

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
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**Advanced Practice Advisory Committee
Minutes – August 14, 2007**

The Advanced Practice Advisory Committee (“Committee”) to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on August 14, 2007. 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: 2:32 PM

Members Present: Pat Saslow, RN, ARNP
Lauri Paul, RN, ARNP
Susan Jones, RN, CNS
Janet Kristic, RN, CNS
Susan Goodwin, RN, CNS
Mark Richardson, RN, CRNA
Philip Runyon, RN, CRNA
Lynne Burson, RN, CNM
Leanna Harkess, RN, CNM

Members Absent: Jana Butcher, RN, ARNP
W. Pauline Lisle, RN, CNM
Mark Williams, RN, CRNA

Guest: Diane Day, RN, CNM

Board Representative: Elizabeth Schultz, RN, MS, CRNA

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

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by L. Louise Drake at 2:32 PM.

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

1.2 Introductions: Introductions were made.

1.3 Announcements: L. Drake announced the next *Orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Licensed Nurses Workshop* will be held at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center on October 8, 2007, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Anyone interested in attending may contact Joan Misenheimer in the Board office.

G. McNish discussed the new Oklahoma Immigration law and its impact on licensees and the Board. An article on this issue will be published in the Board's newsletter later this month.

2.0 Committee decision regarding approval of March 13, 2007, committee meeting minutes

It was moved (S. Goodwin) and seconded to approve the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Minutes for March 13, 2007.

Voting:

Yes: (9) P. Saslow, L. Paul, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, J. Kristic, L. Burson, L. Harkess, M. Richardson, P. Runyon

No: (0)

Absent: (3) J. Butcher, W. P. Lisle, M. Williams

Motion carried.

3.0 Verbal reports requiring no action by committee

3.1 Board of Nursing update

3.1.1 *National Certifying Bodies and APN Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy Revision:* L. Drake reported the Board approved adding the Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialists examination to the policy, as recommended by the Committee, at the May 2007 Board meeting.

3.1.2 *Declaratory Ruling on Laser Hair Removal:* L. Drake reported the Board issued the *Laser Hair Removal Treatments – Declaratory Ruling* at the May 2007 meeting. Based on a previous ruling by the District court, it has been declared the use of lasers is within the scope of medicine and surgery; as such, it is a medical act and is not within the scope of practice for a qualified advanced practice nurse to order and/or delegate laser hair

removal treatment, even if the advanced practice nurse has prescriptive authority.

It is within the scope of practice of the advanced practice nurse, registered nurse and licensed practical nurse to provide laser hair removal treatment in accordance with specific parameters set forth in the *Declaratory Ruling*. A licensed practical nurse may **only** perform laser hair removal if the ordering physician is present in the procedure area and readily available, i.e., response time is less than or equal to five (5) minutes, during the procedure of the laser hair removal treatment. The Declaratory Ruling is now available on the Board's website in the **Guidelines** section.

3.2 Report from Formulary Advisory Council Meeting on August 2, 2007:

L. Drake reported the Formulary Advisory Council ("Council") will recommend to the Board that Rules be promulgated to allow advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority to prescribe a thirty (30) day supply of Schedules III-V controlled substances.

The recommendation will go to the September 2007 Board meeting. Dr. Wooton, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association representative, stated he voted "no" because his association does not support the expansion of practice for mid-level practitioners, but he will discuss the issues presented at the Council meeting with his association members.

All members present on the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee unanimously support the recommendation of the Formulary Advisory Council that Rules be promulgated to allow advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority to prescribe a thirty (30) day supply of Schedules III - V controlled substances and asked that the Board be informed of their support.

3.3 Discussion of issues impacting advanced nursing practice issues

3.3.1 Vision Paper: G. McNish reported the National Council of State Boards of Nursing is still continuing to gather feedback on the draft APRN Vision Paper, and no final action has been taken on the document.

3.3.2 APRN COMBINED examination for both CNSs and NPs: L. Drake reported ANCC continues to work on developing a new adult psychiatric and mental health nursing certification examination. Initial test development will begin this month and continue until July 2008. More information should be available at the August 2008 meeting of this Committee.

3.3.3 ANCC's changing certification credentials from APRN,BC for NPs and for CNSs: L. Drake contacted ANCC and learned a decision is expected in January 2008 on changing the credentials. They are continuing to gather input on this matter.

