

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD
SUITE 601
METAIRIE, LA 70002

MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2004
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Ms. Bourgeois at 9:04 a.m. on April 27, 2004, at 3510 North Causeway Blvd, Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana.
- Presiding:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Karen Moody, PhD, RN C
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Consultant for Education/Research
- Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN (arrived 9:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)
Executive Director
- Cynthia D. Morris, MSN, RN
Assistant Executive Director
- Peggy Griener, MPH, APRN
RN Regional Manager/Credentialing
- Lydia Favorite, Licensure Analyst for Education
- Charlann Kable, Licensure Analyst (APRN/PA)
- Guests:** Joan Hodge, MN, RN (DCC/CSN)
Cheryl P. Franklin, MN, RN (Nicholls)
Joni Nickens, MSN, APRN (LANP)
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN (Nicholls)
Cheryl Taylor, PhD, RN (SU)
Demetris Porche, DNS, RN (LSUHSC)
Christine Langer, MS, APRN (LSUHSC)
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (NSU)
Diane Graham Webb, MSN, RN (NSU)
Kay Lopez, DSN, RN (LSUHSC)

Carol Tingle, MSN, RN (BRGMCSN)
Susan Rick, DNS, RN (LSUHSC)
Barbara Hyde, EdD, APRN (SLU)
Sharon Hutchinson, PhD, RN (DU)
Linda Reid, MSN, RN (ULM)
Suzanne Riche, MS, RN C (DCC/CSN)
Cynthia Prestholdt, PhD, RN (SLU)
Donnie Booth, PhD, RN, (SLU) departed 11:35 a.m.
Cathy Holland, PhD, APRN (SLU)

Agenda

Ms. Bourgeois requested that the Committee be allowed to reorder agenda.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody that the Education Committee reorder the agenda.

Seconded by Dr. Steele

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Moody-yes, Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

**Chapter 45 – 4509
Education Standards:**

Ms. Bourgeois stated that due to the amount of interest and dialog generated, committee will begin with this item. Ms. Bourgeois turned the management of the discussion over to Peggy Griener, Regional Manager/Credentialing, for questions and answers concerning the comments received on Chapter 45.

Discussion focused on the comments received prior to meeting and notes of the comments provided by those in attendance were recorded by staff.

Discussion was held concerning out-of-state programs using clinical facilities in Louisiana, namely Texas Wesleyan and Texas Christian University for nurse anesthesia, ensued. Staff was not aware that Texas Christian University students were using clinical facilities in Louisiana and will contact Texas Christian University to advise of our standards.

There were questions and comments regarding titling, requirements for initial licensure of APRNs, distant learning education, credentials of faculty and support staff (perceptors). There was a concern expressed relative to the length of time it would take to get a change in curriculum approved and implemented if 10% is considered be a major curriculum change. For a graduate program, this would mean one three (3) credit hour course. The question was asked regarding the credentials of the program head. Does a program head have to be

an advance practice nurse? It was clarified that the intent in the rule changes refers to lead faculty having advanced practice preparation and licensure in the area that they teaching.

Break:

10:30a.m.

Reconvene

10:50 a.m.

Discussion continued. It was suggested that a statement be added that a student in an advance practice program hold an unencumbered license. The Education Committee discussion of Working Document Draft 1, 4509, concluded at 11:25. The other sections of the Draft will be discussed on Wednesday, April 18, 2004 in the Credentialing committee.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of April 17, 2004 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or revisions.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of April 17, 2004 with no corrections or revisions.

Seconded by Dr. Moody

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

McNeese State University, BSN Program Coordinated LSBN/NLNAC Site-visit Report:

Ms. Bourgeois presented the report on the coordinated LSBN/NLNAC site-visit to McNeese State University, BSN program. Staff stated that McNeese developed and submitted an excellent self study and provided documentation for all standards and criteria.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board recommend continuing full approval of the BSN program at McNeese State University with no suggestions or recommendations.

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice vote: Steele-yes, Moody-yes, Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

Nicholls State University, ASN Program Coordinated

Ms. Bourgeois presented the report on the LSBN/NLNAC site-visit to Nicholls State University, ASN program. Staff stated that it was a positive visit and NSU submitted a very good self-study. Staff also stated that a proposal was before the board from Fletcher in Houma

LSBN/NLNAC Site-visit Report:

stating that Nicholls will no longer have an ASN program. Nicholls has not brought that request to the Board of Regents and their new president said the decision to discontinue that program is pending and they will more than likely restructure the program.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board recommend continuing full approval of the ASN program at Nicholls State University with two suggestions as follows:

1. That clerical staff be increased to meet program needs. (LAC 46:XLVII.3525.F)
2. That computer/technology staff for the nursing program be added as an addition to the University wide support staff availability. (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.F).

Seconded by Ms. Crapanzano.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes. Motion carried.

Deaconess College, St. Louis, LPN/RN, Distant Learning Articulation Program:

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material from Deaconess College as distributed. Staff stated that this material was being called to the attention of the Committee as we are seeing an increase in the number of programs conducted via distant technology. We do not permit these programs to do clinical practice in our state unless they are licensed to be here. Many of the programs would have only one or two students and therefore would choose not to be licensed to teach in Louisiana.. Staff reported that Deaconess College is a nationally accredited program and they do require clinical practice under a preceptor for the students even though they are LPNs. Staff stated that these students would meet our requirements for licensure.

Staff stated that Deaconess College reported that students must go to the University campus six times a year and must have a preceptored clinical practice experience. The clinical practice requirements are actually greater than that required at Excelsior College.

A concern was voiced by the Committee concerning role development in distant learning programs.

The Education Committee directed staff to look further into this program:

1. Find out the qualifications of the preceptors
2. Ask if a student may be working as an LPN while they are being preceptored as a student
3. Staff was asked to develop guidelines for the evaluation of distant learning programs and to re-look at the Excelsior

program and present information to the Education Committee.

**Review of JACHO
2005 Critical Access
Hospital Standards:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material from JACHO 2005 critical access hospital standards, rational for HR.1.20 and for elements of performance for HR.2.20.5. Staff stated that we have begun to analyze some of the student data we have and this might give us some information to help us make the decision about moving forward with the criminal activity check when a student enters clinical nursing. Dr. Steele stated that since JACHO has instituted the rule that any individual dealing with patients must have a criminal background check, they have been contacted by Children's Hospital in New Orleans. Ms. Cashio stated that she had been contacted by an institution at this point relative to this issue. The Deans asked if the background check (state only) will be sufficient or will they have to do fingerprints? Staff stated that the LPN Board requires fingerprints upon admission.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody that Staff begin to develop a procedure/policy for implementing criminal record checks for clinical student applicants, working in conjunction with nursing school administrators, and that the fiscal impact on the Board including personnel and space requirements be identified and presented to the Board to determine implementation.

Focus Group volunteers from Colleges/Universities for input into policy/procedure development are as follows:

Carol Tingle (BRGMCSN)
Kay Lopez (LSUHSC)
Shirley Cashio (NSU)
Suzanne Riche (DCC/CSN)

Cynthia Prstholt (SLU)
Sharon Hutchinson (DU)
Linda Reid (ULM)

Old Business:

Seconded by Dr. Steele.
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes, Steele-yes.
Motion carried.

**Staff Report on
Contact with LSUHSC
To Develop Process for
Gathering and
Reporting Graduates
Data:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the material from LSUHSC as distributed. Staff stated that LSU had difficulty in gathering information on the pass rate of their graduate students on the certifying examinations and they indicated that they now have procedures in place to begin to ask their graduates for the data. They reported what they were able to obtain and are complying with our request.

**Southern University –
Shreveport – Proposal
to Establish ASN
Program:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the proposal from Southern University-Shreveport to establish an associate degree nursing program. Staff stated that the Board of Regents has not acted on the request. Staff stated that this program will require careful review. Ms. Bourgeois stated that services would be available at non traditional hours, therefore they would not interfere with other programs. The Committee stated that the Board asked for a needs estimate survey and Southern submitted national data. Staff stated at the point they have authority to proceed from the Regents, we would ask our questions to assure compliance with the LSBN standards.

FYI:

Ms. Bourgeois announced the items distributed for information as follows:

1. Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing announced title change of Ms. Patricia Egers effective July 1, 2003 to Charity Campus Provost and Dean of Nursing.
2. Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs (COA) report of actions provided to the U.S. Department of Education by the COA following accreditation meetings.
3. Excelsior College announced personnel changes, effective September 2003, Dr. Suzanne Yarbrough, PhD, RN, was appointed Associate Dean and Dr. Marianne Lettus, EdD, RN, retired in January 2004 after twenty years of service.
4. University of Louisiana Monroe announced administrative changes in the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Jan Corder, former Associate Dean of the College of Health Sciences/Director of the School of Nursing, will no longer be the Director of the SON. She will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the College of Health Sciences until a new Dean is appointed. Linda F. Reid, MSN, RN has been appointed Interim Director of the SON while a national search is conducted for a

new Director.

5. Dillard University announced that Dr. Sharon Hutchinson, who served as Interim Dean, has been appointed Assistant Dean.
6. Board of Regents response to L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College proposal for an associate-level program in nursing was distributed to committee members.

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the survey that was conducted by Staff on HIV/HBV and how the schools were complying with our rules. Staff stated that most of the surveys were in and that she will follow up to see if all are in compliance with our rules. This information will be reported at the next Education meeting.

Adjournment:

12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Credentialing Director for Education/Licensure**

**Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
Chairperson, Education Committee**