**Faith Community Nurses International**

**Practice Committee Charter**

**Purpose:**

The FCNI Practice Committee is responsible for supporting FCNI by providing a focus to identify, apply, and engage in Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) to sustain FCNs in frontline practice. The Practice Committee functions in alignment with the Research Committee to support the development and sustainability of FCNs in practice settings and the establishment of outcome metrics.

**Scope:**

1. Supports FCN practice in various settings and faith communities.
2. Identifies opportunities to translate faith community nursing research to apply evidence to practice.
3. Supports the application of research and non-research evidence to faith community nursing practice.
4. Supports the development, publication and utilization of translational research.
5. Disseminates knowledge to promote the specialty practice of faith community nursing.

**Membership**: FCNI members

Members who hold DNP and terminal research degrees

Chair of Research Committee shall be a standing member of the Practice Committee and vice versa

Ex Officio: Chair of Education Committee

**Leadership**: Shall be a Director appointed by the Board

**Meeting Frequency:**  Monthly

**Goals:** Established annually in alignment with FCNI strategic plan, and consideration of the Research Committee goals, the Practice Committee proposes to:

1. Provide guidance to FCNs regarding evidence-based practice at the frontline practice level.
2. Translate a research project identified by the Research Committee into practice.
3. Develop strategies to promote the integration and differentiation of the DNP and terminal research degrees in faith community nursing research and evidence-based practice.
4. Communicate the differentiation of the DNP and terminal research degree roles in healthcare and faith community nursing, highlighting strengths and contributions of each with a goal to provide clarity, dialogue, and collaboration to support advancing the FCN role in evidence-based practice.

**References:**

American Nurses Association & Health Ministries Association, Inc (2017). *Faith community nursing: Scope and standards of practice*, 3rd Edition. Silver Spring, MD: NurseBooks.org.

Knighten, M. L. (2019, August). E*vidence-based practice: FCN* (Position Paper). Memphis, TN: Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing.

| **Goals** | **Deliverable(s)** | **Milestone(s)** |
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| 1. Disseminate EBP Position Statement (by working with the Westberg Institute) to practicing FCNs. 2. Develop guidance for implementing EBP at the frontline FCN practice level. 3. Demonstrate relationship between research and EBP for FCNs. | 1. Post position statement on FCNI website. 2. Develop EBP Toolkit for FCNs. 3. Publish at least one article and present at least one educational offering per year in collaboration with the Research Committee and Education Committee regarding research and EBP. | 1. March 2021  2. December 2021  3. December 2021 |
| 1. Author a position statement regarding liability for FCNs and faith communities.   Contribute to public comment on the revised American Nurses Association & Health Ministries Association, Inc (2017). *Faith community nursing: Scope and standards of practice*, | 1. Position Statement on liability will include a mechanism for FCNs to discuss liability with their faith community leaders. 2. Members will be advised to participate in providing public comment. | 4. December 2021  5. March 2021 |
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