

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
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**Advanced Practice Advisory Committee
Minutes – August 1, 2006**

The Advanced Practice Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on August 1, 2006. Written notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's Office. Notice was posted on the Oklahoma Board of Nursing web site. A notice/agenda was also posted on the Cameron Building front entrance at 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as well as the Board office, Suite 524, 24 hours prior to the meeting, setting forward thereon the date, time, place and agenda for the meeting.

Place of Meeting: Basement Conference Room, Cameron Building

Time of Meeting: 2:30 PM

Members Present: Pat Saslow, RN, ARNP
Lauri Paul, RN, ARNP
Jana Butcher, RN, ARNP
Susan Jones, RN, CNS
Susan Goodwin, RN, CNS
Mark Williams, RN, CRNA
Mark Richardson, RN, CRNA
W. Pauline Lisle, RN, CNM
Lynne Burson, RN, CNM
Leanna Harkess, RN, CNM

Members Absent: Janet Kristic, RN, CNS
Philip Runyon, RN, CRNA

Board Representatives: Deborah Booton-Hiser, RN, ARNP

Staff Representatives: L. Louise Drake, RN, M.H.R.
Gayle McNish, RN, Ed.D.
Carla Petty, RN, M.P.H.

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by L. Louise Drake at 2:30 PM.

1.1 Declaration of a quorum: A quorum was declared present.

1.2 Introductions: Introductions were made. Mark Williams, RN, CRNA, and Mark Richardson, RN, CRNA, were welcomed as new members of the advisory committee.

1.3 Announcements:

a. Orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is presenting a workshop entitled "*Orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Licensed Nurses.*" All licensed nurses and nurse managers are invited to attend this orientation. No other orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") will be scheduled in the Oklahoma City area this year. Topics include the functions of the Board, the Peer Assistance Program, nursing practice and advance practice issues, licensure issues, the investigative process and the Board's role in the regulation of nursing education. The date of the orientation is Monday, October 16, 2006, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, at Mercy Conference Center at Mercy Health Center. The cost is \$35.00. The deadline for registration is October 6, 2006.

b. The date of the next Formulary Advisory Council meeting is **September 14, 2006, at 1:00 PM.**

2.0 Committee decision regarding approval of February 1, 2006, committee meeting minutes. (Attachment #1).

It was moved (L. Burson) and seconded to approve the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Minutes for February 1, 2006, as presented.

Voting:

Yes: (8) P. Saslow, L. Paul, J. Butcher, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, L. Burson, M. Williams, M. Richardson

No: (0)

Absent: (4) J. Kristic, P. Runyon, W. P. Lisle, L. Harkess

Motion carried.

3.0 Verbal reports requiring no action by committee

3.1 Board of Nursing update

3.1.1 Second Amended Declaratory Ruling for RNFA

In May 2006, the Board issued a *Second Amended Declaratory Ruling*, declaring it is within the current scope of practice of the Certified Nurse-Midwife (“CNM”) to perform first assistant duties in obstetrical and gynecological procedures - provided the CNM has been formally educated on the process and has demonstrated competence to perform the proper techniques for the procedures, if the CNM has completed the American College of Nurse-Midwives process for incorporating first assistant responsibilities for obstetrical and gynecological procedures into the scope of practice. The ruling is available on the Board’s website.

3.1.2 Discussion of other Board decisions/actions.

- a. The Board appointed Mark Williams, CRNA, and Mark Richardson, CRNA, to replace Marjorie Sagonda and Lavonna Sanders on this advisory committee.
- b. **Rapid Sequence Intubation Guidelines:** At the May 2006 Board meeting, Rapid Sequence Intubation Guidelines were approved, outlining the criteria that must be met prior to the registered nurse’s assisting a licensed provider performing rapid sequence intubation. The guidelines are available on the Board’s website.
- c. **Rule Changes:** The Governor signed the adopted changes to the Rules, and they became effective July 1, 2006.

3.2 Information affecting nursing practice issues –

Pronouncement of Death by Nurses: The Board office continues to receive frequent inquiries concerning the pronouncement of death by nurses. The Board endorsed statements regarding the *Determination of Death by Nurses* in 1992, after reviewing a legal opinion from the Board’s attorney. Recently, the Board attorney reviewed the previous legal opinion and found no statutory changes have occurred that affects the prior legal opinion approved by the Board.

Under the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, nurses may properly observe and record the status of a patient in order to allow a **qualified medical practitioner** to draw

conclusions or to make a diagnosis. In O.S. §63-3122 [Declaration of death], "...A determination of death must be made in accordance with **accepted medical standards**...." It appears nurses ***do not have the authority*** to pronounce death under the ONPA. To pronounce death appears to require an act of **medical diagnosis** which nurses are expressly prohibited from performing and which essentially constitutes the practice of medicine, osteopathy or chiropractic. Regardless of the setting - including Hospice and long term care nursing facilities, nurses may not pronounce the death of a patient/client. An article concerning this matter will appear in the next OBN newsletter.

