

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING  
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**Advanced Practice Advisory Committee  
Minutes – February 10, 2009**

The Advanced Practice Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on February 10, 2009. 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

**Member Present:** Pat Saslow, RN, ARNP  
Jana Butcher, RN, ARNP  
Susan Jones, RN, CNS  
Janet Kristic, RN, CNS  
Susan Goodwin, RN, CNS  
Mark Williams, RN, CRNA  
Majorie Sagonda, RN, CRNA  
W. Pauline Lisle, RN, CNM  
Lynne Burson, RN, CNM  
Leanna Harkess, RN, CNM

**Member(s) Absent:** Lauri Paul, RN, ARNP  
Mark Richardson, RN, CRNA

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

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

**1.0 Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by L. Louise Drake at 2:33 PM.

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

**1.2 Introductions:** Introductions were made. Marjorie B. Sagonda, RN, CRNA, MBA, was welcomed to the committee.

**1.3 Announcements:** None

**2.0 Committee decision regarding approval of committee meeting minutes for August 12, 2008:**

It was moved (S. Jones) and seconded to approved the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Minutes for August 12, 2008.

**Voting:**

Yes: (9) P. Saslow, J. Butcher, S. Goodwin, S. Jones, W. P. Lisle, L. Burson, M. Williams, J. Kristic

No: (0)

Absent: (3) L. Paul, L. Harkess, M. Richardson,

**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 and NON-APN Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Revision Policies - #52-A & #52-B:*** L. Drake reported the Board approved the Committee's recommendations to revise the National Certifying Bodies policies on September 23, 2008.

**3.1.2 *Advanced Practice Nurses with Prescriptive Authority Exclusionary Formulary - #P-50B:*** L. Drake reported the Board approved the Committee's recommendations to revise the Exclusionary Formulary on September 23, 2008.

**3.1.3 *Formulary Advisory Council Procedure for Amending the Formulary - #P50:*** L. Drake reported the Board approved the Committee's recommendations to revise the Procedure for Amending the Formulary on September 23, 2008.

**3.1.4 Task Force to Review Advanced Practice:** G. McNish reported on a new task force of the Board that is charged with analyzing current statutes and rules for advanced practice nurses for appropriateness and effectiveness, using model Nursing Practice Act and Rules, examples from other states, and a review of the literature on advanced practice roles in FY 2009. Task force members include a representative of each of the advanced practice categories who currently serves on the Board's Advanced Practice Advisory Committee. Other individuals invited to participate include one representative from each of the advanced practice associations, one or more individuals who has served on the Board of Nursing, the Oklahoma Nurses Association, the Oklahoma Healthcare Workforce Center, and representatives from Oklahoma advanced practice educational programs for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists. Through this broad representation, communication will be facilitated with stakeholders throughout the state. The first meeting of the taskforce is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

**3.2 Discussion of issues impacting advanced nursing practice requiring no action by committee:**

**3.2.1 New *Advanced Practice Nurse Informational Sheets* on the Board's website section on Practice/Advanced Practice Page:** L. Drake informed the Committee of the new APN informational sheets and discussed how they may be accessed on the Board's website.

**3.2.2 *Attorney General Opinion 08-26 - Ruling on CRNAs Scope of Practice:*** L. Drake updated the Committee on the Attorney General's *Opinion 08-26* which clarified, in part, whether CRNAs are practicing outside their scope of practice by administering medications for the management of chronic pain other than in the perioperative or peribstetrical period. The AG Opinion may be accessed through [www.oscn.net](http://www.oscn.net), on the Legal Research Page. M. Williams informed the committee of two Senate bills (SB 732 & SB 1133) introduced this legislative session that have implication for CRNA practice.

**3.2.3 Medicaid Tamper-Resistant Prescription Information:** L. Drake discussed the federal requirements for all written, non- electronic prescriptions for outpatient medications that must meet tamper-resistant criteria as indicated on Attachment 4 of the Agenda.

