

## **Nursing Practice Committee Charter Vermont Board of Nursing**

### **Purpose:**

The Nursing Practice Committee responds to requests to study nursing practice issues. The Committee reviews current position statements and develops recommendations for discussion by the full Board of Nursing. The Committee is involved in the discussion of practice-related revisions to our statutes and administrative rules and makes recommendations to the Board.

As necessary to accomplish its work, the Nursing Practice Committee consults with and obtains input from the nursing profession via individuals and agencies, organizations, associations, regulatory bodies, and professional organizations representing health care professions and institutions; and reviews literature and research to determine state, regional, and national trends of evidence-based practice.

Communication with nurses and employers regarding practice issues, including position statements, is accomplished by contributing to professional newsletters and by publishing position statements or summaries on the Board of Nursing website and Board of Nursing newsletters.

### **Membership:**

The standing committee is comprised of at least 2 Board Members, a public member who may or may not be a Board member and 7 Licensees, including 1-APRN; 3-RN's, 2-LPN's and 1-LNA. All appointments are made by the Executive Director for a 3-year term and may be extended for 2 additional 3-year terms. A Board Member will chair the Nursing Practice Committee. The committee is staffed by the Nursing Board Executive Director or designee.

Members are expected to attend 80% of meetings annually. The Chairperson will review attendance at the end of each calendar year and follow up with the Executive Director for appropriate action and intervention.

### **Frequency of Meetings:**

Meetings are held a maximum of 12 times and no fewer than 4 times per year unless otherwise decided by the Committee members. Meetings are scheduled for 1 hour unless otherwise decided by the Committee members.

### **Expenses:**

Board members receive reimbursement for mileage. Expenses are estimated to be less than \$4, 000.00 per year.