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## **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on December 12, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

**PRESENT:** Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Sandy Elliott, CNM; Richard Henderson, MD; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Leena Paul, MD; Manisha Wadhwa, MD (at 4:44 pm), Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

**ABSENT:** Ronald Castaldo, PhD, CRNA; Mary Diamond, DO

**GUESTS:** Jill Englund Jensen; Jean Marie Tuete

**PRESIDING:** Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

**STAFF:** Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, Executive Director - Division of Professional Regulation; Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

### **2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Elliott moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3.0 Old Business**

3.1. A revised draft of the FAQs for APRNs were reviewed. The Committee discussed some recent questions received by the Executive Director and confirmed that the APRNs' questions were being answered by the drafted FAQs. Additional FAQs may need to be added in the future. The Committee finalized the draft; they agreed that the APRNs FAQs could be submitted to the Division for posting on the Board of Nursing web page.

3.2. Discussion of application process for independent practice – Dr. Mack confirmed that the Division continues to administratively work on the application. A draft of the application is expected to be available at the Committee's January meeting.

### **4.0 Other Business (for discussion)**

The APRN Compact was discussed, as well as potential statute changes to the current APRN language. The Nursing statute and “clean up language” will be discussed at the January meeting. The APRN Committee will meet January 23, 2017 at 4:30 pm, as the usual meeting date conflicts with a state holiday. In February, the APRN Committee meetings will resume on the third Monday of each month.

**4.0. Public Comment** – Dr. Jensen noted that the upcoming APRN conference provides pharmacology CE hours and inquired if other education presentations, such as those given by pharmacists in other settings, would qualify as APRN CE. Information regarding CE providers was relayed. Mr. Tuete discussed the process and potential challenges that PA and NJ licensed APRNs might experience in the endorsement process to Delaware.

**5.0 Next Meeting Dates** – January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017; February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**6.0 Adjournment** – 6:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, PMHCNS,  
Executive Director, Board of Nursing