

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2006
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Dr. Steele at 9:13 a.m. on January 24, 2006, at the Cook Conference & Hotel located at 3848 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA.
- Presiding:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Tommie Ashby, MSN, RN
Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN (arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Deborah Olds, RN – Board Member
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research
- Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director
- Cynthia D. Morris MSN, APRN
Assistant Executive Director
- Lydia Favorite, Licensure Analyst
- Guests:** Keeley Harmon, (OLOL)
Donnie Booth, PhD, RN (SLU)
Jean Urick, (SLU)
Oswald Alex Ferry, EdD, RN (LA College)
Melanie Green, MN, RN (OLOL)
Norann Y. Planchock, PhD, RN (NSU)
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (NSU)
Sandra B. Grandureu, RNC (Woman's)
Bonnie Johnson, MSN, RN (LSUE)
- Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of July 26, 2005 meeting were reviewed.
- Motion:** by Ms. Ashby that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of July 26, 2005.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois
Voice vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Steele requested that the agenda of the Education Committee be reordered.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby the Education Committee give Dr. Steele the authority to reorder the agenda.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois
Voice vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Steele stated that this would allow time for the other committee member to arrive.

FYI:

Staff reported on the items distributed for information as follows:

1. Louisiana College removed from probation status by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

The two areas of concern by SACS (government and academic freedom) have been resolved. Dr. Steele stated that Dr. Ferry is now the permanent Chair of the Division of Nursing Program. Dr. Ferry stated that they are looking for a couple of faculty and a chair.

2. Update on status of nursing programs impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Staff stated the report used was compiled by Dr. Booth for the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission and it is the understanding of the Board that the status of these programs is as follows:

- a. Delgado/Charity School of Nursing is back in operation; Seniors were brought back in October.
- b. Dillard University: some of their students and faculty went to Southern University in Baton Rouge
- c. LSU Health Sciences Center is in Baton Rouge
 - a. McNeese reopened late October and lost about 32 students
 - b. Our Lady of Holy Cross has resumed classes this spring

- c. Our Lady of the Lake College's accelerated program was moved to Baton Rouge and is in operation
- d. William Carey students opted to go to their Mississippi location; New Orleans campus plans to reopen in January and to readmit students to pre-nursing only

3. Status of Annual Reports from programs in Nursing

Staff stated that some of the annual reports were in and the Board had authorized a delay in the submission of annual reports for those program directly impacted by the hurricanes until February 15, 2006; consequently, data will be reported later than usual.

4. Report of review of LPN programs by Board of Regents

Ms. Morvant stated the reports were submitted to the Board for review and we were asked to respond and make comments.

5. Report of accreditation of OLOLC Nurse Anesthesia Program by COA

The Board received official notification from the Council on Accreditation of Nursing Anesthesia Educational Programs that OLOLC's Nurse Anesthesia was fully accredited effective May 24, 2005

New Business:

East Texas Baptist Univ. Request to Use Additional Louisiana Facility:

Dr. Steele reported on the request from East Texas Baptist University to use LSUHSC Hospital in Shreveport for clinical teaching of students.

Staff stated that ETBU had been approved to use Christus Schumpert until October 2006 and they are now requesting use of LSUHSC in Shreveport. Staff notified them that the faculty they submitted didn't have a masters in nursing and that they would be considered for a faculty exception only if there was an appropriately prepared faculty providing direct oversight.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend approval of the request of East Texas Baptist University for the use of clinical facilities for student clinical teaching at LSUHSC in Shreveport if they can verify that faculty

meet the faculty credentials criteria of the Board, LAC 46:XLVII.3515.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Dr. Steele stated that ETBU would have to coordinate with other schools using this facility. Dr. Plancock (NSU) stated that they have not been contacted by the program.

Ms. Ashby restated her motion.

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend approval of the request of East Texas Baptist University for the use of clinical facilities for student clinical teaching at LSUHSC in Shreveport if they can verify that faculty meet the faculty credentials criteria of the Board, LAC 46:XLVII.3515 as well as document evidence of coordination/ collaboration with other programs in our state.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voice vote: Poirrier –yes, Ashby-yes, Bourgeois - yes. Motion carried.

**Provider Re-approval
for St. Tammany
Hospital :**

Dr. Steele reported on the request for St Tammany Hospital for re-approval as a C. E Provider for four years. Staff stated that their provider approval was extended because it was expiring right after the storm and prior to the Education Committee meeting. They meet all the criteria and have a very strong program; the person in charge changed and is an individual who has been on their planning committee.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing re-approve St. Tammany Hospital as an approved provider of continuing education for four years commencing February 1, 2006.

Seconded by Ms. Ashby

Voice vote: Poirrier –yes, Ashby-yes, Bourgeois - yes. Motion carried.

**NCLEX Pass Rate for
2005:**

Dr. Steele reported on the NCLEX pass rates for 2005 and action on programs with less than 80% pass rate. Staff stated that we normally look at pass rates when doing the annual reports and since annual reports will be late this year, we have provided the data and are

making recommendations in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.b. Staff reported that Louisiana has ranked among the top for percentage passing rate for several years and according to this report, we rank number 12.

A lengthy discussion followed and concern was expressed relative to the number of programs being placed on conditional approval for less than a 80% pass rate of first time NCLEX-RN takers in one year. It was suggested that Board staff look at the admission requirements of programs and report to the Committee.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend acceptance of the report of NCLEX pass rates for 2005 and that the following actions be taken in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B:

1. Recommend placing Dillard University on conditional approval for the second consecutive year due to a NCLEX pass rate of **77.78%** for 2005 in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B., *The Nursing Education program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*
2. Recommend placing Grambling State University on conditional approval for a NCLEX pass rate of 63.64% for 2005 in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B., *The Nursing Education program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*
3. Recommend placing Southern University-Baton Rouge on conditional approval for a NCLEX pass rate of 76.47% for 2005 in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B., *The Nursing Education program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*
4. Recommend placing William Carey College on conditional approval for the second consecutive year for a NCLEX pass rate of 55.32% for 2005 in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B., *The Nursing Education program*

shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.

5. Recommend removing McNeese State University Associate Degree Nursing Program from conditional approval for achieving greater than an 80% NCLEX pass rate in 2005.
6. Recommend removing Our Lady of the Lake College's accelerated program from conditional approval for achieving greater than an 80% NCLEX pass rate in 2005.
7. Recommend removing University of Louisiana at Monroe from conditional approval for achieving greater than an 80% NCLEX pass rate in 2005.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Bourgeois – yes, Ashby - yes, Poirrier - yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend staff study programs including identifying internal and external variables related to NCLEX pass rates in Louisiana.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Ashby - yes, Bourgeois-yes, Poirrier-yes. Motion carried

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommends acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter of intent from Herzing College to establish an Associate of Science in Nursing program.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Bourgeois – yes, Ashby - yes, Poirrier - yes. Motion carried.

Policy for Request for Faculty Exceptions and Changes to Guidelines:

Dr. Steele reported on the policy for requests for faculty exceptions and changes to the guidelines for faculty exceptions. Staff stated that the request for faculty exceptions go directly to the Board which takes a considerable amount of time; staff does not bring a faculty exception to the Board unless they meet the criteria and policy established by the Board. Staff recommend that we adopt a policy for

exceptions to be approved by staff and if an exception falls outside of the establish criteria, the requestor can asked to appear before the Education Committee and then the Board for review and action.

by Dr. Poirrier that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend adoption of the proposed policy (see attached) that authorizes staff to approve requests for faculty exceptions in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3515 and consistent with the *Guidelines Relevant to Exceptions to LAC 46:XLVII.3515; Faculty and Faculty Organization*.

Second by Ms. Bourgeois

Voice vote: Bourgeois – yes, Ashby - yes, Poirrier - yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Steele requested staff to speak to the revision to the guidelines for faculty exceptions. Staff stated that we have not focused on programs identifying their recruiting efforts and it seems reasonable that the program describe their efforts to recruit qualified faculty rather than submit copies of advertisements. They would not have to submit copies of announcements, advertisement, etc only submit a description. The other change is editorial; instead of hold the Masters of Science in Nursing change to a Masters Degree in Nursing. Also, go from a minimum of (5) years clinical experience to (3) three years of full time clinical practice and holds a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Dr. Poirrier questioned Section 5.1 of *LAC 46:XLVII.3515*. After a lengthy discussion the Education Committee deferred action on section 5.1 and request staff to gather data.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing **recommend revisions in the *Guidelines Relevant to Exceptions to LAC 46:XLVII.3515; Faculty and Faculty Organization* as indicated on the attachment.**

Second by Ms. Bourgeois

Voice vote: Bourgeois – yes, Ashby - yes, Poirrier - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

**Report From SLU on
Three (3) Pilot**

Dr. Steele reported on the report from Southeastern LA University on

Programs:

(3) three pilot programs. Staff stated that Southeastern had presented 3 pilot programs and the Committee asked that they provide a report. Dr. Booth and Jean Urick were present to answer any questions or concerns. The elective courses offered were Peri-operative Nursing elective, Critical Care Nursing elective, and LPN option for Senior Baccalaureate nursing students.

The LPN option is RN senior students to LPN; (5) student's participated last summer. They received advanced credits, took a career readiness course and a practical nurse values course. The course was six weeks long, four students took and passed the NCLEX-PN Boards. They are able to work as LPNs in their senior year. One good point was that this program provides an exit point for those students who are not successful in the baccalaureate program. They are scheduled to take 8 to 10 students this fall.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend acceptance of report from Southeastern LA University on the evaluation of three (3) pilot projects previously reported to the Board and commend them for providing creative opportunities for their students.

Second by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Bourgeois – yes, Ashby - yes, Poirrier - yes. Motion carried.

Report from OLOL on the Accelerated Nursing Program:

Dr. Steele reported on the report from Our Lady of the Lake College on the accelerated nursing program. Staff stated that OLOL submitted an extensive report. Ms. Green was present to answer any questions and concerns. Ms. Green stated that they developed an action plan that was implemented and consequently improved the program.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend acceptance of the report from Our Lady of the Lake College on the accelerated program as requested by the Education Committee, and reinstate full approval of that component of their nursing program based on a NCLEX pass rate of 100% for 2005.

Adjournment:

11:10 a.m.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Moody-yes; Ashby-yes; Oswalt-yes. Motion carried.



Respectfully submitted by:

Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research

Approved: April 26, 2006