MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2004

Call to Order: This general meeting of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Deborah Ford, President on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 3510 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

Roll Call: The following members were in attendance:
Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, CNA, President
Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN, Vice President
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA, Alternate Officer
Tommie J. Ashby RN, BSN
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN
Patsy McClanahan, MSN, RDMS, RN, CNP
Karen Moody, PhD, RNC
Deborah Olds, RN
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP
Alan J. Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member
William St. John LaCorte, MD, Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant Executive Director
Barbara McGill, MSN, RN, Compliance Director
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Nursing Consultant for Education/Research
Patricia Ladner, MN, RN, Nursing Consultant for Practice
Thania Elliott, RN, MSH, JD, Regional Manager
Cathy Maher-Storm, RN, MA, Regional Manager-RNP
Michelle Wells, MSHCM, BSN, RNC, Regional Manager
Lesley Rye, MSN, RN, Regional Manager
Joy Peterson, BSN, RN, Regional Manager
E. Wade Shows, Board Attorney
Helen Forrest, Licensing Analyst Supervisor-Compliance
Julie Comeaux, Executive Services Assistant
Suzanne Armand, Court Reporter

Introduction: President D. Ford established that a quorum of the Board was present.

Opening Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer by P. Bourgeois.

Motion: by K. Moody, seconded, that the President be granted the authority to reorder the agenda.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 14-15, 2004 Special Session Hearings:

Motion: by K. Moody, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the June 14-15, 2004 Special Session Hearings.
Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

June 16, 2004, General Board Meeting

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Board approves the minutes of the June 16, 2004 General Board Meeting.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

D. Ford presented a written report. (Report on file.)

Motion: by D. Ford, seconded, that the Report of the President be accepted.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

P. Bourgeois presented the Vice-President's report and financial summary. (Report on file)

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the report of the Vice-President be accepted.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

AGENDA ITEM 2.1:

Discussed in Vice-President's Report.

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, to accept the Vice-President’s Report and Fourth Quarter Financial Statement Report for the period April 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.2:
RETENTION OF BOARD MATERIAL DOCUMENTS

The Administrative Committee is recommending that the Board adopt the policy that Board members and staff not write on the meeting materials and hearing booklets, so that duplicate copies remain true duplicates, and
therefore can be destroyed following Board meetings.

Motion: by K. Moody, seconded, to accept the proposed policy regarding the retention of Board Meeting material and hearing booklets.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.3:
NURSE PRACTICE OPINIONS ON THE WEBSITE

Ms. Morvant reported that the action requested was to approve to publish on the website the actual letter to the petitioner that gave the decision that was rendered on their practice opinion, and that the Board start publishing the opinions from 1995 on the website unless a demand to go back further develops, and to publish an index of all opinions rendered on the website. It was originally requested for the Executive Director to draft a policy to include the components of future nurse practice opinions as recommended by legal counsel to go to the Board, but Ms. Morvant stated that after discussions with the Practice Committee, they will be adapting the format appropriately.

Motion: by Ms. Olds, seconded, to publish on the website the actual letter to the petitioner that gave the decision rendered on their practice opinion.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.4:
STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY PLANS – REPORT ON

The dates previously tentatively set were not available at the Metairie Doubletree Hotel. The downtown New Orleans hotels were either not available or could not honor the State rates, due to national conventions during that time. As confirmed by Deborah Ford, President, the new dates are tentatively set for February 22-23, 2005 in conjunction with the Board Settlement meeting of February 21, 2005.

Motion: by Ms. Olds, seconded, to approve the dates of February 22-23, 2005 as the new dates for the Strategic Planning Session.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.5:
PROPOSED 2004/05 BUDGET REVISIONS

The original action requested was to approve the proposed July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 budget revisions. At the Administrative Committee Meeting on October 26, 2004, the recommendation of the Committee was that the Board tables this action until the December meeting.

Motion: by Ms. Bourgeois, seconded, to delay action on the approval of the proposed July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 Budget revisions.
Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

A report for the Fourth Quarter (April 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004) was distributed.

