

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing**  
**APRN Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 2010**

**Call to Order**           The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Task Force to establish a position paper on the NCSBN Consensus Model for APRN regulation, and revision of Chapter 45 of L.A.C. 46:XLVII, was called to order by Dr. Demetrius Porche, co-chair at 10:00am in Salon A of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call**

**Task Force Members Present**

Co-chair: Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD

Co-chair: Lucie Agosta, PhD, APRN

LA CANE private sector representative (Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education):

- Ann Cary, RN, PhD, Loyola University

LA CANE public sector representatives:

- Sandra Brown, APRN, PhD, Southern University
- Valarie Waldmeier, APRN, PhD, McNeese University

LANP representative (Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners):

- Sophia Thomas, APRN, FNP

LONE representative (Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives):

- Deborah Ford, MSN, RN

LSNA representative (Louisiana State Nurses Association):

- Denise Danna, RN, DNS

CNS representative (Clinical Nurse Specialist):

- Florencetta Gibson, APRN, PhD

CNM representative (Certified Nurse Midwife):

- Gretchen Deeves, MSN, APRN

**Task Force Member Excused**

LANA representative (Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists):

- Darlene Hardy, APRN, CRNA

**Non-voting Task Force Member Excused**

Robert Bass, M.D., LSBN Ex-Officio Board member

**Staff Present**

Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director of Credentialing & Practice

Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education/Licensure

Carl Nagin, IT Analyst

Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst, Recorder

Laura Guillory, Licensing Analyst, Back-up Recorder

**Guests**

Gail Poirrier, RN, DNS, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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### **Introduction of New members**

Co-chair (D. Porche) introduced and welcomed the two newest members of the Task Force:

- Florencetta Gibson with the University of Louisiana in Monroe who will serve as the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) representative.
- Gretchen Deeves with LSU Health Science Center in New Orleans who will service as the Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) representative.

### **Review of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2010 APRN Task Force meeting. An error on page four (4) regarding two research assignments was noted and after discussion the following changes were made:

- Sandra Brown will perform the research on Masters and DNP Documents
- Valarie Waldmeier will now perform the research on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) which was previously assigned to Denise Danna.

### **Motion**

by A. Cary, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Task Force minutes with changes.

### **Vote**

Cary – yes, Brown – yes, Waldmeier – yes, Thomas – yes, Porche – yes, Agosta – yes. Motion carried.

### **Overview of Task Force for new members**

Co-chair (D. Porche) provided an overview to the two new members (G. Deeves and F. Gibson) regarding the charge of the Task Force:

- Development of a position paper for the Board of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to adopt regarding the “Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education” from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) dated July 7, 2008.
- Provide the Board of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommendations on revisions to Chapter 45 of L.A.C. 46:XLVII for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

The following organizations were assigned to the new members to gather and report on standards, position papers (including DNP) and where applicable their certification, as well as recertification requirements:

- Florencetta Gibson, CNS representative: National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS).
- Gretchen Deeves, CNM representative: American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) and the National Certification Corporation (NCC).

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### Old Business

**IT - Sharepoint site** IT Analyst (C. Nagin) provided a review of the LSBN Sharepoint site that was established for the APRN Task Force. Task Force members have been provided password access. The Chapter 45 Wiki page listed under 'working drafts' will only be accessible by one Task Force member at a time. A decision will be made at a future meeting whether the changes posted on the Wiki page (Chapter 45) will be made by all members or by one of the co-chairs.

At 10:25 am Deborah Ford joined the meeting.

Two different templates have been created for Task Force member to use for inputting their research data:

- Chapter 45 Revision Template
- Certification Renewal Template (this is a modified version of the template used by D. Danna for the ANCC and AACN certification research data)

LSBN's IT Analyst (C. Nagin) will investigate and test out an alert system on the Sharepoint site where each member could receive an email notice when a new research document has been posted to the site. A group email function may also be added, but Board staff (M.Griener) reminded the committee that all meetings must be open to the public. Establishing "chat rooms" would be prohibited since they could be construed as holding a meeting electronically that the public would be unable to attend. Co-chair (D. Porche) directed all members to save copies of all email communications sent or received on the committee.

### Research

#### Assignments

IT Analyst (C. Nagin) projected an overhead viewing of the Sharepoint site for members, explained how to navigate the site and the documents posted to date.

At 10:40 am Denise Danna joined the meeting.

Co-chairs reiterated that as each committee member finishes an assignment, their report(s) are to be submitted to them by email. The co-chairs will then forward the reports with a request to post onto the Sharepoint site to both the Director of Credentialing and Practice (M.Griener) and the LSBN IT Analyst.

