Nursing Practice Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the report of the September 18, 2013 meeting of the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee (NPAC).

Meeting Report: The NPAC met on September 18, 2013 to discuss and propose recommendations for amendments to Board Rule 216, Continuing Competency. The committee discussed two key pieces of legislation enacted during the 83rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature that pertained to continuing nursing education. The first was Senate Bill (SB) 1058, which amended Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code (Nursing Practice Act) and required the Board of Nursing (BON) to adopt rules related to continuing nursing education in geriatrics, nursing jurisprudence and ethics. The second was SB 1191, which amended the Texas Health and Safety Code and required nurses performing forensic examinations on sexual assault survivors to have at least basic forensic evidence collection training. This type of training is currently a requirement in Board Rule 216.3 (d). NPAC’s discussion focused on recommendations for changes to Board Rule 216 that are consistent with SB 1058 and SB 1191.

In addition, the committee discussed allowing a nurse(s) that develops or presents course(s) in nursing jurisprudence, ethics, geriatrics, or forensic evidence collection to receive continuing nursing education (CNE). Members discussed allowing this for any program and not just for the three mandated topics in the proposed rules. The members recommended that the Board consider amending current rules that a person who develops or presents any program may obtain CNE. See Board Agenda Item 5.2.2.b.

The recommendations and proposed rule from NPAC to the Board will be presented in Board Agenda Item 7.2.

Minutes from the June 8, 2011 NPAC meeting were approved by the committee and are provided for the Board’s review in Attachment A. A verbal report regarding this meeting was provided to Board members at the July 2011 Board meeting.

Pros and Cons: None noted.

Staff Recommendation: This item is for information purposes only. No action is required.
TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
AUSTIN, TEXAS
NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
333 Guadalupe, Suite 102
Austin, TX

Members Present
Gie Archer, MSN, RN, WHNP
Pam Brashears, LVN
Thelma Davis, LVN
Rachel Hammon, BSN, RN
Julie Lindley, BSN, RN
Laura Miller, MSN, RN
Elizabeth Skeleton, BSN, RN
Elizabeth Sjoberg, JD, RN

Organization/Representation
Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators
Texas League for Vocational Nurses
Licensed Vocational Nurses Association
Texas Association for Home Care
Texas School Nurses Organization
Texas Organization of Nurse Executives
Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
Texas Hospital Association

Members Pending Board Approval Present
Diane Moy, MSN, RN, APMHCNS- BC
Kathryn Griffin, MSN, RN

Consultant to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee
Texas Department of State Health Services

Board Member Liaison
Kathy Leader-Horn, LVN

Texas Board of Nursing

Guests
Deborah Nichols, MS, BSN, RN
Cindy Zolnierek, MSN, RN
Board Staff
Denise Benbow, MSN, RN
Bonnie Cone, MSN, RN
Melinda Hester, DNP, RN
Mary Beth Thomas, PhD, RN

Baptist Health System
Texas Nurses Association
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**AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION**

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<th>I. Call to Order</th>
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<td>The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Melinda Hester. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.</td>
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<th>II. Old Business</th>
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<td>Election of NPAC Chairperson</td>
<td>Laura Miller volunteered to serve as NPAC Chairperson.</td>
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<td>Introduction of draft position statements included history of the RN and LVN Board merger leading to the development of the Interpretive Guideline for LVN Scope of Practice to recent publication of the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) Of Graduates of Texas Nursing Programs.</td>
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<td>Review of Draft Position Statement 15.27, LVN Scope of Practice</td>
<td>Discussion included the term &quot;predictable&quot;, the terms &quot;comprehensive&quot; for the RN and &quot;Focused&quot; for the LVN, references to LVN supervision with the recommendation to use the term &quot;clinical nursing supervisor&quot; and the use of the term &quot;nursing plan of care.&quot;</td>
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<td>Review of Draft Position Statement 15.28, RN Scope of Practice</td>
<td>Some of the discussions regarding formatting and editorial word changes carried forward on similar aspects of the two draft position statements. Much of the discussion centered on the table appended to both draft position statements. Discussion regarding possibility of developing frequently asked questions to go with the Position Statements.</td>
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<th>V. Future Meeting Dates</th>
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<td>The meeting adjourned.</td>
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Approved on: September 18, 2013