



Major Actions of the June 16, 2004 Board Meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Accepted the Vice-President's Report and Third Quarter Financial Statement Report for January 1, 2004 – March 31, 2004.

Approved the proposal on the development of a disaster Recovery/ Business Continuity Planning Policy to include the engagement of a contract for electronic vaulting and data recover beginning in fiscal year 2004-2005, and approved the Administrative Committee to approve a budget revision to the 2004-2005 budget to be submitted to the Legislative Budget Committee.

Reviewed the report of the 2004 legislative session

Discussed the verbal report of plans for Strategic Planning Session. Tentative dates November 17 and 18, 2004.

Approved staff to conduct study of nurse verification occurrence and give input to survey form.

Motioned and Approved that the Board establish a special committee of the Board to review comments on working drafts one and two of Chapter 45 and make recommendations to the Board regarding the proposed rules.

CREDENTIALING ISSUES:

Denied the appeal by Ann Clark Whitlock, ANP, WHNP, to reconsider the Credentialing Committee's decision to deny her an exception to the 500 hours of clinical practice prior to application for prescriptive authority.

Accepted Credentialing Committee recommendations regarding the issue of APRNs being granted authority to prescribe Schedule II drugs.

Ratified one Recall of Temporary Permit.

EDUCATION ISSUES:

Accepted the report of McNeese State University's BSN program, Louisiana State Board of Nursing/National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission coordinated February 16-18, 2004 Site Visit Survey Report and to continue full approval status.

Accepted the report of Nicholls State University's ASN program, Louisiana State Board of Nursing/National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission coordinated March 3-5, 2003 Site Visit Survey Report and to continue full approval with suggestions.

Approved staff to develop policies to initiate obtaining criminal record history information on students prior to entrance into clinical nursing courses in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3330.B.

Approved staff to initiate rule making to reflect an application for

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EDUCATION ISSUES (cont):

enrollment fee of \$20 from students.

Approved staff to initiate rule making to reflect an increase in the examination fee from \$80 to \$100.

Ratified staff action and approved the following requests for Exception to LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7 "Faculty Qualifications":
Delgado Community College/ Charity School of Nursing: Rita J. Finn

COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

Accepted and approved the revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3401-3419 as proposed by the Compliance Committee.

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES:

Accepted the proposed revision to LAC 46:XVLII – Chapter 40 and to allow the staff to make corrections in accordance with the Board's rules and policies.

Approved that it is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse to place a Bravo pH probe for the purpose of pH monitoring provided there is documentation of prior assessment by the patient's physician for determination of appropriateness for placement. Additionally, the registered nurse has the documented appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the procedure.

Approved that it is within the scope of practice for family nurse practitioners (FNPs) and women health nurse practitioners (WHNPs) to perform CPT code:

57160-Fitting and insertion of pessary or other intravaginal support devices.

Also, **Approved** it is within the scope of practice for adult nurse

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NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES:(cont)

practitioners (ANPs), FNPs and WHNPs to perform CPT codes:
51600-Injection procedure for cystography or voiding urethrocytography;
51700-Bladder irrigation, simple, lavage and/or instillation;
51725-Simple cystometrogram (CMG) (e.g., spinal manometer);
51726-Complex Cystometrogram (e.g., calibrated electronic equipment);
51741-Comple Uroflowmetry (e.g., calibrated electronic equipment);
51772-Urethral pressure profile studies (UPP) (urethral closure pressure profile), any technique;
51784-Electromyography studies (EMG) of anal or urethral sphincter, other than needle, any technique;
51795-Voiding pressure studies (VP); bladder voiding pressure, any technique;
51797-Intra-abdominal voiding pressure (AP) (rectal, gastric, intraperitoneal)
Provided the practitioner has the documented knowledge, skills, and ability to perform these procedures and that this is agreed upon by the collaborating physician(s).

Adopted that it is not within the scope of practice for the RN to remove a balloon intrauterine stent device.

Accepted the legal opinion rendered by E. Wade Shows, Attorney for the Board dated April 26, 2004 regarding East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

46:XLVII.3701-3703.Nursing Practice and accepted to dissolve the Focus Group based on the enrollment of SCR 151, 2004 Regular Legislative Session.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARD OF NURSING:

Appointed delegates for NCSBN 2004 Delegate Assembly as follows: Deborah A. Ford, President and Barbara L. Morvant, Executive Director Alternates to be appointed by Executive Director.

