

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thursday
May 31, 2018, 5-6p**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Sub-Committee was called to order by Sheryl Giordano, APRN-C, at 5:05 p.m. via teleconference at the Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, #B300, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Strobehn, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC
Paul Kapsar Jr, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC
Jeanine Packham, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN-CMC, PHN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheryl A. Maes, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC
Cheryl Broussard, MSN, FNP-BC
Pamela Burgio, APRN, PNP

OTHERS PRESENT

Sheryl Giordano, APRN-C, APRN Consultant, Chair
Lea Cartwright, NV Psychiatric Association
Stephanie DeBoor, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs,
UNR, Orvis School of Nursing
Jackie Ferdowsali, DNP, AGACNP-BC, ACNPC-AG, Track Coordinator for the Adult
Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program, UNR, Orvis School of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: S. Giordano called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and discussed the purpose of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment. Introduction of all attendees on the phone was conducted.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No prior minutes as this is the first sub-committee meeting to discuss the Nevada State board of Nursing (NSBN) "Determining Your Scope of Practice" document on the NSBN website.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

None

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding possible revision of the current NSBN Scope of Practice Decision Tree. S. Giordano presented current scope of practice tree from the NSBN website last revised 8/6/02.
 - Mr. Paul Kapsar, APRN discussed his concerns with the Scope of Practice Decision-Making Framework model article (July, 2016). Specifically pointing out sections that speak to "...Are there practice setting policies and procedures in place to support performing the activity, intervention or role?" Mr. Kapsar voiced concerns regarding why the Board would care as the agency has laws and regulations that must be followed and does not necessarily concern itself with whether or not an individual or entity sets-up policies and procedures. Is it the concern of the Board regarding policies and procedures? Further, Mr. Kapsar pointed out the section on "Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform the activity, intervention or role in this setting" was a landmine because most nurses should have the level of education, training and experience one would expect to do a task. Used the prescribing of Benzos as an example.
 - Mrs. Patricia Strobehn, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, identified that this language was not currently in the present decision tree. She also discussed how the Tri-Council journal article (July, 2016) had a section in the decision-making framework that spoke to the use of evidenced-based literature and that was missing from the current tree.
 - Dr. Jeanine Packham, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN-CMC, PHN, discussed that most entities have policies and procedures in place. Whenever working for a facility there are policies and procedures in place to protect the nurse and the patient/public. Dr. Packham also pointed out that #2 in the current NSBN Scope of Practice (SOP) Decision Tree is very similar to what Mr. Kapsar is referring to with reasonable and prudent. Further suggesting that the sub-committee get a definition from NSBN counsel on the definition to clarify the meaning.
 - Mr. Kapsar then went on to speak to the validity of the literature and what should be accepted/acceptable.
 - Mrs. Patricia Strobehn, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC discussed the rigor of the studies, new literature and evidence of the studies reviewed.
 - Dr. Jeanine Packham, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN-CMC, PHN indicated that she like the Tri-Council Scope of Nursing Practice Decision-Making Framework, there was credibility in the organizations that supported it including National Council State Boards of Nursing, American Nurses Association, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Organization of Nurse Executives, and National League for Nursing. Dr. Packham also suggested as to not re-create the wheel but the need to clarify with the Board if this would work with all levels of licensure and not just Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.
 - Dr. Stephanie DeBoor was invited to speak by the sub-committee. Dr. DeBoor discussed the use of the highest level of research, meta-analysis and whether the decision tree may or may not make it fit just right if the evidence from Cochrane did not support a practice decision. She further discussed the topic of "Professional Scope of Practice" which is formal education versus "Personal Scope of Practice"

which might be all the continuing education an individual does to enhance their own personal depth of expertise but does not expand the individual's role. Dr. DeBoor added that these topics were recently (2018) discussed in articles in the literature by the ANA (American Nurses Association).

- S. Giordano, DNP, APRN-C clarified for the sub-committee that the purpose of the SOP Decision Tree teleconference was to discuss "Professional Scope of Practice" and how the Nurse Practice Act and law is involved.
- Mr. Kapsar, APRN discussed the importance that the line and definitions had to be clear especially with practice decisions.
- Mrs. Patricia Strobehn, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC discussed the beauty of the current NSBN SOP Decision Tree because it is easy to understand, usable for all disciplines and liked the simplicity of it. Questioned how a complaint would be processed as related to the question of policies and procedures as discussed earlier in the meeting. Clarified by Board staff, S. Giordano, DNP, APRN-C.
- Dr. Stephanie DeBoor was invited to speak again by the sub-committee and commented that she would not teach a psych mental health APRN to put in an arterial line but this is certainly a task that could be learned if they chose to learn it. It would however be out of their scope of practice.
- Dr. Jeanine Packham, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN-CMC, PHN added that just because you can do a skill doesn't mean you should.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Plan to send a date poll out for the week of 6/18/18 - 6/22/18 to determine the best date to meet for follow-up.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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