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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am disappointed to see that there were no comments about the APRN peer review process.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

APRNs should not need to explain what they do to a committee deciding if they violated their scope of practice. The committee should be made up of mostly APRNs who practice in the same field, so that the proceedings can be focused on the nuances of role-specific APRN practice.

I have had the unfortunate experience of being peer reviewed in my institution. I attended the peer review prepared with evidence about my decision making process, and why my decision was the right one for my patient. The RNs in the room were absolutely stuck on why I was making this decision at all. They were very concerned about whether this action had been ordered by the patient's physician. The patient did not have a physician. This group did not understand that this was truly my patient, and that no physician was involved in her care. Thankfully another APRN was in the room, and even though we are not in the same specialty she stood up and explained APRN scope of practice and job description. Once that point was established, I was able to present my materials and show that I operated both within my scope and for the best interest of the patient. Ultimately, the review found that I had not done anything wrong, which was great, but had an APRN not been there or a less articulate one been there, this meeting would have been a referendum on APRN practice, and not about my specific situation. It was very hard to defend myself to a group of people who had no understanding of my job responsibilities.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree