

Council on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Autonomous Practice



**August 28, 2020 at 1:00 pm EDT
Draft Meeting Minutes**

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Friday, August 28, 2020 at 1:00 pm EDT

Call to Order:

Ms. Pasley called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM

Roll Call:

Cassandra G. Pasley, BSN, JD, Chair
Hector Vila, MD
Charrita Ernewein, DNP, APRN, FNP
Vicky Stone-Gale, DNP, APRN, FNP
Sandra Williamson, APRN, CNM
Kathleen Wilson, PhD, APRN, FNP
Michelle Mendez, DO
Joel Rose, DO

Absent

Shailesh Gupta, MD

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions – Ms. Pasley provided comments and then asked each of the Council members to briefly introduce themselves. Mr. Christopher Dierlam, Counsel to the Council, also introduced himself. Joe Baker, Jr., executive director of the Board of Nursing, introduced himself and members of the Board staff who will be providing staff support to the Council.

II. Overview of Chapter 2020-9, Laws of Florida: An act relating to direct care workers – Christopher R. Dierlam, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Dierlam provided an overview of the new law and the specific role assigned to the Council of recommending standards of practice for autonomous APRN practice for the Board to consider adopting by rule.

III. Discussion – Council Members

1. Standards of Practice – Dr. Stone-Gale presented on items a-d.
 - a. Sovereign Immunity Exclusion - Mr. Dierlam stated that this is an item that would need to be considered as a statutory change.

- b. Definitions of Primary Care - The Board of Nursing is directed by law to define primary care practice. Discussion ensued on how to proceed with creating standards of practice before the definition of primary care practice is adopted.
 - c. Medspa - this item was tabled until primary care practice is defined.
 - d. Supervision of Medical Assistants - Mr. Dierlam stated that this is an item that would possibly need to be considered as a statutory change, but that he would review existing law to confirm.
2. Florida Nurse Practitioner Network (FNPN) Recommendations - Dr. Jean Aertker, FNPN executive director, stated that Sovereign Immunity Exclusion was a concern for their organization as well. She asked that their recommendations be tabled until the definition of primary care practice is adopted.
 3. Statement from PsychAPNFL- Sharon Krieger, APRN, reiterated that Psych APRNs desire to be included in primary care practice and standards of practice.
 4. Florida Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses (FCAPN) Statement regarding Standards of Practice - Vernon Langford, APRN, Coalition co-chair, would like to table concerns until the definition of primary care practice has been adopted. Mr. Baker indicated that he anticipated rulemaking for this definition would be initiated by Board Counsel soon, as draft language was approved by the Board at its August meeting.
 5. Other

Dr. Kristin McCabe-Kline, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Florida Chapter), indicated their support for access to care, especially in underserved areas.

The Florida Psychiatric Society, represented by Dr. Colleen Bell and Aimee Diaz Lyon, Esq., offered their organization as a resource in developing the standards of practice.

Dr. Stone-Gale addressed the language in Section 464.0123(1)(c), F.S., stating that faculty provide clinical instruction in a clinical setting. Mr. Baker clarified this section relates to part of the requirements to qualify for registration for autonomous practice through required supervised practice.

Dr. Vila made a motion that Mr. Dierlam draft a definition of standards of practice to use as a starting point for discussion by the Council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Future Meeting Schedule

A meeting will be scheduled following the Board of Nursing's October meeting. Staff will send out a poll to select a date and time.

V. Closing Comments

Ms. Pasley thanked all for attending the meeting and the input provided.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.