OTHER:

Remanded Agenda Item 8.1, Review Joint Statement of the American Society of Anesthesiologist and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists regarding propofol administration to the Practice Committee.

Remanded Agenda Item 8.2, Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools News to the Credentialing Committee.

Remanded Agenda Item 8.3.American Association of Nurse Anesthetists-Pain Management Fellowships to the Practice Committee with input from Credentialing Committee.

Licenses Invalidated Due to Noncompliance with CE Requirements for Relicensure (cont)

who renewed their license for the year 2004. Of this number, 1102 licensees, or 93%, were in full compliance. Forty-eight (48) licensees received an informal reprimand for failure to comply with the audit due to inadvertent error. Twenty-one (21) licensees signed Consent Orders for a reprimand and fine due to non-compliance. Twelve (12) licensees did not respond to the audit that resulted in their licenses being invalidated.

The following Registered Nurses' licenses have been invalidated due to non-compliance with the Continuing Education/Nursing Practice Audit. The certified mail sent to these licensees at the address of record was returned unclaimed.

Prior to requesting reinstatement, the disciplinary process will have to be completed for failure to comply with the CE/Nursing Practice Audit, failure to meet the requirements for relicensure, and falsification of the renewal application:

- **Tiffany Lashea Foxworth**
- **Melissa Emser Lancaster**
- **Maria Miceli Nichols**
- **Joyce Annette Sanders**
- **Elizabeth Chapman Smith**
- **Nicole Renee Troclair**
- **Theresa Nicotri Young**

The following Registered Nurses' licenses have been invalidated due to non-compliance with the Continuing Education/Nursing Practice Audit. Both regular mail and certified mail was sent to these licensees at the address of record. The certified mail was signed for and the return receipt is evidence of proper notification. These licensees submitted no response to the audit. Prior to requesting reinstatement, the disciplinary process will have to be completed for failure to comply with the CE/Nursing Practice Audit, failure to meet the requirements for relicensure, and falsification of the renewal application:

- **Shadia Omar Abdullahi**
- **Iesha Ishea Grant**
- **Laura Johnson Patout**
- **Christopher T. Pigott**
- **Pamela Williams Rhodes**

Continuing Education is mandatory for relicensure. For licensure renewal, an applicant must be in compliance with one of the following:

1. A minimum of 5 Board approved contact hours of continuing education and full time practice as a registered nurse during the previous year; or
2. a minimum of 10 Board approved contact hours of continuing education and a minimum of 160 hours of practice as a registered nurse during the previous calendar year; or
3. a minimum of 15 Board approved contact hours of continuing education during the previous calendar year; or
4. initial licensure by examination or by endorsement during the previous calendar year; or
5. current certification in a specialty area of nursing by a certifying body whose requirements have been approved by the Board as being equivalent to or exceeding the above requirements.

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The Continuing Education (CE)/Nursing Practice Audit for the year 2003 has been completed. An audit was conducted of 1183 or 3% of registered nurses randomly selected from individuals

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Disciplinary Actions June 2004 (cont)

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

Adams, Rita Marie Bilbo (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Albin, Cassidy Ann Perry (Consent Order)(Applicant)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fines.

Charges: Failure to Disclose Arrest.

Alexander, Michael Francis (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stipulations prior to application for reinstatement.

Charges: Criminal Conviction: Felony, Appeal pending.

Anderson, Donald Sullivan (Ratified)(Student)

Denied approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses due to felony conviction.

Anderson, Sherry Kaye Peacock (Ratified)

Summarily suspended license.

Andres, Barbara Lee Toler Clemmons (Ratified)

Reinstated to active status with probation and RNP minimum five years with stipulations.

Andry, Eileen Marian (Consent Order)(Applicant)

Reprimand issued and denied licensure until stipulations met and fine in the event of licensure.

Charges: Failure to Disclose Arrest.

Baird, Deborah Nan Odom (Consent Order)

Suspended license minimum 6 months with application for reinstatement contingent upon meetings stipulations.

Charges: Drug Abuse

Barker, Pamela Foster Pickens (Ratified)

Suspended license due to action in another jurisdiction.

Beers, Monique Ann (Consent Order) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter/advance into clinical nursing courses with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Previous Criminal Arrest.

Bixler, Mary Margaret Dierker (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew.

Booth, Donna Rae Birdsong (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approval granted for NCLEX-RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, and to receive a probated license for 2 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Alcohol Abuse

Bordelon, Dianna Patricia (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 24 months with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Other.

Brazan, Lindsey Nicole (Ratified) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter or progress in clinical nursing courses due to

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pending criminal charges.

Charges: Criminal Action

Bridges, Christy Arleen Rivers (Ratified) (Consent Order)

3/24/04 Summarily suspended license

5/14/04 Voluntarily surrendered license for minimum 2 years with stipulations prior to requesting reinstatement.

Breaud, Bambi Lynn (Consent Order)

Suspension of license stayed; eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum of 5 years with stipulations.

Broady, Mary Louise Reed (Ratified) (Applicant)

Delayed request for licensure by examination in Louisiana until all pending criminal charges are resolved.

Charges: Criminal Action

Brofman, Benjamin Craig (Consent Order) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with stipulations.

Charges: Previous Arrest

Burns, Ricky Rena (Consent Order)

Eligible for reinstatement; suspended license with stay and probation minimum 24 months with stipulations.

Charges: Other: Violating a Board Order.

Caloian (Jr.), Carl Aram (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Denied approval to take NCLEX-RN until stipulations met and approved by Board. Upon approval and passing NCLEX-RN to be issued suspended license with stay and probated for minimum of 24 months with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Refusal to Submit to Drug Test for Cause and Exhibiting Abnormal Behaviors.

Carlson, Virginia Lee McDow (Consent Order)

Suspension of license remains until stipulations and fine are completed; if reinstatement is approved, to be issued a suspended license with stay and probated minimum 2 years with additional stipulations.

Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards.

Carter, Amelia Dalonna (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Celestine, Stacy (Consent Order) (Student)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Celestine, Stacy (Consent Order) (Student)

Approval granted to enter/progress in next clinical nursing courses with probation with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Cohen, Margaret Louise Robinson

Formal letter of reprimand issued for APRN license with stipulations and

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fine.

Charges: Practicing Beyond the Scope

Cook, Tracey Lee (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License; Falsification of Records.

Cox, Rickie Lee (Consent Order)

Voluntarily surrendered license minimum 2 years.

Charges: Drug Related: Positive Drug Screen

Daniels, Cathy Jane Norris (Consent Order)

Reinstatement with probation for 12 months with stipulations.

Davis, Laciana Leslie (Ratified) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter or progress into RN student clinical nursing courses and for RN licensure due to discipline action by another licensing board.

Deville, Vicki Jan Sullivan (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 24 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Arrests; Failure to Cooperate with the Board.

Duhon, Margaret Ann Biddick (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Practice Nursing in Accordance with the Legal Standards of Nursing Practice; Falsification of Records.

Durham (III), Hill Clinton (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order and RNP.

Farish, Cynthia May Maddox (Ratified) (Consent Order)

04/26/04 Summarily suspended license.

05/07/04 Suspended license with stipulations
Order and RNP.

Farish, Cynthia May Maddox (Ratified) (Consent Order)

04/26/04 Summarily suspended license.

05/07/04 Suspended license with stipulations
3to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.
Charges: Drug Abuse

Ferguson, Tracy Ann (Consent Order)

Reinstatement with probation for 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Foreman, Rhonda Gail Crain (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Gipson, Franklin Pierce (Ratified) (Consent Order)

4/29/04 Summarily suspended license.

6/4/04 Suspension of license remains with opportunity to request
reinstatement after having complied with stipulations; if reinstated, sus-
pension shall be stayed with probation minimum 3 years and stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: Drug Diversion-Self

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Gobert, Alex Wade (Settlement Order)

Suspension of license remains for a minimum 12 months with RNP and stipulations.

Charges: Criminal Arrest: DWI.

Gue, Kenneth Lee (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 24 months with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Diversion: Self.

Hebert, Archie Paul (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Hendrick, Johndale Michael (Consent Order)

Suspension of license stayed; eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP for a minimum 5 years, stipulations and fine.

Hester, Mary Jean Haynes (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Disclose Previous Criminal Arrest

Hollander, Rachel Lee Berg (Consent Order)

License placed on inactive status changed until completion of stipulations and approval for reinstatement is granted; in the event of reinstatement, license will be suspended with stay and probated for a minimum of 36 months with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Narcotic Discrepancies.

Holt, Laura Denise (Consent Order)(Student)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met; after completion of stipulations and approval is granted to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing course/sequence will be probated for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Abuse

Johnson, Otis James (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Kalmanson, Roberta Maxine (Consent Order)

Suspension of license remains until completion of RN refresher course; after completion, eligible for reinstatement and will be issued a suspended license with stay and probation for minimum of 12 months with stipulations.

Kerrigan, Karen Denise Hartley (Consent Order)

License suspended with stay and probated RN and APRN licenses for a minimum of 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Arrest or Charge.

Keys, Didaciane Gatete (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Kling, Michelle Renee Wheat

Suspended license with application for reinstatement contingent upon stipulations and fine.

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Charges: Narcotic discrepancies

Lampkin, Candice McClees (Ratified) (Student)

Delayed approval to enroll in clinical nursing courses until all pending criminal charges are resolved.

Lazard, Zuri Askire (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN and to received a probated license upon passing exam with reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Charges

Lee, Sandra Lynn Jones (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Lemaire, Heather Leigh (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated for 2 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Narcotic Discrepancies; Failure to Follow Physician's Orders.

Lockridge, Pamela Elaine Huffman (Consent Order)

Reinstated license with probation for minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.

Lueg, Mark Christian (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Denied licensure until stipulations are met; if approved for licensure, will be issued a suspended license with stay and probated minimum of 3 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Disclose previous criminal arrest

Luna, Justin Jonathan (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved to enter/continue in clinical courses with probation of a minimum of 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Previous Criminal Arrest

Martel, Nancy Jean Weatherly

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Falsification of Records

Maston, Kathleen Michele (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 3 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Drug Abuse.

Maxey, Virginia Lea (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 12 months with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Abuse: Positive Drug Screens

McFarland, Velma Dale Robertson

Suspended license with application for reinstatement contingent upon stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License; Failure to Cooperate with the Board.

McManus, Jenny Sue Fincher (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

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Moncrief, Clennon Hubert (Consent Order)

Voluntary surrender of license for minimum of 2 years.

Moody, Amanda Beth Rushing (Consent Order) (Student)

Approval granted to enter/continued in clinical with probation, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Convictions: Misdemeanors

Moore, Hugh Nathan (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order and RNP.

Newsom, Jodee Diane Fontz (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Pace, Diane Marie Camp (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Pacheco, Junice Irene Roberts (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Piper, Christopher Sean (Ratified) (Consent Order)

4/15/04 Summarily suspended license.

6/4/04 Suspension of license continues and may request reinstatement after stipulations are met.

Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies.

Pitalo, Matthew Joseph (Settlement Order)

Suspended license minimum of 3 months with stipulations; in the event of reinstatement, to be issued a suspended license with stay and probated for 24 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Beyond Scope: Practicing as an APRN without a license.

Pratt, Ann Burks (Consent Order)

License suspended with stay and probated for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards

Reeves, Christina Ann Roberts (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated for 12 months with stipulations.

Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards of Nursing Practice..

Richter, Irene Marie (Settlement Order) (Applicant)

Suspended license with stay of suspension be issued and probated a minimum of 12 months with stipulations.

Charges: Positive Urine Drug Screen

Riley, Carlene Austin Merrick (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew.

Rivoire, John Eric (Consent Order)

Reprimand issued on APRN license; APRN license to remain in inactive status; in the event APRN license is reactivated, APRN license shall be suspended with stay, and probated for minimum of 1 year with

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stipulations.

Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment

Rohrer, Nancy Adele Sigler (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Rowell, Donna Beth Sebren (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

St. Pe, Simonne Lucie (Consent Order)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Disclose Previous Arrest

Sharp, Laurie Dunaway (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 24 months with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Diversion-Self

Spicer, Andrea Cheri Campbell (Ratified)

3/24/04 Summarily suspended license.

6/16/04 Suspension of license continues and she shall not be able to request reinstatement until stipulations are met.

Charges: Drug abuse

Stalsby, Charles Curt (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Stuart, Geneva Ann Adams (Ratified)

5/20/04 Summarily suspended license.

6/4/04 Voluntary surrender of license for minimum of 2 years.

Tanner, Rachel Elizabeth (Consent Order)

Suspension of license stayed; eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Tate, Roynika Lashawn (Ratified) (Student)

Delayed approval for clinical nursing courses based on criminal arrests.

Tarlton, Nora Jane Spurlock (Ratified)

Suspended license due to action in another jurisdiction.

Tassin, Lisa Caryl Ann (Consent Order)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct: Breach of Confidentiality.

Taylor, Pamela Sue Libertore (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Teague, Jeromy Eugene (Consent Order) (Student)

Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until

Board stipulations are met and until approval by board staff.

Charges: Prior Criminal Record.

Tenhundfeld, Heidi Yasmin Kaiser (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated for 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Positive Urine Drug Screen at Work.

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Thomas, Jeffery Eric (Consent Order)(Student)

Approval granted to continue in clinical nursing and after graduating, approved to take NCLEX-RN, be issued a temporary work permit and receive RN license

after passing exam; reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Arrest: Failure to Disclose.

Thornhill, Jayson Alton (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to requesting

Vogel, Kelly Karen Kennair (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 24 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Alcohol Abuse and Other: Criminal Arrests.

Weir, Mark Kevin (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Wilson, Latoya Dawn (Consent Order)(Applicant)

Approved for licensure with reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Arrest: Failure to Disclose

Wilson, Shanna Sue Graham (Consent Order)

Eligible for reinstatement application after completion of stipulations and board review; after completion of the reinstatement process, to be issued a suspended license with stay and probation for minimum of 3 years with stipulations.

Wood, David Mark (Consent Order) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met; if approval is granted, may enter into clinical nursing courses with stipulations.

Charges: Previous Criminal Arrests

Wynne, Deborah Kay Marchand (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards

ON-LINE PROGRAMS IN NURSING

Telecommunications and technology bring new challenges and opportunities for students seeking preparation as a RN and for Boards of Nursing as regulators of nursing education and nursing practice. Louisiana, and many other states, specify that the candidate for licensure must have supervised clinical practice by nurse faculty as a part of their program of study. Any out-of-state program seeking to have clinical practice by students in a Louisiana health care facility must have approval from the LSBN. Individuals seeking to complete an on-line program in nursing preparing for RN licensure should contact the LSBN to determine eligibility of the graduates of the program for initial licensure in Louisiana.

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Birdseye View of LSBN Involvement in 2004

The 2004 Session of the Louisiana Legislature focused heavily on nursing and other health related topics. The following table summarizes LSBN's activities in monitoring legislative instruments and presenting relevant information.

<i>Bill Type</i>	Number Filed	Number Monitored	Number Passed/ Signed
House Bills	1725	233	72
House Concurrent Resolutions	365	22	14
House Concurrent Study Resolutions	31	2	2
House Resolutions	150	1	1
House Study Requests	32	0	0
Senate Bills	879	113	37
Senate Concurrent Resolutions	166	20	18
Senate Concurrent Study Resolutions	7	0	0
Senate Resolutions	182	3	2
Senate Study Requests	3	0	0
Totals	3540	394	146

Three bills amending the Nurse Practice Act were signed into law:

1. **SB 869, Act 733, of 2004** amended and reenacted R.S. 37:914(B)(1), specifically related to the membership of the Board of Nursing; and enacted R.S. 42:2.1, relative to qualifications and qualities of appointees to all boards, commissions and councils, the appointing authority shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including but not limited to geography, gender, and race. R.S. 37:914(B)(1) provides that the Board of Nursing shall be composed of eight registered nurses appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Nurses Association, one certified registered nurse anesthetist appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Ltd., and two physicians, appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society, who shall serve as ex officio members of the board and shall serve only as advisors to the board and shall not vote.

2. **Act 279 of 2004**, HB 1290, enacted R.S. 930(G)

Birdseye View of LSBN Involvement in 2004

to ensure that no health care provider or other person than a certified registered nurse anesthetist, physician, dentist, perfusionist, or other explicitly authorized provider, shall select or administer any form of anesthetic to any person either directly or by delegation unless explicitly authorized by this Title.

3. **Act 642 of 2004**, SB 387, enacted R.S. 37:935, relative to the practice of registered nursing; to provide authority for a registered nurse to administer, in accordance with an order of an authorized prescriber, anesthetic agents to intubated patients in critical care settings, and may titrate and continue infusion of local anesthetic agents through the use of epidural catheters for pain management, excluding obstetric patients, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Other topics addressed in 2004 laws that are indirectly related to nursing regulation, depending on area of practice, include:

- Criminal history record cause for disqualification for employment, license, permit, certificate, or occupation, trade or profession by BESE (Act 146);
- Louisiana Health Plan (Act368);
- Louisiana Emergency Response Network (Act 248);
- Louisiana Health Care Commission (Act 495);
- Continuity of care (Act 504);
- Medical record disclosure (Act 252);
- Confidentiality of client health care records (Act 260);
- Long-term care insurance (Act 780);
- Children with developmental disabilities (Act 858);
- Emergency medical personnel (Act 797);
- Drug returns, exchanges and re-dispensing (Act 811);
- Substance abuse treatment (Act 436);
- Psychologists prescribing (Act 11);
- Use of automated external defibrillator by private security personnel (Act 443);
- Health care provider gratuitous services (Act 405);
- Required criminal background checks in certain agencies (Act 299);
- Adult residential centers (Act 184);
- Nursing Home Quality and Efficiency Board (Act 659);
- Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics (Act 36);
- Louisiana Diabetes Initiatives Council (Act 726); and
- State employees' retirement systems (39 Acts).

Overall, the days of the 2004 Louisiana Legislative Session were challenging times for many. Information on the legislative session can be obtained by going to the legislative website; www.legis.state.la.us.

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Temporary Permits for RN Applicants and The Employment of Students in Nursing

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing may issue a **Temporary Permit** to graduates of approved programs preparing candidates for RN licensure. The **Temporary Permit** is for ninety days from the date of graduation or until the results of the first NCLEX-RN Examination is received. The **Temporary Permit expires** when the results of the performance of the candidate on the NCLEX-RN examination is received or at ninety days, whichever occurs first. If a candidate passes the NCLEX-RN they are duly licensed. If the candidate fails the NCLEX-RN on the first attempt, the temporary permit is expired and the candidate **may be employed as an unlicensed person only.** LAC 46:XLVII.4303. *Employment of student nurses and unsuccessful candidates on the State Board Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN)*, states the following:

- A. Students in nursing and unsuccessful candidates on the licensing examination employed in nursing settings shall only be employed as unlicensed persons and cannot legally perform, nor be assigned nursing duties other than those allowable to other unlicensed nursing personnel.
- B. To assist these individuals to be employed in an acceptable position whereby they contribute to patient care and yet do not jeopardize the welfare of the patient nor legally implicate themselves or their employing institution, the board has adopted the following policies.
 1. The employer shall:
 - a. Document the unlicensed status of these individuals;
 - b. review the written job description with the employee;
 - c. provide proper orientation to and training for the position;
 - d. make no distinction between the student of nursing, the unsuccessful candidate for registered nurse licensure, and any other unlicensed nursing personnel in regard to the delegated responsibilities and functions;
 - e. inform all nursing personnel that the student of nursing and the unsuccessful candidate have no legal right to function in any nursing capacity reserved for the licensed nurse.
 2. Employers shall not jeopardize the potential for licensure of the student in nursing or the unsuccessful candidate for licensure in order to augment their staffing. The future professional careers of these individuals are at stake.

Committee meetings will be held at the Board office. All are scheduled for the first day when possible. If a second day is needed, it will be noted on the posted agenda.

Board Meeting Dates

Board meetings and the bi-annual meetings of the Advisory Council will be held on the following dates:

Closed Board Meetings:

September 13 - 14, 2004

December 6 - 7, 2004

March 14 - 15, 2005

Open Board Meetings

September 15, 2004

December 8, 2004

March 16, 2005

Board Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Board office, **3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 601, Metairie, LA.** Interested persons are encouraged to attend. Any group wishing to attend any portion of the Board meeting should contact the Board office at least four weeks prior to the meeting date to verify availability of space. Discipline hearings are held on the above specified closed meeting date(s). All actions of the Board are taken in open session. Specific times for agenda items are not established. If there are questions concerning when an agenda item will be addressed, contact the Board office.

