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Update of Prescriptive Authority Rule Writing

By Jerri Henry

On July 6th the Prescriptive Authority Rule Writing Task Force, composed of representatives from ARNPs United, AAPPN, WSNA, and CRNAs will again meet to finalize our suggested rule language. This language will be offered to the Tri-Commission (Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, Medical Quality Assurance Commission, and Board of Osteopathy) for consideration as the Tri-Commission writes their draft rule. It is intended that a draft of our suggested rule language will be presented at the next rule-writing workshop in Vancouver on July 12th. All members of the task force realize the importance of nursing being unified in our position and present that clearly and concisely in the language. To assist with this process, a survey of other States' language for prescriptive authority was reviewed.

ARNPs Annual Meeting

This is an open invitation for all ARNPs to attend our annual meeting. It will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2000 from noon until 1:00pm (lunch not included) at the Washington State Convention Center in conjunction with the annual NP Primary Care Conference. Please come even if you are not attending the conference. We have changed the time to accommodate your request for a noon format. Our lobbyist Jerry Farley will once again be our featured speaker as we discuss the exciting Legislative successes of the past year and look ahead to the 2001 Legislative session. Also plan to stop by the ARNPs United booth at the conference and participate in our 2nd annual Raffle. **See you there!**

Hearing for Disabled Parking Permits

By Jerri Henry

On June 28, 2000 Steve Felton, President-Elect of ARNPs United represented us in Olympia at the Department of Licensing's (DOL) hearing on Disabled Parking Permits. The purpose of the hearing was whether ARNPs should be added to the list of those who can sign for these permits. Steve gave testimony (along with 3 other NPs) in favor of NPs being able to sign Disabled Parking Permits. Opposition came from a representative from the disabled community feeling that if another practitioner were added to those able to sign this would dilute the power of the legislation. Interesting highlights of the hearing included the DOL's lack of knowledge about NPs—asking what the difference was between an NP and ARNP; and not being aware of the accurate numbers of NPs in the state of WA. Steve included educational points in his testimony: how NPs increase access to care, how an NP's signature

would avoid double billing for simple procedure, and found a great opportunities for educating the DOL and partners in the disabled community. The next step: the Attorney General decides if the DOL has authority to change the WAC, or if it will require a new statute. We will keep you up-to-date as information is announced.

Classified Ads

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Family Nurse Practitioner

Full-time position for experienced FNPs. Work in a developing network of NP managed practices. If you are an entrepreneurial NP with at least three years of experience, great clinical skills, as well as leadership and management ability, you fit the profile for a successful director of your own practice. NPs with fewer years of experience will be considered for positions in clinics once they are established. We are currently looking for NPs for clinics in Tacoma and Seattle WA as well as MD and FL. Competitive salary and benefits, profit sharing for practice directors. Send CV to Bob Smithing, ARNP via email to npcnics@nurse.net or via fax to 801.640.4744.

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NP full-time position available at Pulmonary Consultants, an 8-physician, one-NP office clinic for adults only in Tacoma, WA. Pulmonary, ICU, or ER experience preferred. Must have prescriptive authority. Salary and benefits are negotiable. Fax resume to: 253.272.0419, Attn: K. Dorr.

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner

(30 hrs/wk, 10 mos) Provide patient care in Seattle University's student health clinic; record medical histories and perform diagnostic tests. Campus outreach and clinical training. Need MSN with 5+ years exp. See www.seattleu.edu/services/hr Position 00112 for full description. Send cover letter, résumé, and name/phone of 3 professional references to Seattle University, HR, 900 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122-4340. EOE.

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Wenatchee Valley Clinic in North Central Washington State. Seeking solution-oriented certified specialist ARNP with prescriptive authority for out-patient practice. Work alongside primary care and specialty physician owners of comprehensive multi-specialty group. Integrated system with full records, transcription, reception, and nursing support. Production-based salary with initial income guarantee, excellent benefits and retirement. Family-oriented community of 60k. Fabulous sunny climate in 4-season environment with recreation-rich mountains, rivers & lakes. Learn more at: www.wvclinic.com/employment/physician.asp. Fax CV to 509.664.7178.

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

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The CEO says, "This is terrific!"

"Don't get too comfortable," says St. Peter. "You're only approved for a three-day stay."

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