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Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee Meeting

October 11, 2021 10:00 am

Location: Arkansas State Medical Board Boardroom

Zoom link:

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Draft Rules
 - a. Review and discuss draft rules
 - b. Discuss fees
3. Application packets
4. Next meeting
 - a. Format
 - b. Dates



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FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE October 11, 2021

The meeting of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee was called to order by Sue Tedford, Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing at 10:00 a.m.

Members present:

Sue Tedford, Director ASBN
Amy Embry, Director ASMB
Darlene Byrd, APRN
Purushottam Thapa, M.D.
Leonie DeClerk, APRN
Julia Ponder, APRN
Mitzi Scotten, M.D.
Mark Foster, APRN
Donna Shipley, M.D.
William Hawkins, M.D.

Also attending this meeting:

Shannon McKinney, ASBN Assistant Director for Advanced Practice
David Dawson, ASBN General Counsel
Juli Carlson, Regulatory Manager, ASMB
Brad Nye, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for ASMB
Matt Gilmore, Boards and Commissions Coordinator
Senator Kim Hammer

Introduction of the Committee members was conducted. Ms. Tedford explained the duties and purpose of the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the proposed rules. A summary of comments is below:

- Edit to state the Committee's title consistent with the statute
- Draft policy addressing financial reports for the Committee to review
- Elect Chair and Vice Chair positions for one year term and no more than two consecutive terms
- Clarify the Vice Chair has authority to act as Chair in the absence of the Chair
- All complaints about independent practicing nurse practitioners will be referred to the Committee



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- Clearly define in the rules the criteria to verify the qualifying requirements for independent practice to avoid arbitrary and capricious decisions
- Include letter of reference addressing the nurse practitioner's competency and quality of care
- Include recent practice activity and length of time
- Through the application process, clearly define the required hours of practice must be actual hours worked

Ms. Tedford will poll the Committee with the options to set the next meeting date, which must be prior to November 17, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Leonie DeClerk, Chair

Handwritten signature of Juli Carlson in blue ink.

Juli Carlson, Recording Secretary

Handwritten date '11-2-21' in black ink.

Date Approved