

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
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METAIRIE, LOUISIANA 70002**

**LSBN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Debbie Ford, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. Ms. Ford welcomed all members present. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and inform the group of the organization they represented.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, CNA, Chairperson  
Charlene Brouillette, CRNA, MSNA, Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Connie Brown, RN, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners  
Nancy Davis, RN, Organization of Nurse Executives  
Dr. Ronald Lockett, Louisiana State Board of Regents  
Kathleen Martin, CNM, Louisiana Association of Certified Nurse Midwives  
Dr. Kathleen Wren, LSUHSC-Nurse Anesthetist Program

**GUEST**

Mary Lou Potter, Louisiana State Board of Regents

**STAFF PRESENT**

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Charlann Kable, Licensure Analyst

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 9, 2002 meeting were approved. Motion made by Kathleen Martin, seconded, to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2002 Advisory Council meeting. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Debbie Ford requested that Barbara Morvant give the update of the Board's activities. Ms. Morvant reported that the RN renewals were over as of January 31, 2003 and the statistics have been run for the Board's annual report. Some areas of interest from the statistical data show an increase in graduates and an increase in nursing school enrollments during 2002. There was also a large number of out of state verifications reported. Overall the number of licensees increased by a little over 1,000. The Board is currently working on developing programming which will track newly licensed RN's for five years to identify trends.

The members of the "Commitment to Public Protection Through Excellence in Nursing Regulations" research project have completed the benchmarks for performance and collected one years' worth of data. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing ranked within the top 5 in almost all categories.

The Board did look into purchasing a building prior to its' lease expiring in June. It was determined that the Board will require legislative approval to purchase a building so the lease will have to be renewed at this time. The Board will proceed with getting legislative approval for the future.

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**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON (continued)**

Pursuant to a directive from the March Board meeting, the Board has established a task force in "Pain Management" which is scheduled to meet today, April 14, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.

Also at the March Board meeting, under Education, the Board granted full approval to all schools of nursing except for Grambling, which received conditional approval. Baton Rouge, Diploma Program, and Nicholls, ADN Program, received commendations for achieving a 100% pass rate on NCLEX-RN. Our Lady of the Lake also requested major curriculum changes to establish an accelerated LPN to RN program.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND REPORTS**

**LSUHSC-NURSE ANESTHETIST PROGRAM – DR. KATHLEEN WREN**

Dr. Wren reported 40 new admissions out of 120 applications. The first class of 24 is into its second year and doing well. They will have approximately 700-800 cases by the time they graduate. She expressed concern about a problem with getting space at medical facilities within the state for clinicals. Apparently many have already contracted with out of state programs and have little or no room for in-state students. Dr. Wren requested that the Advisory Committee make a recommendation to the Board to review this issue.

**Motion:** by Dr. Kathleen Wren, seconded, that the Advisory Council forward this information to the appropriate Committee of the Board for review of the Board's rules on out of state schools using in state clinical facilities (for graduate level clinical). Motion carried.

**LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS – CHARLENE BROUILLETTE**

Ms. Brouillette had no report but did note that Dr. Kathleen Wren had been named as one of the "Great 100" nurses in Louisiana.

**LOUISIANA ORGANIZATION OF NURSE EXECUTIVES – NANCY DAVIS**

Ms. Davis reported that that the organization held a retreat in June to discuss future strategies. Following the retreat, LONE will begin meeting every other month at various cities around the state. Since this is more costly they may not be able to continue this in the long term, but they anticipate it may generate interest and new members. Members of LONE are currently participating in the Louisiana Health Works Commission, Nursing Supply and Demand Commission, etc. The major issue the organization is facing is dealing with the staff shortage. Problems in Lake Charles have lead to threats of a walkout due to the staff shortages.

**LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES – KATHLEEN MARTIN**

Ms. Martin reported that the organization is growing locally and things are going well. There are currently four (4) nurse midwife practices in the New Orleans area and two (2) that are just starting.

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**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS - CONNIE BROWN**

Renewals for the LSBPNE have been completed and as of last week there are approximately 21,000 licensed LPN's in the state and forty-seven (47) LPN programs with 3 new ones opening soon. Members of the LPN Board attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in Savannah, GA. Several national nursing organizations will be holding conventions in the area soon.

The legislative session has several bills of interest to both nursing Boards including HB 1081 which allows for an exception to the NPA which exempts DHH employees for reimbursement regulations, HB 969 which would require disciplinary actions be heard by a law judge rather than Board members, and another bill that would limit mandatory overtime.

The LPN Board came out on top in two areas of the "Commitment to Public Protection Through Excellence in Nursing Regulations" research project. The next LPN Board meeting is scheduled for May in Baton Rouge.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF REGENTS – DR. RONALD LUCKETT**

Dr. Lockett reported on three issues. The Master of Science consortium is considering reconfiguration of the membership. The Board is waiting for a proposal to be presented.

The three institutions discussed at the last meeting, Sowell, Fletcher and Delta Community College in Monroe, are still interested in offering Associate of Science degrees in nursing, but are still pending accreditation by the SACS Commission.

The Louisiana Health Works Commission has completed its work and will report to the legislature. They will probably recommend to the legislature that the nursing stipend program seemed to work and they should consider reinstating it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

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Deborah Ford

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Date

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## **JUNE 2003 BOARD MEETING**

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. : 8.2**

**COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM NO.**

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS**

**FROM: BARBARA MORVANT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: REPORT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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### **Motion from the Advisory Council was:**

That the Advisory Council forward this information to the appropriate Committee of the Board for review of the Board's rules on out of state schools using in state clinical facilities (for graduate level clinical). The recommendation was forwarded to the Credentialing Committee for review. (see agenda Item 3.3).

### **Summary:**

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### **Attachments:**

Minutes of the Advisory Council