

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
Ad Hoc Committee
Guidance Document – RN Role in Procedural Sedation
Minutes
May 19, 2015

- TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the of the Committee convened at 2:30 p.m. in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly McDonough, DNP, RN; Chairperson
Guia Caliwagan, RN, MAN
Trula Minton, MS, RN
- STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Policy Analyst, Department of Health Professions
- OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Williams, RN, MSN
- CALL TO ORDER: Dr. McDonough called the meeting to order.
- OLD BUSINESS: **Review of guidance document development process:**
Dr. McDonough reviewed the guidance document development process to date and the charge of the Committee.
- Minutes of October 28, 2014:**
The minutes of the meeting held October 28, 2014 were reviewed for historical purposes.
- PUBLIC COMMENT: In person public comments were provided by the following:
- Keith Denning, CRNA; Sedasys, a division of Ethicon, a Johnson and Johnson company
 - Bruce Lo, MD; Emergency Medicine, Sentara Norfolk
 - Katie Payne, Lobbyist for Williams Mullins law firm, school of anesthesiologists
 - Michele Satterlund and Jane Belcher, CRNA; Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists
 - Michael Fallacaro, CRNA; Virginia Commonwealth University School of Anesthesia
 - Scott Johnson, Medical Society of Virginia IT Infrastructure Partnership
- NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Douglas then summarized verbally the written comments received by the Following:
- Mark Sochor, MD, President, Virginia College of Emergency Physicians – Request changes to the draft to include necessary competencies as outlined

by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP); and to delete “Limitation on administration of propofol” and substitute with language from the consensus statements from ENA and ACEP.

- Virginia Society of Anesthesiologists (VSA) – Proposes amendments to the role of the RN as sedation provider that address competency and scope of practice requirements; and limitation of propofol section, requests insertion of a statement that limits administration of propofol for procedural sedation to CRNA’s or physicians.
- Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) – Requests several changes for emphasis and clarify as well as requiring a pre-sedation assessment and sedation to be completed by a physician. Requests an additional statement that it is not within the scope of practice of an RN to administer propofol.
- Nurse Clinicians Virginia Commonwealth University Health System (VCUHS) – Requests definition/clarification of certain terms “acute care setting”, “administration of propofol”. Suggestion was made to review CMS and Joint Commission definitions of procedural sedation. Comments requested inclusion of reference to other drugs used for rapid sequence intubation.
- Virginia Nurses Association (VNA) – Fully supports team based approach to provide healthcare and supports guidance outlined in draft. Request inclusion of reference to other drugs used for rapid sequence intubation, specifically ketamine and etomidate and requesting RN’s be able to administer via IV push under direct supervision.
- David Volk, DNP, CRNA – Requests inclusion of authorization for RN’s to administer propofol under direct supervision of physician or CRNA who is intubating the patient in question.
- Ruth Williams, RN, MSN on behalf of VCUHS nurses – Raised question related to nurses pushing sedative or paralyzing medication under direct supervision by a practitioner who is involved in the procedure.
- Daniel Pambianco, MD, FACP, FASGE – Offered support for use of computer assisted devices like SEDASYS and asked the Board to remove any barriers for practicing gastroenterologists. Requests inclusion of language that states RN administration of propofol is outside scope except when utilizing a US FDA-approved computer assisted device.
- Association of Operating Room Registered Nurses (AORN) – The association defers to state scope of practice for RN administration of propofol moderate sedation and refers to AORN moderate sedation guidelines for propofol which states “only persons trained in general anesthesia should administer propofol for moderate sedation/anesthesia”.

NEXT STEPS:

Dr. McDonough identified next steps as:

- Staff review and summary of all comments received.
- Schedule another meeting for the Committee to review all comments and determine what should be included in final draft.

Ms. Yeatts and Ms. Douglas cautioned that the level of specificity requested by some commenters may not be appropriate for inclusion in guidance. Additionally,

Board counsel/Office of the Attorney General would be involved in the final review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director