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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed: It is very important that any Advanced Practice Nurse being brought before a committee for possible disciplinary action be brought before other APRN's. An RN, especially an RN with a 2 year degree has no understanding of Advanced Practice Role's and scope of practice, and can not effectively understand the APRN role. They can not determine appropriate disciplinary action.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses need to be disciplined by other APRN's, not just an RN.
The role is different. An APRN should not have to explain what they do, or what their role is during the committee hearing to decide if they violated their scope of practice. In addition, only APRN's should be doing the investigation during the investigation phase. That investigation should be performed by an APRN who is in a similar role or the same discipline, for example a nurse midwife APRN should be the one investigating a Nurse Midwife under review and a nurse anesthetist should be discovering what happens when a nurse anesthetist is under review. If this means forming adhoc committee's then that is what should be done. APRN's should be reviewed by APRN peers not registered nurses, as we perform a different role.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree