



# Wyoming State Board of Nursing

## Legislative Committee Charge

### **Structure**

#### **Members:**

The Legislative Committee (the Committee) is comprised of Board members who can provide guidance in the areas of fees and disciplinary, application and licensure matters.

The Committee will be comprised of two (2) to three (3) Board members, avoiding the presence of a quorum. The WSBN President selects the Committee members and designates the chair following the annual meeting elections and after the Governor's new Board member appointments become effective, usually March 1, of the appointment year.

Attendance at the Committee may include the WSBN Executive Director, the Board Advising Attorney and invited Board staff as determined. (all in Ex-officio capacity)

#### **Meetings:**

The Committee will meet at least 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 monitor local, state and national legislation that impacts patient care.

The Committee serves to guide the regulation of nursing education and practice of nurses 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, Chapter 5: Fees and Chapter 8: Practice and Procedure for Disciplinary, Application and Licensure Matters.

#### **Opportunity:**

The Committee recognizes the needs of the public, licensees, certificate holders, nursing students and educators that influence changes to the NPA and Board Rules and Regulations.

## **Function**

### **Legislative Committee Charge:**

1. To monitor local, state and national legislation that impacts patient care.
2. To review, evaluate, prioritize and provide recommendations to revise the NPA and assigned Administrative Rules and Regulations chapters.
3. Inform the Committee of the Whole (COW) of proposed changes of the NPA and assigned chapters.

### **Desired Impact:**

A regulatory and administrative framework exists to ensure:

1. due process for all licensees and certificate holders in investigations and disciplinary actions.
2. the fee structure will support the mission of the WSNB and satisfy statutory mandates.
3. the rule change process utilizes appropriate resources and tools i.e. pre-meetings with Legislative Service Office (LSO) and Governor's office staff.

### **Impact Measured By:**

1. Sponsorship of necessary rules requiring change.