



NOAP Research Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2023
Occurs 2nd Wednesday of the month

Meeting started at 2pm EST

1. Roll call:

- John Furman - present
- Maureen Farrell - present
- Abby Migliore - present
- Mike Harkreader - present
- Sheron Russell - excused
- Shannon Opie - present

2. The January meeting minutes were accepted as written

3. Newly published research:

Mercer, M., et al (2023). *Psychosocial Factors Associated with Alcohol Use Among Nurses: An Integrative Review*. Journal of Nursing Regulation (attached)

4. February Paper of the Month:

Els, C., et al (2022). *Best Practices for the Independent Medical Examination of Mental and Behavioral Disorders*. AMA Guides Newsletter. Found at <https://doi.org/10.1001/amaguidesnewsletters.2022.JulAug02>

5. Standard performance measures project:

- Panel solicitation email has been sent out to all programs listed on the NCSBN website [Alternative to Discipline Programs | NCSBN](#). The following states have expressed interest in participating in the Delphi survey:
 - Arkansas

- Massachusetts
- Utah
- California
- Idaho
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Washington
- Mississippi
- Alabama
- New York (SPAN)
- Florida
- Tennessee

Action: Initial survey to be sent out by the end of February.

<https://form.jotform.com/223405597707159>

6. Consensus standard drug test panel project:

- Final Draft attached
- Some discussion regarding the minimum 24 tests/yr recommendation. Concern is the cost to lower paid licensees and those not employed. Suggestion is that the 24 minimum might be applied to practicing participants. Mixed comfort with lowering based on licensed type.

Action: Draft to be sent to the NOAP Executive Committee for review and approval

7. Government Affairs:

- Nothing to report

Action: John will invite programs to share state legislation. For example, there is an active bill in Washington that would 1) establish a scholarship fund to support program participation of participants in dire financial straits, and 2) exempt the public reporting requirement for discipline actions when related to SUD and the licensee is program compliant.

8. Old Business:

- NOAP annual conference update: Abby shared there will be a session inviting programs to share challenging cases/issues. Example being how to manage concerns about participant self-harm.
- Brainstorm new project ideas: John suggested a review and summation of state authorizing legislation.

Action: Committee members will bring ideas to the March meeting.

9. New Business:

- No new business

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM EST

Respectfully submitted by: John Furman, Chair

Date: February 9, 2023