

improve the Board's current practice decision to give better direction to nurses who are involved in administering and monitoring procedural sedation. It was decided that the words, "short term" should be deleted from the first paragraph of the practice decision and the wording should be, "It is within the scope of practice of an RN to administer medication for the purpose of induction of minimal or moderate sedation for therapeutic, diagnostic, or surgical procedures." The subcommittee provided a Practice Policy: Considerations for Policy Guidelines for Registered Nurses Engaged in the Administration of Sedation and Analgesia from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). The policy references the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations' standard definition for the four levels of sedation and anesthesia. These include:

Minimal sedation where the patient responds normally

Moderate sedation/analgesia (conscious sedation) where an airway and cardiovascular function is maintained

Deep sedation/analgesia, in which the patient is not easily aroused

Anesthesia, in which patients require assisted ventilation

The committee directed the subcommittee to return to the next committee meeting in April to present their proposed revisions to the Board's current practice decision.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: Since there were no new committee members since the last committee meeting, D. Scott asked if any of the current members had any questions about the expectations of the Board for their work on the committee and asked about the members' expectations of the Board and Board staff in support of their volunteering their time to this work.
2. Legislative update: D. Scott and F. Olmstead presented a legislative update related to issues that may affect the NSBN. Topics included medication aides, safe injection practices, consolidation of boards, and certification of emergency personnel. She also related some new services through NURsys that are available to the public, which increased the Board's ability to protect the public.
3. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The members requested that the regular items, legislative update, orientation of new members, and Board meeting follow continue to be on the agenda and to include a report from the subcommittee at the next NPAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.