3.3 Advanced Practice Advisory Committee member list and update. (Attachment #2).

Members were asked to review and update the membership information listed. The term of appointment for Susan Goodwin, CNS, expired on July 31, 2006. She can apply for re-appointment or continue to serve until she is replaced.

4.0 Review and committee recommendations on revisions to *National Certifying Bodies Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing*

- 4.1 Review and Decision on adding the National Board of Certification of Hospice & Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN) as a certifying body and the advanced nurse examination [Certification Examination for Hospice and Palliative Advanced Practice Nurses] to the approved list. **(Attachment #3)**

L. Drake presented information and answered questions of committee members.

It was moved (P. Saslow) and seconded not to add the NBCHPN as a certifying body and the Certification Examination for Hospice and Palliative Advanced Practice Nurses to the Board's approved list of national certifying bodies and examinations.

Voting:

Yes: (10) P. Saslow, L. Paul, J. Butcher, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, L. Burson, W. P. Lisle, L. Harkess, M. Williams, M. Richardson

No: (0)

Absent: (2) J. Kristic, P. Runyon

Motion carried.

- 4.2 Review and Decision on adding the Clinical Nurse Specialist in Pediatric Nursing Certification Examination, which is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center ("ANCC"), to the approved list. **(Attachment #4)**

L. Drake presented information and answered questions of committee members. The certifying body, ANCC, is already approved by the Board.

It was moved (S. Jones) and seconded to add the Clinical Nurse Specialist in Pediatric Nursing Certification Examination to the Board's approved list of certification examinations.

Voting:

Yes: (10) P. Saslow, L. Paul, J. Butcher, S. Goodwin, S. Jones,
L. Burson, W. P. Lisle, L. Harkess, M. Williams, M.
Richardson

No: (0)

Absent: (2) J. Kristic, P. Runyon

Motion carried.

4.3 Review and Decision on *National Certifying Bodies Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* policy. (**Attachment #5**)

L. Drake presented information and answered questions of committee members.

It was moved (L. Paul) and seconded to revise the *National Certifying Bodies Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* policy as follows:

- I. Create two lists of Board approved National Certifying Bodies and Certification Examinations.
 - A. **APN List -**
 1. This list will contain only advanced practice certification examinations.
 2. All nurses applying for initial recognition will be required to successfully complete a certification examination from this APN List, unless no APN examination is available in their clinical specialty area and area of recognition, or the examination is identified in the Statutes or Rules.
 - B. **Non-APN List -**
 1. If no APN examination is available, an initial applicant for recognition by the Board may be allowed to complete an examination on the Non-APN List.
 2. Nurses with non-APN national certifications would continue to be recognized as APNs as long as they continue to renew their APN recognition.

- II. Delete all non-APN examinations if no current APN is recognized with that certification examination.
- III. Submit the revised policy to the Board for approval in September 2006, and request the effective date for the changes to be December 1, 2006, to allow committee members time to notify other APNs of revisions to the policy.

Voting:

Yes: (10) P. Saslow, L. Paul, J. Butcher, S. Goodwin, S. Jones,
L. Burson, W. P. Lisle, L. Harkess, M. Williams, M.
Richardson

No: (0)

Absent: (2) J. Kristic, P. Runyon

Motion carried.

4.4 Discussion on future additional Certification Examinations. (Attachment #6)

L. Drake presented information and answered questions of committee members. Other certification examinations may need to be added to the approved list, if APN examinations are available in specialty areas where no APN certification examination is recognized by the Board. This matter will be placed on the February 2007 agenda.

5.0 Review and discussion on the APRN Vision Paper. (Attachment #7)

G. McNish presented information and answered questions of committee members. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing submitted a response to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing identifying issues with the Vision Paper as it currently is presented.

6.0 Discussion on CEUs for Prescriptive Authority

C. Petty distributed two handouts of information on requirements for prescriptive authority. She answered questions of committee members. This matter will be discussed at the February 2007 meeting.

7.0 Input regarding Rule changes for next legislative session.

G. McNish informed the members the Board will be looking at proposed Rules changes at September 2006 Board meeting. Deletion of the School Nurse ARNP specialty category will be recommended since the certification examination is no longer available. No other changes affecting APNs are planned.

8.0 Date for next meeting in February 2007 (Attachment #8)

The next Advanced Practice Advisory Committee meeting is set for February 6, 2007, at 2:30 PM.

9.0 Suggested agenda items for next meeting

- a. CEUs for Prescriptive Authority, including OTC, herbal and CEU's obtained at medical conferences.
- b. Prescriptive authority using standing orders
- c. Additional certification examinations for the Board's National Certifying Bodies approved list.

10.0 Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.