

Council on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Autonomous Practice Draft Minutes



November 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm EDT

Meet Me #:
888-585-9008

Participation Code:
275-112-502

Roll Call:

Council Members:

Cassandra G. Pasley, BSN, JD, Chair
Shailesh Gupta, MD
Hector Vila, MD
Charrita Ernewein, DNP, APRN, FNP
Vicky Stone-Gale, DNP, APRN, FNP
Kathleen Wilson, PhD, APRN, FNP
Mary Kay Miller DNP, CNM, APRN, FACNM
Michelle Mendez, DO
Joel Rose, DO

Attorney:

Christopher R. Dierlam, Assistant Attorney General

Board Staff:

Joe Baker, Jr., Executive Director
Nicole Benson, Program Operations Administrator
Sherri Sutton-Johnson, DrPH, MSN/Ed, RN, CCHW, Director of Nursing Education
Zoë McCook, Regulatory Specialist III

- I. **Opening Remarks and Introductions** – Ms. Pasley opened the meeting and welcomed Mary Kay Miller to the Council as a replacement appointee for Sandra Williamson. Dr. Miller gave a brief update on her background as a Certified Nurse Midwife and APRN.
- a. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2020, Council Meeting- A motion was made by Dr. Stone-Gale to approve, which was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Discussion – Council Members

1. Board of Nursing; Proposed Definition of Primary Care Practice:

64B9-4.001 Definitions.

(12) Primary care practice – includes physical and mental health promotion, assessment, evaluation, disease prevention, health maintenance, counseling, patient education, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses (adapted from the American Academy of Family Physicians – Definition #2) in a variety of health care settings.

Mr. Baker gave an update about what the Board has voted to be the rule. The rule has been noticed, a workshop has been held and the Board voted to move forward with this language. A request has been made to remove (adapted from the American Academy of Family Physicians) as well as “in a variety of health care settings”. The request from JAPC will be presented to the Board on December 4th Board meeting.

Dr. Vila commented that his read on what the statute is that the Board should be defining family medicine, general pediatrics and general internal medicine. Dr. Gupta stated that he agrees with Dr. Vila on the reading of the statute.

Mr. Dierlam gave clarification on the role of the Council at the request of Ms. Pasley.
Dr. Aaron Wohl, Florida College of Emergency Physicians, commented that in a variety of healthcare settings causes issues with scope in the future.
Dr. Mendez commented that all Boards are charged with ensuring that all patients receive safe and effective care.
Dr. Ernewein commented that all items listed in the definition are things that APRNs are doing in their current settings.

2. Draft Language for Standards of Practice Recommendation to the Board –

Advanced practice registered nurses who are registered pursuant to Section 464.0123, F.S., shall engage in autonomous practice only in a manner that meets the General Standard of Practice. The General Standard of Practice shall be that standard of practice, care, skill, and treatment which, in light of all relevant surrounding circumstances, is recognized as acceptable and appropriate by reasonably prudent similarly situated health care providers.

Mr. Dierlam gave an explanation on the proposed language.
Dr. Stone-Gale gave a recommendation to change the words “health care providers” to “advanced practice registered nurses”. Discussion ensued among the Council members and members of the public about this recommendation.
Dr. Miller sought clarification on the meaning of General Standard of Practice. Mr. Dierlam provided clarification of what that means and what would be considered.
A motion was made by Dr. Vila to accept the language without amendment, which was seconded. Motion passed with Drs. Ernewein, Stone-Gale, Wilson, and Miller opposed. This recommendation will be presented to the Board of Nursing for consideration of adoption by rule.

3. Standards of Practice – Dr. Stone-Gale

a. Medspa- this item was tabled until primary care practice is defined.

4. American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Midwifery Standards – Dr. Miller commented that information was submitted for review by those interested.

- a. Standards of Practice of Midwifery
- b. Definition and Scope of Practice
- c. Core Competencies

5. Other

Dr. Miller commented that Florida is one of the last states to address autonomous care and that all practitioners work to ensure safety and good care of their patients.

III. Future Meeting Schedule

Mr. Baker recommended that the Council wait to see the outcome of the vote from the Board of Nursing meeting before scheduling another meeting.

IV. Closing Comments

There were no closing comments from Council Members.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM