



NOAP Research Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

Occurs 2nd Wednesday of the month

Meeting opened 2:00pm EST

1. Roll call:

- John Furman - present
- Maureen Farrell - present
- Abby Migliore - present
- Mike Harkreader - present
- Shannon Opie -present
- Melissa Monroe - excused
- John Harden - absent

2. August meeting minutes approved as written.

3. Newly Published: Attached

Scholler, B, et al (2023). *The Intersection of Nurses with Substance Use Disorder and Peer Support*. Journal of Nursing Regulation 34(3).

Hughes PM, et al. (2023). *Assessing the Cost-Effectiveness of Removing Supervision Requirements for Nurse Practitioners Prescribing Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder*. Journal of Nursing Regulation 14(3).

4. What are the driving factors behind declining program participation numbers? Draft survey review

Action: John to take to the Board of Directors

5. Government affairs:

None

6. Old Business:

- Website update: Work in progress

7. New Business:

What are your state reporting requirements for DUI arrest and conviction?

Washington State's definition of unprofessional conduct "(17) Conviction of any gross misdemeanor or felony relating to the practice of the person's profession. For the purposes of this subsection, conviction includes all instances in which a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for conviction and all proceedings in which the sentence has been deferred or suspended. Nothing in this section abrogates rights guaranteed under chapter 9.96A RCW".

Application explanation from one of our attorney's "The words "relating to the practice of the person's profession" are not clearly defined. However, several Washington court cases have interpreted the term (also used in the moral turpitude provision) to include things that "would lower the standing of the profession in the eyes of the public." That's not totally clear, but it is way broader than the statutory words might indicate. For example, a conviction for a felony or gross misdemeanor would almost always be related to the profession. "

Meeting closed at 3:00pm EST

Respectfully Submitted: John Furman, Committee Chair

Date: October 12, 2023