

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2010**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Lucie Agosta, Chair, at 1:53 pm on October 20, 2010 in Salon A of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.
- Roll Call** **Committee Members Present**
Lucie J. Agosta, PhD, APRN, Chair
Larry J. Haley, MSN, APRN, CRNA
Sue Westbrook, DNS, MA, RN
- Committee Members Excused**
Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD, FNP
- Staff Present**
Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Blaine Sharp, APRN, FNP, APRN Compliance Officer, Credentialing & Practice
Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst, Back-up Recorder
- Guests** Kristen Cherie Spruill, nursing student applicant
- Reorder Agenda** Lucie Agosta, Chair, reordered the agenda.
- Motion** by L. Haley, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** L. Haley – yes, S. Westbrook – yes. Motion carried.
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 21, 2010 Credentialing Committee meeting.
- Motion** by L. Haley seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 Credentialing Committee.
- Vote** L. Haley – yes, S. Westbrook – yes. Motion carried.
- Agenda item 4.1** University of South Alabama.
Clinical logs of APRN applicant Renee Bush had not been received from the University of South Alabama.
- Committee requested that Board staff write the University of South Alabama and provide a 90 day deadline for them to provide the clinical logs for applicant Renee Bush for review at the next Credentialing Committee. Clinical logs, even if in paper format, should be kept by a school of nursing for a minimum of five (5) years.

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Committee chair requested that Board staff forward a request to the Education committee for a site visit to the University of South Alabama.

Committee advised that Board staff may license new APRN graduates from the University of South Alabama after successfully completing the APRN licensure process, provided their school transcripts reflect the coursework and masters degree in the APRN role requested for licensure and the applicant has sat and passed the national certification in that same AP role.

Agenda item 5.2

National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC).

Louisiana State Board of Nursing does not currently have a mechanism providing a method for free clinics operating in Louisiana to staff with nurses holding active out-of-state RN licenses for a short duration when the clinic operation is not due to a specific disaster or emergency.

The current rules allow for permits to be issued for areas such as licensure by exam, endorsement or clinicals for completion of refresher courses for reinstatement. There is also a rule allowing for issuing disaster permits. Rule L.A.C.46:XLVII.3328 currently states:

“The board may issue disaster relief permits to an individual to practice as a registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse to provide gratuitous or non-gratuitous nursing services in this state during a public health emergency, and for such periods thereafter as approved by the board, provided...”:

However, the individuals coming in to work for the free clinics don't meet any of those rule requirements. The National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC) provides free healthcare services to the public to individuals who are uninsured or have not seen a doctor recently. The last two free clinics organized by NAFC were located in New Orleans and operated for two (2) days.

Motion 5.2

by L. Haley, seconded, that the Credentialing Committee recommends to the Board to direct Board staff to develop proposed rules for providing temporary permits for RNs and APRNs with active out-of-state licensure to provide free services.

Vote

L. Haley – yes, S. Westbrook – yes. Motion carried.

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Executive Session The Committee went into Executive Session at 2:10 pm to start review of agenda item 5.1.

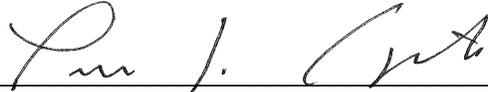
The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:24 pm

Motion 5.1 by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Practice Committee allows Kristen C. Spruill to be re-eligible for NCLEX-RN examination pending approval of application for re-enrollment in clinical nursing courses and successful completion of University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) recommended program.

Vote S. Westbrook – yes, L. Haley – yes. Motion carried

Adjournment A motion for adjournment was approved and seconded. The Committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lucie J. Agosta, PhD, APRN, Chair