3.3.4 CRNA with temporary recognition obtaining reimbursement from CMS: L. Drake asked for input about whether the APNs have knowledge that CMS will not reimburse for CRNA services if the nurse has temporary recognition from the Board. The members identified the issue will be the CRNA is not be able to obtain a National Provider Identifier [number] with temporary recognition.

3.3.5 ANCC Gerontology NP Alternative Eligibility Project: L. Drake reported ANCC convened a task force of experts on April 2-3, 2007, to develop an alternative eligibility process for the Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (GNP) Examination. The goal of this project was to create an opportunity for nurse practitioners already licensed or authorized as advanced practice nurses, and nurses who already have clinical experience in caring for those older adults, to show that they have the theoretical and empirical knowledge of aging to meet the nationally endorsed competencies for gerontological nurse practitioners. This level of specialized knowledge is beyond what would be obtained in an acute care, adult or family nurse practitioner program. This effort would also help to reassure that older adults are receiving the expert care this level of knowledge would ensure.

3.4 Advanced Practice Advisory Committee member list and update: Members updated their contact information.

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

4.1 Review and Decision on revisions of certification examinations on the Board's National Certifying Bodies approved APN list: L. Drake discussed proposed changes the APN approved list of national certifying bodies and the certification examinations, pursuant to the memorandum distributed with in the agenda packet.

It was moved (J. Kristic) and seconded to approve the revisions to the *National Certifying Bodies and APN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* policy.

Voting:

Yes: (9) P. Saslow, L. Paul, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, J. Kristic,
L. Burson, L. Harkess, M. Richardson, P. Runyon
No: (0)
Absent: (3) J. Butcher, W. P. Lisle, M. Williams

Motion carried.

- 4.2 Review and Decision on revisions of certification examinations on the Board's National Certifying Bodies approved Non-APN list:** L. Drake discussed proposed changes the Non- APN approved list of national certifying bodies and the certification examinations, pursuant to the memorandum distributed with in the agenda packet.

It was moved (L. Paul) and seconded to approve the revisions to the *National Certifying Bodies and NON-APN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* policy.

Voting:

Yes: (9) P. Saslow, L. Paul, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, J. Kristic,
L. Burson, L. Harkess, M. Richardson, P. Runyon
No: (0)
Absent: (3) J. Butcher, W. P. Lisle, M. Williams

Motion carried.

- 5.0 Review and Revision of Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Bylaws:** L. Drake discussed the necessity of changes to the bylaws as indicated in the memorandum distributed with the agenda packet.

It was moved (S. Jones) and seconded to approve revisions to the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Bylaws by **deleting** the first phrase in #3 under the Functions heading which reads: "Advise the Board with regard to complaints filed against advanced practitioners, and", and **retaining** the second phrase, which reads: "Assists the Board in interpretation of the Scope of Practice and Standards of Care for the Advanced Practitioner; and"

Voting:

Yes: (9) P. Saslow, L. Paul, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, J. Kristic, L.
Burson, L. Harkess, M. Richardson, P. Runyon
No: (0)
Absent: (3) J. Butcher, W. P. Lisle, M. Williams

Motion carried.

6.0 Discussion and Decision on appointing chairperson and vice chairperson of the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Advisory: It was moved (S. Jones) and seconded to continue this matter until the next meeting of the Committee.

Voting:

Yes: (9) P. Saslow, L. Paul, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, J. Kristic, L. Burson, L. Harkess, M. Richardson, P. Runyon

No: (0)

Absent: (3) J. Butcher, W. P. Lisle, M. Williams

Motion carried.

7.0 Discussion on Proposed Rules changes for 2008 legislative session. G. McNish distributed and discussed proposed Rules changes with the Committee members. Members gave input on the APN related drafted Rules changes.

8.0 Date for meeting in August 2008 & February 2009: Members agreed the date for the August 2008 meeting will be **Tuesday, August 12, 2008, @ 2:30 PM**, and decided to determine the date for the February 2009 meeting at a future meeting.

REMINDER: THE NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2008, @ 2:30 PM.

9.0 Suggested agenda items for next meeting:

- a. Review and decision on Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Bylaws revisions
- b. Discussion and decision on frequency of Committee meetings

10.0 Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.