

**Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2003**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Patsy McClanahan, Chair, at 9.35 a.m. on July 16, 2003, in the Board meeting room, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste 501, Metairie, LA.
- Roll Call** Committee members Karen Moody and Tommie Ashby were excused.  
**Committee Members Present**  
Deborah Olds, RN  
**Board Members Present**  
Patsy McClanahan, MSN, RDMS, CNP, RN (Acting Chair)  
Deborah Ford, RN, CNA  
**Staff Present**  
Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant Executive Director  
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Credentialing Director  
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst
- Guests** The following guests attended the meeting:  
Cathryn Wright, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners  
Danielle Kelley, RN
- Review of April 15, 2003 Minutes** The Committee reviewed the April 15, 2003, Credentialing Committee minutes
- Motion** by D. Olds, seconded, that the committee approve the minutes of the April 15, 2003 Credentialing Committee.
- Credential Review For APRN Applicant** The Committee heard the request of Danielle Kelley to recognize her credential for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure.
- Motion** by D. Ford, seconded, that the committee go into Executive Session to hear the request of Danielle Kelley.
- Vote** Ford – yes; Olds – yes. Motion carried.  
  
Guest Cathryn Wright left the meeting.
- Motion** by D. Ford, seconded, that the committee come out of Executive Session.
- Vote** Ford – yes; Olds – yes. Motion carried.
- Motion** by D. Ford, seconded, that the request of Danielle Kelley to recognize her credentials for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure be denied.
- Vote** Ford – yes; Olds – yes. Motion carried.

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**Policy on English Proficiency** C. Morris highlighted the proposed policy on acceptable examinations and scores for demonstrating English proficiency by foreign nurse graduates who were not educated in English. The Committee reviewed the policy and supporting documents and recommended it be forwarded to the full Board for approval.

**Motion** by D. Olds, that the proposed policy on English Proficiency be recommended to the full Board for approval.

**Vote** Ford – yes; Olds – yes. Motion carried.

**Policy on Canadian Nurse Endorsement** C. Morris presented the proposed policy on acceptable scores for the Canadian RN licensure examination formerly referred to as CNAT and now referred to as a CRNE. The NCSBN did an extensive analysis and recommended that the CRNE not be used as comparable to NCLEX-RN. Based on this information, the proposed policy has been revised to reflect all possible scenarios. The Committee reviewed the policy and recommended it be forwarded to the full Board for approval.

**Motion** by D. Ford, that the proposed policy on acceptable CRNE scores for the Canadian Nurse Endorsement be recommended to the full Board for approval.

**Vote** Ford – yes; Olds – yes. Motion carried.

**Review of Information from the National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses, Inc.** The Committee reviewed information from the National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses, Inc's. Annual update memorandum. This Certification is currently on the approved list for advanced practice licensure. No action was needed on this agenda item.

**Reconsideration of the American Association of Diabetes Educators as an Approved Nursing Specialty/Professional Organization** At the August 1993 Board Meeting, the initial list of approved nursing specialty/professional organizations were approved as having certification criteria equivalent to LSBN's continuing education/nursing practice requirements for relicensure. During evaluation of the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators for both APRN licensure and for meeting or exceeding the Continuing Education (CE)/Nursing Practice Requirements, it was discovered that there was no CE requirement for continuing certification. The Certification was not approved for APRN licensure or for meeting the CE requirements.

**Motion** by D. Ford, that the Committee recommend to the Board removal of the American Association of Diabetes Educators from the list of nursing specialty/professional organizations as having certification criteria equivalent to LSBN's continuing education/nursing practice requirements for relicensure.

**Vote** Ford – yes; Olds – yes. Motion carried.

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**Review of Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing** The Committee reviewed the 2002 NCSBN Position Paper and APRN Task Force Comment Paper of May 8, 2003. No action was needed on this agenda item.

**Review of Letter From the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board and Staff Response** The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board documenting their concern about the APN Compact Agreement that includes the plan to require certification by examination for APN licensure by 2005. The staff responded with the information that Louisiana law governing the practice of nursing mandates that certification is required for APRN licensure since 1995 and related information. No action was needed on the agenda item.

**Announcement** P. McClanahan announced that a Special Call Meeting of the Credentialing Committee will be held on Friday, July 25, 2003 to review Prescriptive Authority applications requesting exceptions.

**Adjournment** The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

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**Cynthia Morris, Assistant Executive Director**