

National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice

Meeting on November 19, 2018

The 136th meeting of the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP) was held on November 19, 2018. The meeting was conducted via webinar and teleconference, based from the headquarters of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the meeting was open to the public for its full duration.

Council Members Attending:

Dr. Marsha Howell Adams
Dr. Maryann Alexander
Dr. Cynthia Bienemy
Dr. Mary Brucker
Dr. Ann Cary
Ms. Mary Ann Christopher
Dr. Tammi Damas
Ms. Mary Ann Hilliard

Dr. Ronda Hughes
Dr. Christopher Hulin
Dr. Linda Kim
Dr. Maryjoan Ladden
Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake
Ms. Donna Meyer
Dr. Teri Murray
Dr. Roy Simpson

Others Present:

Ms. Tracy Gray, Designated Federal Official, NACNEP
Ms. Deitra Scott, Division of Nursing and Public Health, HRSA
Mr. Raymond J. Bingham, Division of Nursing and Public Health, HRSA
Dr. Kennita Carter, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, HRSA

Welcome

Ms. Tracy Gray, Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP, or the Council), convened the 136th meeting of NACNEP at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018, and conducted a roll call. Sixteen members were present, confirming the presence of a quorum, so the meeting proceeded.

Ms. Gray stated that CAPT Sophia Russell, NACNEP chair and director of the HRSA Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH) within the Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Ms. Gray stated that the purpose of the meeting was to continue drafting NACNEP's 15th Report to Congress, *Promoting Nursing Leadership in the Transition to Value-Based Care*. The Council would also receive updates from BHW, and review a draft letter to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Congress regarding a recent rule change on medical documentation implemented by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Discussion of Draft 15th Report

Ms. Gray turned the meeting over to Dr. Ann Cary of the NACNEP Writing Committee for a review of the draft 15th Report. Dr. Cary stated that the report had been divided into three sections: Team-based Care; Scope of Practice; and Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Value-based Health Care Delivery. Each section would be discussed separately.

Team-based Care

The first discussion subject related to Value-Based Care was Team-Based Care. The Council members stated that all nurses engage in care coordination and it should therefore be more prevalent in nursing curricula and in practice infrastructure. The suggested draft recommendations were as follows:

1. Schools of nursing should incorporate team-based theory and clinical experiences as an essential competency for each degree, including both undergraduate and graduate degrees – in all degree programs.
2. Institutions should execute team-based care practices in the design of patient care planning and interventions.
3. Strongly encourage partnerships between academia and practice settings so that the educational piece of team-based care when it is included in curricula reflects the best practice or the latest practice.
4. Continuing education for nursing with the latest evidence about how to form and continue a team and how to lead and then how to follow.
5. Advance nursing education through competency capacity building and by assuring that clinical sites are interprofessional in their practice domains.

Scope of Practice

The next topic was Scope of Practice. Council members agreed that registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) should be able to work to the full extent of their scope of practice. The Council stated that scope of practice is restricted based on certain states' regulations. The Council stated that hospitals with magnet status seem to perform better with patient satisfaction and on the value base measurements than other facilities; and that in magnet hospitals; one of standards is that nurses are engaged to practice fully to their scope.

The Council discussed the efficacy of nurses obtaining a National Provider Identifier (NPI) to get better data for scope of practice and using opportunities to shift how nurses are taught to practice at the top of their license and how health systems can build this scope in through health system science. The suggested recommendations for this section were:

1. Recommend that HRSA encourage grantee students to obtain an NPI.
2. Recommend grantee schools teach students to work to the full scope of practice.

Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Value-based Health Care Delivery

The final topic for the 15th Report was Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Value-based Health Care Delivery. The Council discussed the need for nursing education to include more data science and for nursing practice to better include nursing documentation into data collection of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) to improve workflow. The Council members emphasized the importance of health technology as healthcare through telemedicine evolves. The Council had a long and passionate discussion about the need for nursing to be included in

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) since nursing's foundation is science, and its practice prominently incorporates technology. The suggested recommendations for this section were:

1. Encourage funding for education of nurses in informatics, human factors, and data science.
2. Encourage funding to improve rural access for new models of learning for nurses and nursing students, such as asynchronous on-line, simulation, and distance education.

