



*Aligning Policies to Practices Technical Assistance Program:*

Advancing scope-of-practice policy and process objectives to facilitate workforce transformation and ensure an adequate supply of qualified health care workers

Fall 2015 – Fall 2016

Through the program, Minnesota will receive targeted technical assistance from NGA Center staff, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) staff, and national experts.

Core Team:

- Dr. Barbara Brandt, Director, National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education; U of M
- Shirley Brekken, Executive Director, Board of Nursing
- State Senator Greg Clausen, Co-Chair, Legislative Health Care Workforce Commission
- Valerie DeFor, Executive Director, HealthForce Minnesota
- Lauren Gilchrist, Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor
- State Representative Tara Mack, Chair, Health and Human Services Reform Committee
- Ruth Martinez, Executive Director, Board of Medical Practice
- Nitika Moibi, Supervisor, Health Workforce Analysis Program, Minnesota Department of Health
- Mark Schoenbaum, Director, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Minnesota Department of Health
- State Senator Kathy Sheran, Chair, Health, Human Services and Housing Committee (Invited)
- Cody Wiberg, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy
- State Representative Nick Zerwas

Goal 1 - Analyze and support the scope of practice changes recently enacted in Minnesota – convene state government and other leaders to review and digest these and similar changes from recent years and develop plans to better assure these changes will succeed in addressing state health policy goals.

Goal 2 - Develop a common framework for evaluating scope of practice proposals. Initiate a community discussion that works toward a consensus framework for legislative and executive branch leaders. The core team, with stakeholder input, will develop a consensus framework or guiding principles to inform policy discussions around these issues

Goal 3 - Review/identify needs and opportunities for additional scope of practice changes. Convene licensing boards, subject matter experts, associations, researchers, practitioners and policy makers to identify changes and updates to specific practice scopes with an aim to enhance access to care and meet workforce needs