After discussion, the committee decided that additional time would be needed for each member to present their research findings in the form of a mini-presentation to the group at the next two meetings as well as open dialogue by the committee. Both the April and May meetings will be extended from two (2) to four (4) hours. Board staff will arrange for box lunches. Start time will remain at 10:00 am and meetings will conclude at 2:00 pm.

Committee members agreed to the following division of categories for presentations at the next two meetings:

- **April 9, 2010 meeting – Review of certifying organization research**
- **May 13, 2010 meeting – Review of professional organizations (membership type organizations) and remaining assignments**

For those assignments that double dip into both categories, such as AANP, members should plan to make their reports and presentations at the April meeting. If time expires, the presentation will be carried over to the May meeting. Co-chair (D. Porche) asked each member to include in their report and mini presentation the implications to both the current LSBN Chapter 45 rules as well as the NCSBN Consensus Model. It was also suggested that each member think in the terms of “policy” when gathering their data to help facilitate the drafting of recommendations later.

If a member is scheduled to make a presentation in May but will not be able to attend that meeting, their presentation will be moved up to April and vice versa. Members were requested to send their reports to the co-chairs at least one (1) week prior to their presentation date to enable time for review and posting to the Sharepoint site and access online by the other members.

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M. Griener) advised that there has been some discussion within ANCC regarding combining the ANP (Adult Nurse Practitioner) and GNP (Gerontological Nurse Practitioner) roles. Currently an ANP graduate can also apply to take the GNP certification exam for both roles if the extra GNP course study and clinicals in that role were completed. GNP role covers patients 65 years old and up. The ANCC provided a guideline that the ANP role starts at the age of 13 years old, however not all educational programs in the ANP role include adolescent studies. Board staff has received some complaints from graduates of GNP programs who did not understand that they would be unable to medically manage care for adults under 65 years old with a GNP educational study and certification.

### **Report Format And Preparation**

Discussion ensued regarding a possible restructuring of Chapter 45 when preparing the revisions. Some suggestions included indicating “scope of practice” instead of “authorized practice” as well as adding more working definitions. Co-chair (D. Porche) recommended that definitions for the 3 P’s (Advanced health/physical assessment; Advanced physiology/pathophysiology; and Advanced pharmacology) be included.

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M. Griener) advised against developing revisions that are too specific in detailing a particular task or process as they can become dated as technology changes.

**Chapter 45 Comparison**

**Chart to NCSBN** Another column will be added to the comparison chart for information from Louisiana State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act.

**New Business**

**Practice Issues**

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M.Griener) presented information on recurring practice questions for the committee's consideration:

**Out of state APRN programs:**

Out of state schools periodically make inquiries requesting information on requirements of their faculty, preceptors and APRN students for completion of the clinical component of their student's studies within the state of Louisiana. The question arose whether the committee feels the out of state schools should be held to the same standard as those in Louisiana. The current Chapter 45 provides direction for evaluation for out of state schools in section §4509.I.4 regarding clinical practicum in Louisiana for out of state schools. Some of the issues raised related to the out of state school performing site visits and licensure of faculty and personnel sent to Louisiana to observe the students. NONPF (National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties) states that the faculty member is ultimately responsible for evaluating the student's clinical performance and committee members agreed that requiring faculty members and preceptors to be licensed within Louisiana would not be burdensome. Another possibility proposed was to have the out of state school have an adjunct Louisiana faculty member perform the clinicals on their behalf.

**Delegation to unlicensed personnel / medical assistants:**

Presently neither APRNs nor RNs can delegate medication administration to medical assistants or unlicensed personnel. The medical assistants are not licensed or certified by a regulatory body in Louisiana. At least one Louisiana medical facility had suggested to Board staff that they are considering hiring Physician Assistants (PAs) because they do not have this restriction. Exceptions voted by the Board allow the delegation of medication administration in certain settings:

- Public School System
- Juvenile Justice System
- Group Homes
- Nursing Homes (long term care)
- Direct Service Workers (DSWs work with individuals in their home through the Office for Citizens with Development Disabilities)

**APRNs working in First Assistant in surgery**

The Board adopted a Declaratory Statement (Npop98.01) recognizing the role of Registered Nurse First Assistants (RNFA) and provided qualification recommendations, such as perioperative nursing certification (CNOR), but decided at that time not to regulate or license the First Assistant role.

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Many RNFAs at that time held only a diploma, ADN or BSN degree and were not interested in obtaining a masters degree in order to apply for APRN licensure. Medicare reimbursement rules have since changed. Medicare is now only willing to reimburse for the RNFAs (First Assistant) role if the nurse is a licensed APRN. Board staff has recommended CNOR certification for first assistants. Master APRN programs do not currently include OR studies.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm noon



**Submitted by:**

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**Margaret Griener, Director - Credentialing and Practice**

Approved 4/09/2010