



**MINUTES OF THE  
ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 17th, 2004**

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*(Final minutes will be available on the Board's website <http://www.nevadanursingboard.org> after ratification by the committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting).*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee was called to order on August 17, 2004 by Associate Executive Director, Donald Rennie, MSN, RN. The meeting began at 2:05 p.m. via videoconference at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Classroom Building Complex, Building B, Room 117, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89154 and TMCC Meadowood Center, 5270 Neil Road, South Building, Room 104, Reno, Nevada, 89502.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Donald Rennie, MSN, RN, AED, Licensure and Certification  
Amy Booth, MSN, RN, APN  
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN  
George Cox, MSN, RN, CRNA  
Jeannette DiChiro, MSN, RN, APN  
Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, APN, CNM  
Richard Null, MS, RN  
Phyllis Suiter, MS, RN, APN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Burgio, RN, MS, APN, Board Liaison  
Debra Scott, MS, RN, APN, Board Executive Director  
Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel  
Neena Laxalt, Legislative Lobbyist, NNA

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** D. Scott and D. Burgio discussed the results of a recently published state-by-state advanced nursing practice survey that listed Nevada with a low ranking. A review of the study indicated the most recent practice data, such as prescriptive authority for controlled substances, was not included. Had this and other data been included, the ranking for Nevada would have been extremely high. A copy of the full study will be provided to the committee members.

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion, recommendations and actions related to “Guidelines for Selection of APN Collaborating Physician”: At the July, 2004 Board meeting, the Board approved the APN Committee’s recommended revisions to the guidelines. It will be the APN’s professional responsibility to ensure competency within the legally authorized practice specialty. Periodic APN practice audits will be conducted to include a review of whether the APN is practicing within his legally authorized area/scope of practice and a review of the specialty(ies) of the collaborating physician to ensure the physician has a like medical specialty, although it may not be the physician’s current area of practice. It was noted the medical specialty of the collaborating physician is verified during the random audits of APN practice.
2. Discussion, recommendations and actions regarding APNs writing prescriptions for disabled persons related to NRS 482.3831 through NRS 482.384: F. Olmstead presented an overview of his discussions with the Deputy Attorney General representing Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Statutes currently limit the issuance of disability statements to licensed physicians. Authorization for other persons to issue disability statements would require a statutory change. Discussion ensued. It was recommended the APN specialty group should enter into discussions with DMV personnel to further explore a possibility and processes of obtaining authorization to issuance of disability statements. It was further recommended the discussions should focus on the benefits to Nevada citizens of having APN authority available to issue disability statements.
3. Discussion, recommendations and actions taken at Nevada State Board of Nursing meetings of June and July 2004: D. Rennie reviewed Board actions taken during the June Special Board Meeting in Reno and the Annual Business Meeting in Las Vegas.
4. Discussion of requirement to submit a list of drugs to the board (NAC 632.257 (2.b.)): Historically APNs applying for prescribing privileges have been required to submit a drug list to the board. The drug lists have been submitted either by categories of drugs or by lists of specific authorized drugs. The NPA requires the list be maintained in protocol and that the collaborating physician review and approve the list at least yearly, or when significant changes are made. Discussion ensued related to the

submission of a drug list to the board versus retention of the drug list with the APN's protocols. The committee recommended the Board policy, per NAC 632.258, be revised to reflect the drug list be retained with the protocols and be available for submission to the board as part of the Board's random practice audit process.

#### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion, actions and recommendations related to training for procedures pursuant to NAC 632.255 (3): This regulation identifies the processes available for APNs to acquire additional skills related to their practice. It does not specifically address skills learned through employment. Discussion ensued with particular reference to (d) "The act is within the scope of practice of an advanced practitioner of nursing as determined by the board". The committee concluded the Board's annual approval of the use of the Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), commonly referred to as the "CINAHL Process", would be appropriate for use by APNs to document the inclusion of additional skills into their practice. The committee recommended the regulation be reviewed for specific inclusion of use of CINAHL as a means of determining APN scope of practice.
2. Discussion, actions and recommendations related to required collaborative relationships: Information was provided related to states that have authorized independent practice for APNs. The committee concluded the APN specialty groups should research the necessary legislative processes should the APN community desire to seek a change from collaboration to independent practice.
3. Discussion, actions and recommendations related to the Committee Mission Statement: It was moved and seconded to change the mission statement to read "The mission of the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee is to advise the Nevada State Board of Nursing on matters or issues related to advanced nursing practice".

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Discussion, actions and recommendations related to defining NAC 632.260 (1.e.) "or in a related health field approved by the board": Beginning June 1, 2005, all applicants for certification who complete an APN program on that date or after will be required to have a "masters degree in nursing or in a related health field approved by the Board". Discussion ensued concerning the types of related health field degrees to recommend to the board for approval. It was further discussed if the committee should recommend a list of degrees, degrees accepted by national certification organizations, or deletion of this statement in the regulation. The committee concluded there was insufficient information available at this time to make a recommendation. The committee further concluded additional information should be

obtained through legal research, from other boards of nursing and certification organizations before a recommendation can be made.

**E. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** No items were presented.

**F. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.