**3.2.4 CNS CORE Examination [Update report]:** S. Goodwin and L. Drake updated the Committee members on the status of the CNS Core Exam, which is scheduled for the first test administration in September or October 2009.

**3.2.5 DNP:** L. Drake reported doctor of nursing practice (“DNP”) graduates may begin taking a certification exam in the fall of 2009. This is a voluntary test created by the National Board of Medical Examiners. It is predicted about 200 nursing schools will offer the two-year DNP degree by 2015.

**3.2.6 APN Provider abandonment:** L. Drake discussed six (6) of the 10 advanced practice nurse (“APN”) questions the second quarter, (October to December), not related to prescriptive authority and the scope of APN practice, were from callers inquiring about how the Board defines abandonment of patients by APNs. Callers were APNs, physicians employing APNs and attorneys representing APNs and/or physicians. The Board’s current *Abandonment Statement* does not address APNs providing primary care to patients/clients. L. Drake asked APN representatives for input on this matter. J. Butcher said articles she has read indicate 30 days notification to patients/clients by certified letter appears appropriate. More information will be gathered on this issue.

**3.2.7 Other:** None

**3.3 Advanced Practice Advisory Committee Member list and update:** Members updated their contact information.

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

**4.1 Review and Decision on revisions of certification examinations on the Board’s National Certifying Bodies approved APN list:** L. Drake reported eligibility criteria for the Public Health Nurse – Advanced examination by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (“ANCC”) has changed to allow non-CNS public health graduates to take the exam after the May 17, 2008, test administration date.

In accordance with the Rules Board, specifically OAC 485:10-15-7. *Practice as a Clinical Nurse Specialist*, the national certification is in a specialty area at **an advanced practice level**. Since the changes in the Public Health Nurse – Advanced Certification Eligibility Criteria allows non-CNS graduates to take the examination, this national certification examination no longer meets the Board’s criteria to remain on the APN approved list of national certification examinations and should be moved to the NON-APN list. Currently, there are four (4) CNSs with recognition in this specialty.

It was moved P. Saslow and seconded to remove the Public Health Nurse – Advanced Certification Examination from the APN approved list of national certification examinations.

**Voting:**

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

No: (0)

Absent: (2) L. Paul, M. Richardson,

**Motion carried.**

- 4.2 Review and Decision on revisions of certification examinations on the Board's National Certifying Bodies approved Non-APN list:** As L. Drake discussed above, the Public Health Nurse – Advanced Certification Eligibility Criteria allows non-CNS graduates to take the examination, this national certification examination no longer meets the Board's criteria to remain on the APN approved list of national certification examinations and should be moved to the NON-APN list.

It was moved P. Saslow and seconded to place the Public Health Nurse – Advanced Certification Examination on the NON-APN list.

**Voting:**

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

No: (0)

Absent: (2) L. Paul, M. Richardson,

**Motion carried.**

- 5.0 Discussion on Proposed Rules changes for 2009:** G. McNish distributed proposed Rule changes to the Committee members and discussed Rules in *Subchapter 16 - Requirements for Prescriptive Authority for Advanced Practice Nurses*. If the legislature does not disapprove the Rule changes, and the Governor approved the Rule changes, they will become effective on May 11, 2009. M. Williams asked that *Subchapter 18 - Prescriptive Authority for C.R.N.A.* be reviewed for possible revisions to CEU requirements in the next legislative session.

- 6.0 Dates for meetings in 2010:** The dates for the 2010 meetings were set as follows: **February 9, 2010, @ 2:30 PM.** The date for the August 2010 meeting was not set but was deferred to a future meeting.

**NOTE:** Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 18, 2009, @ 2:30 PM.**

**7.0 Suggested agenda items for next meeting:**

- a.** Proposed Rule changes, including CRNA prescriptive authority CEUs
- b.** CNS Core Examination update
- c.** Task Force to Review Advanced Practice Update report
- d.** Advanced Practice Nursing Abandonment issue

**8.0 Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.