



Arkansas Department of Health

Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee

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FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE

March 9, 2022

Arkansas State Board of Nursing, Ste. 312 and via Zoom

The meeting of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee was called to order by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN, Chairperson of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee at 1:36 p.m.

Members present:

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN, Chair
Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN, Vice-Chair
Purushottam Thapa, M.D.
Mitzi Scotten, M.D.
Donna Shipley, M.D.
William Hawkins, M.D.
Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN
Amy Embry, Executive Director ASMB
Sue Tedford, Executive Director ASBN

Members absent:

Mark Foster, DNP, APRN

Also attending this meeting:

David Dawson, Counsel for ASBN
Lacie Kirchner, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for the FIPCC
Matt Gilmore, Boards and Commissions Coordinator
Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, ASBN Assistant Director

Additions to the agenda – There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of the agenda

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to accept the agenda and Purushottam Thapa, M.D. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes from January 6, 2021

Mitzi Scotten, M.D. moved to accept the minutes Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Update of the proposed rules – ASBN Chapter 11

a. Review of Public Comments

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN commented on the comments made at the public hearing on March 2, 2022 and on the written comments. Sue Tedford reported that after consultation with the attorneys, there may be possible changes to Chapter 11 to clarify the language “full practice authority” and “independent practice”.

b. Timeline

Sue Tedford reported that the public comment period ends on March 14, 2022, and the paperwork is due to the Capitol on March 15, 2022. If the rules are added to the April agendas for Public Health and the Rules Committee, the effective date will be mid-May 2022.

Review of Website

Leonie DeClerk discussed the Committee’s new website and asked for comments from the Committee.

Display Signage

Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN reported that the certificate that was created is required by law and it must be displayed conspicuously where the APRN is practicing. Mitzi Scotten, M.D. asked if it also needed to be displayed on websites for individuals searching for a primary care provider. While there is nothing in the law requiring it to be included in the website, Donna Shipley, M.D. stated that this may become an issue if complaints are filed.

Proposed Policies

a. Policy 1.2 – Election of Officers

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved that the procedure number 2 be amended to read “Prior to the meeting, committee members interested in running for an office shall notify the Director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.” William Hawkins M.D. seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

b. Policy 1.3 – Applications Submitted by Committee Members

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved that the policy be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN and the vote passed unanimously.

c. Policy 2.3 – Complaints

There was a discussion regarding the investigative and disciplinary authority of the Committee. William Hawkins, M.D. moved that procedure number 3 be amended to read “the FIPCC shall refer the investigation to the appropriate entity.” It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN and the vote passed unanimously.

Other Business

- There was a discussion about the processing and reviewing of applications. It was determined that the whole committee will review the applications and will address the process on an as needed basis.

- The complaint form will be a part of the website; however, the Committee will accept all written complaints.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for early June 2022.

Adjournment

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Williams Hawkins, M.D. and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Leonie DeClerk, Chair



Amy Embry, Recording Secretary

6.30.22

Date