



Wyoming State Board of Nursing

Practice Committee Charge

Structure

Members:

The Practice Committee is comprised of Board members who can provide expertise in the areas of nursing practice.

As such, the Committee will be comprised of three Board members including an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse representative, a Registered Nurse and a Licensed Practical Nurse representative plus expert Ad-hoc volunteer members (only on an as needed basis). The Committee members and Chair are selected at the annual meeting by the WSNB President.

Attendance at the Committee will include the WSNB Practice and Education Consultant, and may include the Board Advising Attorney and the WSNB Executive Director (all in Ex-officio capacity).

Meetings:

The Committee will meet quarterly and as needed. The date/time and type of meeting (i.e. conference call, internet call or face-to-face) will be determined by the Committee members.

Scope

Purpose:

The Committee serves to guide the:

1. Practice of nurses and role of certified nurse aides (CNAs) in the State of Wyoming through interpretation of the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) and Administrative Rules and Regulations and through application of evidence based practice and national standards.
2. Regulation of practice for licensees in the State of Wyoming through review, evaluation, prioritization and revisions to the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) and assigned chapters of the Administrative Rules and Regulations, specifically Chapter 1: General Provisions and Chapter 3: Scope and Standards of Nursing Practice and CNA Role.

Approved by Board Motion on April 12, 2018

Opportunity/Problem:

The Committee recognizes that the practice of nursing and the role of the CNA throughout the State of Wyoming are impacted by the activities of the WSBN. The Committee provides review, discussion, guidance and recommendations.

Function**Practice Committee Charge:**

1. To develop and provide evidence based responses and guidance to nurses and educators in the practice of nursing and the role of the CNA in Wyoming.
2. To make recommendations to the Board regarding policy, including rule making and procedures for the scope of practice and nursing processes.

Deliverables and Measurement:

1. Practice Questions
 - a. Those questions will be answered within six (6) weeks.
 - b. Those approved responses will be returned to the sender by the Practice and Education Consultant within two (2) weeks.
 - c. Responses to the questions are returned to their sender by six (6) weeks.
 - d. Questions and responses will be tracked and analyzed to determine trends by licensure type, topic, and frequency and reported to the Board as needed.
 - e. Recommend proposed action to the Board based on identified trends.
2. Advisory Opinions
 - a. Propose and craft new Advisory Opinions as needed for Board consideration.
 - b. Annual evaluation of published Advisory Opinions posted to the WSBN website and accessible by licensees, certificate holders and the public.
3. Board Rules and Regulations
 - a. Review or recommend initiation, develop and draft proposed changes to the NPA and assigned Administrative Rules and Regulations chapters.
 - b. Inform the Committee of the Whole (COW) of proposed changes of the NPA and assigned chapters.
 - c. Annual review of WSBN approved Advisory Opinions.
 - d. Projects or data evaluation as deemed necessary for the safe practice of nursing, the role of the CNA and the protection of the public.