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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Approved January 6, 2020)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on November 4, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ron Castaldo, CRNA; Katie O'Brien, CNM; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Megan Williams, FNP-C; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP

ABSENT: Neha Soares, MD; Mark Borer, MD

GUESTS: Francina Greene

PRESIDING: Ron Castaldo, CRNA

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Castaldo called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from September 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Cunningham. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Dr. Williams requested to add "Challenges in Meeting Metrics and Benchmark Parameters" as letter B under New Business. All members agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APRN Education Program Rules and Regulations

Documents with comments from two DE nursing APRN education programs and the CRNA national organization were reviewed. The responses were mixed with one school opposed and one in favor. Ms. O'Brien commented that midwifery programs do not require a doctorate for the chairperson and she would check with them for their standards and requirements. Ms. Cunningham stated she was still waiting for a response from the national CNS association. Dr.

Zickafoose will contact the school opposing the regulations to request more details and further clarification of their opposition. Members also discussed whether PA's should be allowed to be

a preceptor. It was decided in some circumstances this would be acceptable. The committee will continue the discussion at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for Independent Practice:

Reshma Singh, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanne Millios, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. O'Brien moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Tomko, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Monica Maldonado, Women's Health/Gender Related NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. O'Brien moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Raji Mathew, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Olivere, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Seward, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. O'Brien moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Stefanie Tyler, Women's Health/Gender Related NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Shekayla Hooks, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Luckanish, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Atherine Vissy-Sterling, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Holzapfel moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Tamieka Bugam, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to deny independent practice based on the collaborator not having the same role and population focus as the APRN. In addition the verification form did not indicate the 2 years and 4000 hours were met. The motion passed unanimously.

Challenges in Meeting Metrics and Benchmark Parameters:

Dr. Williams stated she was contacted by a colleague who asked what type of metrics new NPs should acquire in order to meet the requirements for independent practice. Dr. Zickafoose noted there will be a rules and regulations hearing next week at the Board of Nursing meeting that will clarify some of the language. Dr. Williams requested the marked up rules and regulations be emailed to her, and she also wanted it noted that the benchmarks and metrics are barriers to practice. Members discussed the APRN compact which may clarify some of this as well. However, the APRN compact is being revised and will not be voted on until August 2020 at the annual NCSBN meeting. If it is approved, the committee plans to move forward with APRN compact legislation in early 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

Lorraine Collins-Fox, PMH CNS (Discipline and Licensure)

Dr. Zickafoose explained Ms. Collins-Fox had discipline in Florida for overprescribing and her education does not currently meet the board's requirements based on the Consensus Model. It was brought to this committee to provide a recommendation to the Board of Nursing for their next meeting. Specifically, Ms. Collins-Fox has a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology in 1991 with none of the 3 P courses indicated on the transcript. She has PMH CNS certification but is licensed as a NP in Florida. Ms. Cunningham stated that without proper education in an acute care facility and no courses on psychiatric disease processes on the transcript, she was very concerned. Dr. Zickafoose pointed out there are grandfathering recommendations in cases like this. Dr. Castaldo asked and Dr. Zickafoose confirmed there were no other disciplinary actions noted on the NPDB report other than the one in Florida in 2008. Ms. O'Brien moved to recommend licensure, seconded by Dr. Williams. The motion carried with Ms. Cunningham opposed and Ms. Holzapfel abstaining.

APRN Committee Meeting Dates

Dr. Zickafoose noted the March 2nd meeting needed to be changed to March 9th due to a scheduling conflict.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Greene stated shew as a student at the University of DE and she was in the AG DNP program.

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2020 in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. O'Brien moved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE
Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing