

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 524
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
(405) 962-1800

**Advanced Practice Advisory Committee
Minutes –March 13, 2007 [Rescheduled from February 6, 2007]**

The Advanced Practice Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on March 13, 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: 2:30 PM

Members Present: Pat Saslow, RN, ARNP
Lauri Paul, RN, ARNP
Jana Butcher, RN, ARNP
Susan Jones, RN, CNS
Janet Kristic, 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: Philip Runyon, RN, CRNA

Board Representative Absent: Elizabeth Schultz, RN, MS, CRNA

Guests: Sharon Wengier, RN, APN Student
Sherry Warlick, RN, CNM

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 2:30 PM.

1.1 Declaration of a quorum: A quorum was declared present. This meeting was rescheduled from February 6, 2007, because of a lack of quorum.

1.2 Introductions: Introductions were made.

1.3 Announcements:

1.3.1 L. Drake announced the next CRNA Formulary Advisory Council meets at April 23, 2007, @ 3:30 PM. The next Formulary Advisory Council was scheduled to meet on September 13, 2007, @ 1:00 PM; the meeting will be rescheduled for August 2 or 9, 2007, at the request of the chairperson.

1.3.2 L. Drake announced the Board's orientation for licensed nurses will be held April 11, 2007, in Lawton, OK. Anyone interested in attending may contact Joan Misenheimer in the Board office.

1.3.3 G. McNish reported the names of supervising physicians for advanced practice nurses will be listed on the Board's website. This change will assist pharmacists needing to verify the names of supervising physicians and advanced practice nurse who may wish to validate which supervising physicians they currently have listed with the Board.

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

It was moved (S. Goodwin) and seconded to approve the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Minutes for August 1, 2006, with a correction deleting Janet Kristic, RN, CNS, from the list of members present at the meeting.

Voting:

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

No: (0)

Absent: (2) W. P. Lisle, P. Runyon

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 & Non-APN Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing - (Attachments #2A & #2B):* L. Drake

reported the Board approved the recommendations to revise the National Certifying Bodies policy as attached. This was implemented December 1, 2006. The new approved lists are available on the Board's website.

3.1.2 Discussion of other Board Agenda items and/or decisions/actions.

3.1.2.1 ***Board Document Definitions Policy - (Attachment 3):***

L. Drake reported the policy was approved by the Board at the November 2006 Board meeting. This policy was developed because of ongoing questions about the difference in documents approved the Board. The policy is on the Board's website.

3.1.2.2 ***Request for Declaratory Ruling on Laser Hair Removal:***

L. Drake reported the Board received a request for declaratory ruling on whether or not an advanced registered nurse practitioner can perform laser hair removal under the general supervision of a physician, and this matter was heard by the Board in November; however, no decision was rendered. Now, the Petitioner has withdrawn the request.

Although the Petitioner withdrew the request, there is a need to have the Board consider this matter from a broader perspective since advanced practice nurses, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse and unlicensed individuals are performing this procedure, and the use of lasers constitutes a medical act. Therefore, Board staff filed a Request for Declaratory Ruling on laser hair removal by the three levels of licensed nurses. In addition, the Medical Board is currently discussing the issue of supervision of delegated medical acts, including physicians' delegating to unlicensed staff working for them. This matter will heard by the Board on March 27, 2007.

3.2 Information affecting nursing practice issues

3.2.1 **Vision Paper:** L. Drake reported the National Council of State Boards of Nursing ("NCSBN") has been gathering feedback on the draft APRN Vision Paper sent to Member Boards and APRN stakeholders last spring. During their October meeting, the APRN Advisory Panel met with the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to discuss educational issues that were identified in the draft Vision Paper. The Advisory Panel plans to meet with a wide variety of APRN groups throughout the year.

3.2.2 **APRN COMBINED examination for both CNSs and NPs:** L. Drake reported that the American Psychiatric Nurses Association has been working with the American Nurses Credentialing Center ("ANCC") to develop an

advanced practice certification examination. They have now decided that one APRN examination will be used to serve both CNSs and NPs. This is based on the job analysis study that was done by ANCC which showed little differences in entry level Psych CNSs and Psych NPs. Development of the psych APRN examination was expected to begin in January 2007. No date was given regarding an implementation date.

3.2.3 **Changing credentials of APRN,BC:** L. Drake reported that ANCC uses the credentials "APRN,BC" to indicate that a person has successfully completed one of their APRN certification examinations. Since many Boards of Nursing use "APRN" to designate an advanced practice nurse with recognition, ANCC's current credentialing system has been problematic. This change is anticipated sometime in early 2007. A final decision on what the new credentials will be has not been made.

3.3 Advanced Practice Advisory Committee member list and update – (**Attachment #4**): Members updated their contact information.

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

4.1 Review and Decision on additional certification examination for the Board's National Certifying Bodies approved APN list: Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS) - (**Attachment #5**)

It was moved (S. Jones) and seconded to add the Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS) examination to the *National Certifying Bodies and APN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* policy.

Voting:

Yes: (11) P. Saslow, L. Paul, J. Butcher, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, J. Kristic, L. Burson, W. P. Lisle, L. Harkess, M. Williams, M. Richardson

No: (0)

Absent: (1) P. Runyon

Motion carried.

5. **Discussion on CEUs for Prescriptive Authority, including OTC drugs, herbal medications and CEU's obtained at medical conferences - (Attachment #6):** Copies of a recent article prepared for publication in the *Oklahoma Board of Nursing Newsletter* was distributed. G. McNish discussed the Rules related to prescriptive authority. Members discussed the rationale for obtaining CEUs on herbal and OTC medications. Members

suggested a checklist/evaluation tool be developed as a resource to verify appropriate continuing education documents meet requirements for prescriptive authority, prior to advanced practice nurses submit them to the Board office. When the checklist/evaluation tool is developed, it will be published in the next newsletter and posted on the Board's website under the "Forms/Application" section.

6. **Discussion on Prescriptive authority and the use of standing orders:** L. Drake discussed the need for an advanced practice nurse to have prescriptive authority prior to authorizing standing orders or protocols as a licensed provider. Without prescriptive authority, a physician needs to authorize the use of standing orders or protocols.
7. **Discussion on Proposed Rule changes for next legislative session:** Members discussed the seven (7) day limit on prescriptions for Schedules III-V drugs and the possibility of changing the Rules regarding this matter. G. McNish discussed initial applications for prescriptive authority and the continuing education categories defined in the Rules. Members supported a change in the Rules to require **initial applicants** for prescriptive authority complete academic credit hours of education and not be allowed to submit documentation of continuing education units.
8. **Dates for next meeting in August 2007 and dates for 2008 meetings - (Attachment #7A & 7B):** Members agreed on the following dates for next two meetings - August 14, 2007, at 2:30 PM, and February 19, 2008, at 2:30 PM.
9. **Suggested agenda items for next meeting**
 - a. Review and revision of Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Bylaws
 - b. Possible appointment of chairperson and vice chairperson for the advisory committee.
10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM