

**Louisiana State Board Of Nursing  
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2004**

**Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Karen Moody, Chair, at 9:10 a.m. on April 28, 2004, in the Board meeting room, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste 601, Metairie, LA.

**Roll Call** **Committee Members Present**  
Karen Moody, PhD, RNC, Chair  
Tommie Ashby, BSN, RN  
Deborah Olds, RN  
Patsy McClanahan, MSN, RNCNP

**Staff Present**  
Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant Executive Director  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, Credentialing Manager  
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst

**Guests** Frankie Rosenthal, Member, Board of Nursing  
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, PNP, Member, Board of Nursing  
Joni Nickens, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners  
Barbara Hyde, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Barbara Moffitt, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Cathy Holland, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Ann Clark-Whitlock, APRN

**Review of January 28, 2004 Minutes** The Committee reviewed the January 28, 2004 Credentialing Committee minutes.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the January 28, 2004 Credentialing Committee.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.

**Proposed Revisions To Chapter 45** P. Griener reported on proposed changes to Chapter 45. A working draft copy and a table of comments previously received was distributed to the Committee members. The Education section was reviewed at the Education Committee meeting on April 27, 2004. The remaining sections were reviewed and any additional comments noted. Several guests spoke on the revisions.

Upon review of the definition for Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty, the Committee expressed concern that advanced pathophysiology and pharmacotherapeutics are required under the rules and Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (CHCNS) and other CNS specialties are not required to obtain these courses. Without obtaining additional courses, the CHCNS and possibly other CNS'

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specialties, which are not required to have these courses, and are not eligible to be granted prescriptive authority. P. Griener reported that Texas only grants prescriptive authority to certified APRNs and Mississippi only grants prescriptive authority to Nurse Practitioners. The Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist is a population- based specialty.

C. Morris then presented information from a document entitled “Statement on Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice and Education” (National Association of Clinical Nurse specialists) 2003. Ms. Morris suggested adding the information in the definition of the APRN to allow other Advanced Science Content. This advanced science content may include physiology/pathophysiology, epidemiology, psychobiology, or genetics. Ms. Griener stated that changing the definition to allow this would create a 2-tier system of APRNS and would be a change in our present definitions and licensure requirements. There was no consensus or resolution on this topic.

Chapter 45 Comments (table) is attached. Discussion from Education and Credentialing Committee added.

### **Discussion and Information on Acute Care APRNs in ICU, ER, Etc.**

P. Griener reported that a clarification was made on the need for Acute Care APRNs who practice in ICU, ER, etc., to have prescriptive authority if they are prescribing in these settings. There is no rule that exempts them from needing prescriptive authority.

### **Report on Region 6 American Assn. of Nurse Practitioners Meeting**

P. Griener reported on the Region 6 meeting and distributed maps showing the current status of prescriptive authority regulations in the United States.

### **General Review of Transcripts for APRN Licensure**

P. Griener discussed with the Committee the difficulty of reading transcripts and determining what specialty the individual is eligible to be recognized as. The Committee directed P. Griener to continue to make determinations based on her judgment and if she is unable to determine the specialty then the application should be brought to the Committee for review.

### **Review of Request for Exceptions to the Prescriptive Authority Rules**

The Committee will enter into Executive Session to review agenda items 5.4 through 5.19 – requests for exceptions to the prescriptive authority rules.

### **Motion**

by D. Olds, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session to review requests for exceptions to the prescriptive authority rules.

### **Vote**

Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Olds – yes. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

The Committee went into Executive Session at 12:40.

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**Note** Debra Olds was excused from the meeting at 12:45.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Committee come out of Executive Session.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Executive Session** The Committee came out of Executive Session at 1:33 p.m.

**Request for Exception** Request by Debra McCauley, FNP for exception to the 500 hours of clinical practice completed within 6 months prior to application for prescriptive authority because she is only working part time in the clinical facility.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.4, the Committee approve the request by Debra McCauley, FNP, for exception of 500 hours of clinical practice completed within 6 months prior to application for prescriptive authority. The petitioner may complete the 500 hours within one year.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Collette Blanchard, ANP for exception to the 500 hours of clinical practice completed within 6 months prior to application for prescriptive authority because she is only working part time as a nurse practitioner.