Ms. Morvant reported that staff has been very active in doing presentations around the state trying to respond to community outreach.

The number of investigations continues to outpace the numbers that are resolved.

Renewals have been mailed so everyone should have received their renewal. On-line renewals should be going forward this year, but there has been a problem establishing the on-line payment mechanism. The information technology staff are working with the other agencies involved to resolve the problem.

Motion: by T. Ashby, seconded, that the Report of the Executive Director be accepted.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ADVISORY COUNCIL:

P. Bourgeois reported that the Advisory Council met on September 13, 2004 and will have those minutes at the December General Board Meeting. F. Rosenthal chaired that meeting for P. Bourgeois.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the minutes of the Advisory Council of March 15, 2004 and verbal report of the September meeting be accepted.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE:

AGENDA ITEM 3.1
CHAPTER 45 SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO WORKING DRAFT NO. 2

K. Moody stated that the Chapter 45 Subcommittee met on August 11, 2004 and reviewed LSBN Working Document #2 and stated that after comments were incorporated Ms. Griener sent out to everyone Revised Working Document #3.

Discussion was had by Board Members.

Motion: by K. Moody, seconded, to approve Chapter 45 Working Document #3 for distribution and to place it on the Board website for review and comment by November 15, 2004. If substantial comments are received schedule a special call Chapter 45 Subcommittee meeting to discuss. Furthermore,
that the proposed Chapter 45 revisions be placed on the December Board meeting agenda for proposed rulemaking.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** by K. Moody, seconded, to accept the verbal report of the Credentialing Committee report. (Credentialing Committee did not meet in July 2004, LSBN Subcommittee on Chapter 45 met in lieu of on August 11, 2004.)

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

**Motion Carried**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

P. Bourgeois reported that the Education Committee met on July 27, 2004 and made the following recommendations.

**AGENDA ITEM 4.1:**
**GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY, BSN AND MSN Coordinated LSBN/LNLAC SITE-VISIT, APRIL 20-21, 2004.**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, recommend continuing approval of the baccalaureate program at Grambling State University with the suggestion that they seek to add a faculty who is masters prepared in the nursing of children (LAC 46:XLVII.3515) and;

Recommend continuing approval of the masters in nursing program at Grambling State University that prepares graduates for APRN licensure as Family Nurse Practitioners with the suggestion to seek to increase the number of doctorate prepared faculty consistent with the University requirements for graduate faculty status and to support increased scholarly productivity consistent with masters’ level education. (LAC 46:XLVII.4509.1.f.iv)

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

**Motion Carried**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.2:**
**ICMSN-MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, recommend approval of the curriculum changes for three ICMSN schools as follows:

For fall 2004:
1. Maintain current Adult Health specialty for the preparation of nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialist at MSU and SLU.
2. Add Adult Health specialty at ULL.
3. Delete High Risk Home Health specialty at UL Lafayette
4. Delete Community Psychosocial specialty at SLU

For fall 2005.
5. Add Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health specialty at MSU, SLU, and ULL, effective Fall 2005 for the preparation of the NP and the CNS
Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes  

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.3:
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE REQUESTS
4.3.1 – IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCELERATED ASN PROGRAM IN BATON ROUGE
4.3.2 – IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCELERATED PROGRAM IN SHREVEPORT

P. Bourgeois stated a letter was received requesting that Item 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 be withdrawn.

Discussion was had on the agenda items.

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that OLOLC submit a written self-study on the implemented accelerated program in New Orleans, focusing on faculty preparation, student outcomes, and learning resources and that staff conduct a site visit to the New Orleans site following receipt of the self-study, but no later than December 2004.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

4.3.3 – IMPLEMENTATION OF LPN TO RN PROGRAM IN SHREVEPORT

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that action on the request OLOLC to implement an LPN to RN Program in Shreveport be delayed pending a site visit to the facilities, verification of clinical space, and a review of specific faculty credentials.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.4:
LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE-PROPOSAL UPDATES AND REQUEST FOR LSBN SITE-VISIT

P. Bourgeois stated that the Board received a letter dated October 8, that Delta is withdrawing its request. Because of Delta’s continued enrollment growth and increased demand for permanent faculty, they will need to restructure its pending SACS application and, therefore, can’t go forward without the SACS accreditation. Once this is achieved, Delta will continue the process of getting approval to offer a nursing program.

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, to accept the withdrawal of the proposal from Delta Community College to initiate an Associate Degree in Nursing Program.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.5:
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT, ASN PROGRAM, REPORT ON LSBN
SITE VISIT AND REQUEST FOR INITIAL APPROVAL.

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, to recommend initial approval of the ASN Program with permission for student admission no earlier than January 2005. Further, that a written report documenting efforts to add additional appropriately prepared faculty be submitted to the Board by June 1, 2005.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.6:
INITIATION OF CRIMINAL RECORD HISTORY INFORMATION ON STUDENTS ENTERING CLINICAL NURSING COURSES.

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, to approve the policy for initiating criminal record history information for students in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3330.B, effective for students applying for admission in fall 2005, and approve the changes to the LSBN Application for Approval to Enroll in a Clinical Nursing Course.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.7:
DEACONESS COLLEGE, ST. LOUIS, ON-LINE PROGRAM

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that application for licensure by a graduate of Deaconess College’s on-line associate degree nursing program and/or a graduate of any distant education nursing program be individually reviewed to determine eligibility for initial licensure to assure compliance with standards specified in LAC 46:XLVII.3521.G.1 and 2, and 3325.B.2

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.8:
REQUEST FOR FACULTY EXCEPTIONS TO FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, to approve the request for faculty exceptions (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7) of the following individuals:

Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing – Gina Anne Rosselli Herrera, Chevron Banks Gauthier, Cynthia Capella Bartholomae

Louisiana College – Donald M. Neely, Jr.

LSU at Eunice – Kimberly Ann Romero Betances, Jennifer Marie Crappel Fabre

Our Lady of the Lake College – Ruth E. Tesch Klumb, Kathleen Sue Butler Baudean

Northwestern State University – Alana Opal Brock Bragg, Becky Elise
AGENDA ITEM 5.1
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO LAC 46:XLVII.3401-3419 (DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS: ALTERNATIVE TO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS)

E. Crapanzano reported that the Compliance Committee met on July 27, 2004 and had the following recommendations:

Motion: by E. Crapanzano, seconded, to accept and approve for rulemaking the additional proposed revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3401-3419.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 5.2
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RECOVERY NURSE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS (CONFIDENTIAL & DISCIPLINARY ACTION)

Motion: by E. Crapanzano, seconded, to accept and approve the revision to the Recovering Nurse Program Agreement (Confidential & Disciplinary Action) as proposed.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by E. Crapanzano, seconded, to accept the report of the Compliance Committee.
Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

F. Rosenthal reported that the Nursing Practice Committee met on July 27, 2004 and made the following recommendation:

AGENDA ITEM 6.1:
REPORT OF FOCUS GROUP-LAC 46:XLVII.3701-3703. NURSING PRACTICE

Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, for Board to provide legal counsel to determine the best way to proceed with the request of the Developmental Disabilities Council regarding patient-centered alternatives that would assure appropriate training and oversight of paid non-licensed direct support workers.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.2:
STAFF REPORT: DECLARATORY STATEMENT OF THE ROLE AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE RN IN ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AND MONITORING OF PATIENTS DURING THE LEVELS OF SEDATION (MINIMAL, MODERATE, DEEP, AND ANESTHESIA) AS DEFINED HEARIN

F. Rosenthal reported that the Declaratory Statement was placed on the Board’s website following adoption by the Board on March 17, 2004. The Declaratory Statement appeared in the Spring 2004 issue of The Examiner. Staff received numerous phone calls regarding the statement under section C, “the prone position” and several calls regarding the applicability of the statement to RNs administering propofol to intubated, ventilated patients in a critical care setting. The statement was edited to delete historical information regarding epidural pain management and the injection of local anesthetic agents under the skin. Epidural pain management will be addressed in Board Rules (LAC 46:XLVII.Chapter 37.Nurse Practice) in accordance with SB 387.

Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, to accept the revisions to the statement and further modify the language to state “advance life support or equivalent of based on patient’s age” and to spell out the language of R.S. 37:930.D and as specified in R.S. 37:935.

Ms. Morvant stated that several people filled out cards in order to be able to address the Board with their comments or information.

Bradley Cruize, Director of the Pediatric Emergency Department in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Woman’s and Children’s Hospital in Lafayette, Louisiana, had three points of discussion on the Declaratory Statement:

Under A.2, the deletion of PALS. As a pediatric provider, he would like to see PALS as requirements for a nurse to have to monitor sedated patients remain.
The second point would be the documentation of monitoring patients every 5 minutes. Mr. Cruise stated he would like to see the documentation be every 15 minutes for moderately sedated patients and 5 minutes for the deeply sedated patients.

The third point would be, “Venous access shall be maintained for all patients having sedation.” Mr. Cruise stated that none of the sources cited required any venous access. From a pediatric standpoint a lot of the procedures that are done are non invasive. They would have to start a procedure, do an invasive procedure to do a subsequent noninvasive procedure. So therefore, he would like to see that deleted from the Declaratory Statement or that it be based on patient specific that a venous access be obtained.

Mary Salario, Imaging Services Manager, Woman’s Hospital in Baton Rouge, stated that she sent a letter to the Board regarding some of the objections to the Declaratory Statement and would like the Board to reconsider their position on the venous access. Starting an intravenous line in a pediatric patient is an unnecessary traumatic event and not needed for oral sedation.

On the documentation and monitoring, to delete the blood pressure monitoring every five minutes. Ms. Salario stated that at their institution their policy states that blood pressure is obtained prior to the start of the procedure and upon discharge. If blood pressure is to be obtained every 5 minutes, then the child may awaken during the procedure and the test cannot be completed.

Her final objection was on the documentation of cardiac rate and rhythm. Ms. Salario said that if you’re putting leads on the patients it does interfere in some of the imaging procedures.

Virginia Shiroda, with Woman’s Hospital, stated that they do auditory brain stem testing. Ms. Shiroda stated that if they were to put a monitor on a child that would interfere with the leads to do the auditory brain stem response testing and they wouldn’t get a valid study. Ms. Shiroda also stated that PALS should be required at their hospital for pediatric patients. And lastly, Ms. Shiroda also voiced objection to the monitoring of blood pressure every five minutes, stating that they would wake their patients up since they give minimal sedation.

Deborah Spell, with Southwest Medical Center, in Lafayette, Louisiana had two issues that were objectionable: venous access, particularly for outpatient testing, and the ASA classification system. Ms. Spell stated that the ASA classification is very subjective and is not even a hundred percent supported by the American College of Anesthesiology. The ASA classification, according to the anesthesiologist, should not be used as a risk indicator and that the recommendation should be altered to leave the clinical judgment to the physician that’s ordering the conscious sedation.

Chris Langer, with the LANA, stated that the American Society of Anesthesiologists Sedation Model Policy recommend, in terms of vital signs, that heart rate continuous monitoring be done on all patients with cardiac or pulmonary disease and may be monitored by pulse oximetry in all other patients. Respiration rate, oxygen saturation and blood pressure every five minutes. Their policy on intravenous access states: I.V. access is required for patients receiving I.V. sedation and analgesia and personnel must be proximally available to secure I.V. access in patients receiving sedation and analgesia by other routes of administration. (i.e. P.O., IM, OR PR)
Ms. Spell also commented that the ASA Patient Classification system has been in existence and in daily use in anesthesia departments, anesthesia programs and anesthesia residencies since at least 1945 and not the least bit controversial to many who practice and teach anesthesia on a daily basis.

