft Procedure B45.01 Suspected Fraudulent Application Documentation. The motion was seconded by the Licensing Subcommittee. The motion passed.

## **VIII. Education Session – Marlin Galiano, Dr. Kathy Moisio – DISCUSSION**

### **A. LPN Apprenticeship model, funding and steering committee progress**

WA Legislative Charge – Develop plan to provide the necessary groundwork for the launch of at least three pilot LPN apprenticeship (AP) programs in three geographically diverse areas. The NCQAC will work in collaboration with the WTB and LNI to plan the LPN AP. The goal: Approval by the NCQAC and WSATC as a recognized LPN AP for piloting

### **B. Nursing Assistant curriculum**

Ms. Moisio presented a student guide with a class overview and class hours by unit.

## **IX. Public Comment**

This time allows for members of the public to present comments to the NCQAC.

Public comment L.E. Public Policy Director spoke of their concerns regarding home health issues with recruitment and be a part of the apprentice program. There was a concern that there was not pediatric care incorporated.

Public comment from a student K.R. who attends a Christian nursing school. Is concerned regarding state requirement for COVID vaccinations against religious beliefs and clinical agencies requiring the vaccination that the students would not be able to complete their clinical rotations and thus not graduation. Will be giving the statement during the education subcommittee.

Ms. McWilliams, AAG discussed changes of the public meeting act. Making sure public comments are incorporated during the decision process, audio or video recordings (encouraged). Substantive changes to the law are that all open public meetings are required to have the opportunity to submit comments by either written comments, or open mics. Public attendance conditions may be imposed as long as those conditions are imposed due to public health and safety. In addition, there must be an opportunity for the public to attend meetings in person when the meetings are in hybrid.

## **X. Education – Dr. Gerianne Babbo, Dr. Kathy Moisio - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### **A. Nursing Education**

#### **1. Clinical Placements**

Nursing Graduation Rates increased.

Demand increased for clinical sites, working with Council of Nursing Educators of Washington State (CNEWS), Clinical Placements North West (CPNW), and hospital organizations.

Funding received for increasing enrollments and clinical placements.

#### **2. Pro Tem members of NPAP**

Dr. Babbo thanked the outgoing NPAP members for their time and their expertise. Several new members will be joining NPAP.

3. Next Generation NCLEX

The exam makers assessed new graduate demands to revise questions.

Including: client outcomes, critical thinking, practice analysis, clinical reasoning and judgement. Reflective of clinical judgment and what a nurse does.

**B. Nursing Assistant**

1. Federal 1135 waiver expiration

Nursing Assistants Registered (NAR) were allowed a longer time to complete testing and certification. This waiver is expiring. This is a concern due to the backlog of testing and certifications due to closures of testing sites. There is a waiver available that NAR's can use to extend their time to test and certify if they can prove they made every effort to test with accompanying adequate documentation. Dr. Moisio is working with nursing homes to determine how many NAR's are working in order to attempt to target testing.

2. Training and testing

There is 200+ programs that are using Live Online. This is also a renewal year for all of the programs.

Testing is struggling with capacity. A little reduction in the pass rates on the written exam (about 90%), the skills exam is around 70%. Dr. Moisio will send the NCQAC announcement on how to become an evaluator that will be shared with retired RNs.

**XI. Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS) Annual Report – Grant Hulteen - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

According to WHPS Procedure 49.01 Performance Reports and Procedure Review, the WHPS program presents an annual report. Every year, the Assistant Director, Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS), presents the annual report that follows the recommended reporting guidelines detailed in the 2021 NCSBN Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Mr. Hulteen presented the report.

**ACTION:** Mr. Canary moved to adopt the 2021 WHPS annual report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Randich. The motion passed.

**XII. Out of State Travel Plans – Paula Meyer - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The out of state travel ban was lifted on March 21, 2022. According to Procedure H 03.03, the NCQAC determines events to attend, where they will be held and who will travel. Yvonne Strader, new chair, will not be able to attend the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's annual meeting, August 16-19, Chicago. Dawn Morrell will attend and be a delegate. The list of conferences for the next year was in the packet of materials. Requests may be submitted to Ms. Meyer.

**XIII. Nursing Education and Nursing Assistant Training Programs and the Department of Veterans Affairs – Linda Tieman - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Nursing Staff crises in the Department of Veterans Affairs lead to the appointment of Ms. Linda Tieman to explore issues related to placement of nursing education and nursing assistant training program

students in the Department of Veterans Affairs facilities. Ms. Tieman presented the report with recommendations to improve the clinical placements. This is a long-term solution to the staffing crisis.

Recommendations:

- DVA and each respective educational program continue its conversations about how to optimize the clinical learning opportunities for CNA students (where applicable) and nursing students. A regular “check-in” on the status of the work might be established to avoid only talking when problems arise.
- CNEWS could extend an invitation to Mr. Puente & Mr. Murray, DVA, for discussion about reducing variation in onboarding across the facilities, and simplifying the affiliation agreement processes, and enhancing communications.
- Following evaluation of outcomes on student performance and clinical site feedback NCQAC should evaluate changing the “emergency” rule re: CNAs applying paid worked hours to their clinical learning time to a “standard” rule.
- CNEWS members could discuss implementing the new AACN “Essentials” to their curricula.
- The programs that are not using the DVA Homes for CNA students should explore where the barriers are theirs and mitigate those in the interest of expanding student experiences and exposure to this rich learning site.

**XIV. NCQAC Nomination Committee – Dawn Morrell - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The NCQAC award is granted to staff members by the nomination committee. The NCQAC supports the staff attending the NCSBN Annual Meeting in Chicago, August 16-19 as the NCQAC award. Honorable mention went to the licensing unit.

The award was granted to the following nominees: Grant Hulteen, Erin Bush, and Lori Underwood.

**XV. Election of Officers – Dawn Morrell - DISCUSSION/ACTION**

According to [RCW 18.79.100](#), the NCQAC annually elects officers. The slate of candidates was presented at the March NCQAC meeting. The NCQAC members voted for the chair, vice chair and secretary/treasurer.

Ms. Morrell withdrew her nomination for Vice Chair.

Candidates

Chair: Yvonne Strader

**ACTION:** A voice vote was taken. The nomination passed.

Vice Chair: Helen Myrick

**ACTION:** A voice vote was taken. The nomination passed.

Secretary/Treasurer: Adam Canary  
Ella Guilford

**ACTION:** Chat ballots were taken for secretary/treasurer. Adam Canary was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

**2022-2023 Officers**

Chair: Yvonne Strader

Vice Chair: Helen Myrick

Secretary/Treasurer: Adam Canary

**XV. Meeting Evaluation**

**XVI. Closing**

The meeting was closed by NCQAC Chair Dr. Soine at 4:16pm