Agendas are posted on the Board's Web Site: www.lsbn.state.la.us at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

2004 State Holidays

September 6, 2004

Labor Day (statute)

November 11, 2004

Veterans' Day State Holiday Observed (statute)

November 25, 2004

Thanksgiving Day State Holiday (statute)

November 26, 2004

Canadian Day State Holiday (by proclamation)

December 24, 2004

Christmas Day State Holiday (statute)

December 31, 2004

New Year's Eve (by proclamation)

(Note: State holidays are anticipated dates and some dates

Committee Meeting Dates

Committee meetings of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

October 26 - 27, 2004

January 25 - 26, 2005

NEWSERVICES

New online services are anticipated to be established by this renewal season. The services will initially include a **Sign-up Service** that will permit the renewal of RN licenses online, and the **Address Change Service**. **RNs who are also APRNs, will not be able to renew online; hard copies of renewal forms will continue to be required for these individuals.** Other services are envisioned and in development.



ONLINE RENEWAL

If you use the **Sign-up Service** and receive your pin number, you may renew your license online and not return the hard copy renewal form. The online renewal will only be for RNs; individuals who are renewing RN and APRN licenses must submit hard copies of each renewal form.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Please check our website often for updates on our progress to bring you these online services. We are making efforts to have the process for address change and license renewal of the RN ready for the 2005 renewal season. An RN who is also an APRN will not be able to renew either license online.

PROCESS

As part of the initial **Online Services**, the sign-up system will be available on our web page at www.lsb.state.la.us. Under the Online Services link on the left menu of the web page, there will be a link to the **Online Services** page for **Nurse Account Signup**. You will be asked to provide your **License Number, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, and Personal Identification Number (PIN)** for verification purposes. Your **PIN** will be assigned to you by the LSBN and included with your RN Renewal Form for this renewal season.

During the signup process, you will be asked to provide your email address, create a password, and tell us whether or not you want to receive *The Examiner* by email. If you check to receive *The Examiner* by email, you will receive a quarterly email with a link to *The Examiner* on our webpage and you will not receive a mailed hard copy.



(LAC) 46:XLVII.3333.A.1.

Renewals are coming soon!
Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 46:XLVII.3333.A.1. regarding renewal of license- an individual shall notify the board of change of address.

Current Address

Please make certain your address is correct with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to assure receipt of your 2005 renewal application. Please submit a change of address form available on the website at **www.lsbn.state.la.us**. You may fax the form to 504-838-5349 or mail it to: **LSBN, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.**

Change of Address Form

Please submit change of address form available on the website at www.lsbn.state.la.us. It may be faxed to (504) 838-5349 or mailed to:

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing
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Metairie, LA 70002.**

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HAS YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGED?

If so, please complete this form and return it to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing 3510 N. Causeway, Suite 501, Metairie, LA 70002.

This is a change of:

____Name (*Documentation Required*)* ____Address ____Replacement Card Needed**

* Copy of a marriage license, divorce decree with name restoration clause, or other legal document granting a name change is required.

** A licensee who wishes a license card replaced because of a change in name or address must return the current license card to the Board, give information that is to be changed, and pay a \$10.00 replacement fee.

For identification, please provide the following:

LA RN License # _____ Social Security Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime phone _____

Current Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (area code/number)

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No Fee for Name or Address Change (Copy as Needed)

Former Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address

City, State, Zip

LEGAL DUTY TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE

Every RN with a Louisiana license is responsible for immediately notifying the Board office in writing of any name or address change. Correspondence from the Board, such as licensure renewal, notice of Board Actions printed in The Examiner which may affect the license, as well as disciplinary charges and notice of hearing are mailed to the last known address of the Registered Nurse. Therefore, failure to properly notify the Board of one's current address can result in a lapsed license, noncompliance with regulations of the Board, or disciplinary action in the nurse's absence.

NOTE: The rules of the Board provide that correspondence to the last known address is legal notice. If the mailing is not returned to the Board, the legal presumption is that the RN has been properly notified of the mailing. The responsibility rests with the licensee to assure that the Board has a current address on file at all times. A change of address form appears on the back page of each issue of The Examiner.