

### **Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report**

**Summary of Request:** Consider the report of the May 9, 2018, Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC) meeting and a suggestion from APNAC members.

**Historical Perspective:** The APNAC met on May 9, 2018, to work on its current charges from the Board. James Walker, DNP, CRNA, FNAP, FAAN, was re-elected as the chairperson. Staff provided a brief orientation to the work of the Board and the role of the committee for the benefit of new committee members.

Committee members completed work on their charge to review *Rules 222 & 228* to advise on amendments necessitated by the passage of House Bill 2561 requiring APRN prescribers to check the Texas Prescription Monitoring Program prior to prescribing opioids, benzodiazepines, carisoprodol (Soma), or barbiturates that was issued by the Board in October 2017. The APNAC's recommendations are presented for the Board's consideration as agenda items 7.8 and 7.9 on the July 2018 agenda. The APNAC also completed work on its charge to advise in the development of guidelines for the responsible prescribing of opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and carisoprodol (soma) that was issued at the April 2018 Board meeting. The guidelines were developed to comply with statutory requirements that were also adopted in House Bill 2561. The guidelines are presented for the Board's consideration in agenda item 7.11 on the July 2018 agenda.

APNAC members resumed their work to review *Rule 221* to advise on amendments needed to update the current rule. This charge was issued in January 2012. The APNAC's original recommendation to the Board was presented in 2014. Although the Board voted to propose the recommendation from APNAC, the rules were not adopted due to significant public comment. The APNAC completed recommendations for amendments to §§221.2-221.11. The committee's recommendation for amendments to those sections of the rule are provided for the Board's consideration as agenda item 7.10 on the July 2018 agenda. The APNAC will consider other sections of *Rule 221* at a future meeting.

A member of the APNAC also made a suggestion, and other members of the APNAC voiced general agreement. The suggestion was to review advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) scope of practice information that is available on the Board's website (see Attachment A). The information referenced by the committee's suggestion is not a rule, position statement, or guideline. This is policy information that is generally developed by staff in an effort to help operationalize the Nursing Practice Act, Board Rules, and other guidance documents issued by the Board. The purpose of the scope of practice information on the website is not to define scope of practice; rather, it is intended to guide APRNs who are seeking to determine their scopes of practice. It is used in tandem with the Six Step Decision Making Model for Determining Nursing Scope of Practice.

No future meetings are scheduled at this time.

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

Move to direct staff to review and revise the posted information on the Board's website concerning decision making regarding scope of practice with input from the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee and appropriate stakeholders.