

INDIVIDUAL NURSE’S CONSENT TO USE OF INFORMAL WORKGROUP

The Nursing Practice Act allows the Peer Review Committee (PRC) to use an informal work group or “Subcommittee” of the full committee to review a nurse’s conduct, instead of the full committee. You have the right to be informed about how the Subcommittee works and decide whether to agree to have the Subcommittee review your conduct or ask for review by the full PRC.

Here is how the Subcommittee works:

1. The Subcommittee will meet the same membership requirements as the full committee but will have fewer persons, usually three to five.
2. You will be given an opportunity to meet with the Subcommittee and present information to the Subcommittee in the course of its review. In the case of incident-based peer review to determine if you have engaged in conduct that must be reported to the Texas Board of Nursing, you will not be afforded the procedures that would normally be followed when the full PRC conducts the review, such as representation by an attorney or nurse peer and presentation of witnesses. In the case of Safe Harbor peer review, there is no difference in the procedures, except that it is a smaller committee.
3. Any determination by the Subcommittee must be ratified or approved by the Chair of the PRC to be effective. If the Chair disagrees, the full PRC will be convened to conduct the review and make a determination.
4. The Chair will inform you of the Subcommittee’s determination and you will have the right to accept or reject the Subcommittee’s determination at that time.
5. If you reject the Subcommittee’s determination, then the full PRC will be convened to conduct the review. The members of the Subcommittee will not participate in that review. In other words, by agreeing to have the Subcommittee review your conduct, you do not waive or give up the right to review by the full PRC.

Please ask the Chair of the PRC if you have any questions about how the Subcommittee works or need any additional information before deciding whether to agree to the use of the Subcommittee.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND HOW THE SUBCOMMITTEE FUNCTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I DO NOT WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO REVIEW BY THE FULL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE BY AGREEING TO REVIEW BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE. I AGREE TO REVIEW BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

Signature of Nurse

Print Name

Date