**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.5, the Committee approve the request by Collette Blanchard, ANP, for exception of 500 hours of clinical practice completed within 6 months prior to application for prescriptive authority. The petitioner may complete the 500 hours within one year.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Ann Clark-Whitlock, ANP, WHNP, for exception to the 500 hours of clinical practice completed within 6 months prior to application for prescriptive authority. Ms. Whitlock asked the committee to waive the 500 hours because she will be volunteering on a part time basis only.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.6, the Committee deny the request by Ann Clark-Whitlock, ANP, WHNP, for exception of the 500 hours of clinical practice completed within 6 months prior to application for prescriptive authority.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by April Zarifian, AHNP, for an exception to the restriction of Schedule II drugs within the surgical practice area.

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**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.7, the Committee approve the request by April Zarifian, AHNP, for exception of Schedule II drugs within the surgical practice area.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Catherine Badeaux, CNM, for an exception to the restriction of Schedule II drugs for labor and delivery.

**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.8, the committee approve the request by Catherine Badeaux for exception of Schedule II drugs.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Requests by Darie Gilliam, FNP, Ginger Hunt, FNP and Bettie Blackmon, FNP, for an exception to the restriction of Schedule II drugs for use in terminally ill patients/hospice patients.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.9, the committee approve the request by Darie Gilliam, FNP, Ginger Hunt, FNP, and Bettie Blackmon, FNP, for exception of Schedule II drugs for use in terminally ill/hospice patients.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Note** Agenda item 5.10 was withdrawn.

**Request for Exception** Request by Department of Public Affairs Medical Center, Alexandria, for an exception to LAC 46:XLVII.4513C.5.ii.(a) for APRN(s) employed by their facility be granted authority to utilize Schedule II – V in connection with the treatment of chronic or intractable pain

**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.11, the committee deny the request by the Department of Public Affairs Medical Center, Alexandria, for exception to utilizing Schedule II – V drugs in connection with the treatment of chronic or intractable pain however, the request to use Schedule II drugs for the terminally ill, post-op or cancer patients is approved.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Schumpert Medical Center for an exception to LAC 46:XLVII.4513. C.5.ii.(a) for APRN(s) employed by their facility be granted authority to utilize Schedule II – V in connection with the treatment of chronic or intractable pain.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.12, the committee deny the request by Schumpert Medical Center for exception to utilizing Schedule II – V drugs in connection with the treatment of chronic or intractable pain.

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**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Gretchen Deeves, CNM, for an exception to the restriction of Schedule II drugs

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.13, the committee approve the request by Gretchen Deeves, CNM, for exception of Schedule II drugs.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Mary Masson, WHCNP, to allow for more than two APRN's to collaborate with one physician at LSUHSC OBGYN department.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.14, the committee approve the request of Mary Masson, WHCNP for exception to 2:1 APRN/physician collaboration due to population served.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Woman's and Children's Hospital, Lafayette, to allow for more than two APRNs to collaborate with one physician. There are currently three neonatologists and seven neonatal nurses. The NNP's are employed by the hospital and there are one to three working at any given time.

**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.15, the committee approve the request by Woman's and Children's Hospital, Lafayette, for exception to 2:1 APRN/physician collaboration; however approval of no more than a 3:1 ration is granted.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Homer Memorial Hospital, Homer, to allow for more than two APRNs to collaborate with one physician. The three collaborating physicians currently each have two APRNs at their private practices but will be collaborating with only one APRN at the hospital. They will not be collaborating with all three APRNs at one time. There are also the four backup physicians listed.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.16, the committee direct staff to reply to request by Homer Memorial Hospital, Homer, that this is not an exception and the facility is in compliance with the 2:1 APRN/physician collaboration rules.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles, to allow for more than two APRNs to collaborate with one physician.

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**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.17, the committee approve the request by Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles, for exception to 2:1 APRN/physician collaboration; however approval of no more than a 3:1 ration is granted.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by North Oaks Health Systems, Hammond, to allow for more than two APRNs to collaborate with one physician.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.18, the committee direct staff to reply to request by North Oaks Health System, Hammond, that this is not an exception and the facility is in compliance with the 2:1 APRN/physician collaboration rules.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Request for Exception** Request by Women and Children’s Hospital, Lake Charles, to allow for more than two APRNs to collaborate with one physician.

**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that in reference to agenda item 5.19, the committee approve the request by Women and Children’s Hospital, Lake Charles, for exception to 2:1 APRN/physician collaboration; however approval of no more than a 3:1 ration is granted.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, McClanahan – yes; Motion carried.

**Adjournment** The Committee adjourned at 1:40.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Margaret Griener, Credentialing Manager**