Upon completion of the discussion of subtopics for the 15th Report, the Council determined that the Writing Committee would edit the Report and continue to research the topics for evidence supporting the Council's proposed recommendations. The Writing Committee expects to submit their final draft to the HRSA technical writer by December 31, 2018.

Discussion: Proposed CMS Letter

Ms. Gray moved to the next item on the agenda, discussion of a proposed letter to CMS in support of a recent rule change regarding medical student documentation in the medical record, along with a recommendation to consider further changes and clarifications to cover other health profession students and preceptors. She turned the discussion over to Dr. Cary.

Dr. Cary noted that the Council had previously reviewed an initial draft of the letter. However, after editing, the substance of the letter changed by incorporating reference to the inclusion of physician assistants (PAs). Thus, she wanted to provide the opportunity for the Council members to review and comment on the revised draft. In discussion, Dr. Kennita Carter, HRSA Division of Medicine and Dentistry, and Mr. Raymond Bingham, technical writer with HRSA, noted that three other HRSA advisory committees had sent or were drafting letters on this issue, including reference to both APRNs and PAs to emphasize the increasingly interprofessional nature of healthcare training and practice. The Council approved the revised letter by consensus.

Next Steps: Preparing for the NACNEP 16th Report to Congress

Next, the Council transitioned to preparations for the 16th Report and began the process of selecting a topic. The suggested topics were:

- Nursing Education through Community Engagement (social determinants of health);
- Care Coordination (community engagement); Access to Care (nursing perspective);
- Faculty Shortage (recruit, train, prepare faculty to precept, teach about new concepts, paradigm shift from education to practice);
- Strategies for incorporating Technology in Nursing Today (patient portals, balancing privacy with communication, producing more data scientists, high reliability); and
- Price Transparency (how nurses impact the cost of healthcare/drug costs).

The Council determined it would decide on a topic via a survey of the entire Council followed by a meeting of the Writing and Planning Committees. The Council determined that it would invite speakers related to the selected topic to the upcoming January 28-29, 2019, in-person NACNEP meeting to inform councilmembers on the topic as formal discussions begin.

Bureau of Health Workforce Updates

Ms. Gray provided some news and updates from HRSA. She referenced a HRSA press release from October 18, 2018, announcing \$293 million in awards to primary healthcare clinicians and students through two BHW programs, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and the Nurse Corps. Both programs help to provide essential primary dental and healthcare services to communities with limited access to care. She noted that an estimated 13 million patients receive care each year from more than 12,500 NHSC and Nurse Corps students and clinicians. Both programs help to remove the financial barrier to receiving health professional training by providing scholarships and loan repayment in exchange for service commitments. She added that 20 percent of scholarship awards in the previous fiscal year went to nurses specializing in psychiatric mental health, emphasizing the increased need for psychiatric nurse practitioners to address the ongoing opioid epidemic use, as well as other substance use disorders.

Ms. Gray noted that BHW had a good response to its new Advance Nursing Education – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program, receiving 35 applications and making 20 awards. Two other open notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) announcements would close in the coming weeks. She said that the Council members should have received a recent email from the HRSA Division of External Affairs requesting that advisory committee members share information on NOFOs with their colleagues and constituents to improve dissemination.

Business Meeting and Adjourn

The Council discussed plans and the agenda for the January meeting and normal Council business. There were no public comments.

Ms. Gray, DFO, adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Acronym and Abbreviation List

APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
BHW	Bureau of Health Workforce
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
DFO	Designated Federal Official
DMD	Division of Medicine and Dentistry
DNPH	Division of Nursing and Public Health
EHR	Electronic Health Record
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
NACNEP	National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NHSC	National Health Service Corps
PA	Physician Assistant
RN	Registered Nurse