

## Nursing Practice Committee

### Purpose

This committee has been formed in order to respond to issues regarding RN/LPN scopes of practice and requests for rule review or formulation.

### Committee Membership

Committee membership will be geographically diverse and will represent a variety of healthcare and practice settings. Membership will include, but is not limited to staff nurses, nursing management/administration and nursing faculty. There will RN, LPN and public member representation on the committee.

Committee members will apply for a two-year term. This term may be renewed one time. The only exception is during the initial cycle, when approximately half of the committee will be able to serve a second term and half will not. Selection for a second term will include willingness to mentor and provide support for new committee members. Board staff will conduct applicant interviews and members will be appointed by the Board. Membership will include 15 appointed Committee members, one to two Board members and one to two members of the Board's staff. Additional ad hoc members who are not formally appointed may assist in areas when their subject matter expertise is required.

### Meetings

Meetings will be set on an annual basis, held on a quarterly basis, and will comply with public meeting law.

### Goals

Committee goals include the following:

1. Review/revise current Board policies, position statements and administrative rules as directed and with the schedule set by the Board/Board staff, including responding to requests formally submitted on the *Request for OSBN Issue Review* form.
2. Respond, as directed by the Board, to the changing healthcare environment by addressing scope of practice issues and developing policies and position statements as needed.
3. Discuss and deliberate scope of practice issues when requested, and make recommendations to the Board regarding specific issues.

### Process

Issues previously prioritized by the Board will be brought to this committee for action.

Members within the committee will complete the needed work and will seek experts, as needed/directed, and within a particular nursing specialty area, to provide assistance. The following information will be considered during policy/rule development or change:

1. Existing literature or research.
2. Community and industry standards for nursing care (as appropriate) for the particular issue.
3. National professional nursing standards.

Draft policies or rules would be completed by committee members and submitted via Board staff to the Board for consideration/adoption.

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