

APRN Alliance Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2014
Aspen Room, PAMC

Robin Bassett ANP
Barb Berner ANP (UAA)
Sarah Bilak-Larson FNP-S
Carly Byrne CNS
Mark Doughty FNP-S
Carrie Doyle CNS

Pat Senner ANP (AaNA)
Deb Kiley ANP
By phone:

- Judy Dearborn CRNA
- Erica Fossler FNP-S

1. Call to order at 11:03 by Laura Sarcone CNM
2. Welcome and around-the-table introductions
3. Approve agenda → motion by C. Doyle CNS, second by R. Bassett ANP
4. March 1, 2014 minutes: amended to note Robin Bassett ANP in attendance → amended minutes approved → motion by C. Doyle CNS, second by R. Bassett ANP
5. Updates from member groups
 - CNS – new regulations effective 3/19/2014 (yaaay!). Celebration party 4/11/2014 → place TBA
 - CNM – nothing to report
 - ANPA – work continues on the conference
 - CRNA – AK CRNAs will be attending national CRNA legislative fly-in to DC next weekend
 - Topics:
 - APRNs and reimbursement
 - VA regs allowing independent APRN scope of practice
 - State conference 3/8 - 9/2014:
 - 50% of statewide membership attended (i.e. 51 participants)
 - Chris Logan CRNA updated the group on APRN Alliance activities
6. Review statute language
 - Removed recommendation for Advisory Committee
 - Removed proposed change to definition of the “practice of registered nursing”
 - Designated ANP seat on the Board → in SB 166 → no opposition
 - Title protection:
 - Add “certified” to CNS
 - Delete (g) and incorporate intent into (e) → see current statute working doc
7. Legislative update
 - SB 80: Telemedicine → keep on the radar... watch, wait, see what happens

8. Board of Nursing update

- SB 166: Board of Nursing
 - APRN Alliance offered testimony in support of designated ANP seat on BON
 - CNA background checks → work group to be formed; may be included with bill next year
 - Whistleblower section → back to existing language
- Next meeting April 2 – 4, 2014 in Juneau
 - Carrie Doyle CNS, Laura Sarcone CNM, Pat Senner ANP (AaNA), and Jana Shockman RN (AaNA) attending
- Future meetings
 - July 9 - 11, 2014 Anchorage
 - October 22 - 24, 2014 Fairbanks
 - January 21 - 23, 2015 Anchorage

9. New Business

- Barb Berner reported on her recent trip to DC
 - spoke with reps from both Murkowski's and Begich's offices, and with Don Young → all supportive of APRNs; none plan to sign on to "Dear Colleague" letter opposing independent APRN practice in the VA system.
 - also spoke with people at the Federal Trade Commission → supportive of APRN practice → "one profession should not regulate another profession"
- Pat Senner ANP (AaNA) announced that this will be the last APRN Alliance meeting she will be attending → she is really retiring this time, and moving to Oregon, full time, really!!!
- Events/dates for next 12 months
 - There was general support for a joint APRN educational event and another legislative/pharm update event → tabled until next meeting
 - General consensus that meetings will need to continue regularly over the summer in order to get a bill ready for introduction next year

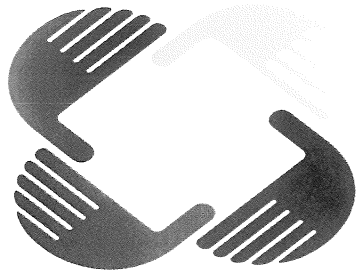
Adjourned at 12:05

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Sarcone CNM
Co-chair, APRN Alliance

Upcoming dates:

4/2 - 4/2014, BON, Juneau

5/17/2014, APRN Alliance, 11:00 – 12:30, Aspen Room, PAMC



APRN ALLIANCE

APRN Alliance Report to the Board of Nursing
April 2, 2014

Since the last BON meeting the Alliance has held three regular business meetings

- February 18, 2014
- March 1, 2014
- March 29, 2014

Minutes of those meetings are attached for your review and information.

Several members of the Alliance attended the AaNA Legislative Fly-in to Juneau on February 19, 2014. It was a productive trip. We took the opportunity to educate legislators about APRNs and our plan to introduce legislation next year. We also shared our support for SB 166.

We collected information from other states whose BONs have APRN advisory committees. Based on that information, and discussion at our March 1, 2014 meeting, we have decided not to include advisory committee language in our proposed statute changes.

Our statutory priorities are:

- Updating the definition of Advanced Nurse Practitioner and
- Title protection for APRNs

Other legislation we are watching is SB 80 “An Act relating to the practice of telemedicine; relating to prescription of drugs by a physician without a physical examination; and relating to insurance coverage for telemedicine.” SB 80 defines telemedicine as “...the remote practice of medicine as a result of transmission of individual patient data by electronic, telephonic, or other means to a physician or the physician's agent.” We are concerned that this could limit APRNs ability to participate in, and get reimbursed for, telemedicine activities. We are interested in ongoing, strategic discussions with the Board about this issue.

A copy of our statute working document is attached. This document includes APRN definition language and APRN title protection language on which the Alliance has reached consensus agreement. It also includes issues from SB 80 that we want to keep in mind as we move forward.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the APRN Alliance and for this opportunity to share our activity and progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sarcone CNM
Co-Chair, APRN Alliance