Catherine Swisgood, Director of Nursing at Metropolitan Hospice in New Orleans, stated that she is opposed to the requirements that RNs have ACLS in hospice who are providing sedations.

Discussion was had by Board members regarding the motion.

Substitute Motion: By F. Rosenthal, seconded, to accept the revisions as a working draft and return to the Practice Committee for further review.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.3:
BOARD’S RULES LAC 46:XLVII.3703. NURSING PRACTICE

F. Rosenthal reported that SB 387 provides for registered nurses to administer 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 Board, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Motion: F. Rosenthal, seconded, to accept the proposed draft of revisions to the rules, LAC46:XLVII.3703 regarding registered nurses administering anesthetic agents through epidural catheters for pain management and to direct staff to send these proposed rules to the members of the Pain Management Task Force.

Discussion was had regarding the motion.

Amended Motion: F. Rosenthal, seconded, to accept the proposed draft of revisions to the rules, LAC46:XLVII.3703 and 3705 regarding registered nurses administering anesthetic agents through epidural catheters for pain management and to direct staff to send these proposed rules to the members of the Pain Management Task Force.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Additional discussion was had regarding motion.

Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, to allow 10 days for comments from the members of the Pain Management Task Force. If comments are substantive, to bring back to the December Board Meeting, if not, to proceed to rulemaking.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried
AGENDA ITEM 6.4:
RN PERFORMING A VAGINAL SPECULUM EXAMINATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FETAL FIBRONECTIN SAMPLING

Motion: By F. Rosenthal, seconded, that it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to perform a vaginal speculum examination for the purpose of a fibronectin sampling on a preterm labor patient.

Ms. Morvant stated that Lisa Hickey with East Jefferson Hospital wished to speak and provide information to the Board.

Lisa Hickey, Clinical Nurse Educator for Women and Child Services at East Jefferson Hospital, reported that preterm births account for 11.6% of births in the U.S. and more that 5 million dollars annually caring for them. Identifying a woman at risk for preterm birth is critical, but assessment methods thus far have not been reliable. The use of fetal fibronectin as a biochemical marker for risk assessment for preterm birth is an accurate and easily collected specimen with the proper instruction. A negative fetal fibronectin has a 99.2% negative predictive value that delivery will not occur within two weeks. This knowledge could mean the difference between an aggressive medical management versus a plan of care that is less anxiety inducing and less costly for the patient and her family. Delineated nurses can safely collect the specimen via a sterile speculum exam after obtaining a physician order. The fetal fibronectin collections performed by delineated RNs at East Jefferson General Hospital have been without incident and the results have proven very helpful in guiding management toward positive maternal and fetal outcomes. Ms. Hickey asked the State Board of Nursing to rule in favor of allowing delineated RNs to perform fetal fibronectin specimen collections and brought packets for the Board information that included two letters of recommendation from physicians who are proponents for RN collection and other relevant information.

Revised Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, to defer action on an RN performing a vaginal speculum examination for the purpose of fetal fibronectin sampling and send it back to the Practice Committee for review.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.5:
APRN (NP) PERFORMING A PHYSIOLOGIC OR PHARMACOLOGIC (DOBUTAIMINE) CARDIAC STRESS TEST, RN ASSISTING THE NP PERFORMING THE STRESS TEST

Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, to approve that it is within the RNs scope of practice to assist the APRN that has the knowledge, skills, and abilities, and has prescriptive authority and a collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician to perform a physiologic or pharmacologic cardiac stress test.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.6:
APRN ADMINISTERING BOTOX AND COLLAGEN INJECTIONS AND
PERFORMING SCLEROThERAPY

Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, to approve that it is within the scope of practice for an APRN to administer BOTOX and collagen injections and perform sclerotherapy provided the APRN is in collaborative practice with a collaborating physician and that this collaborative practice agreement specifies the APRN’s prescriptive authority and documents the APRN’s knowledge, skills and abilities to perform said procedures.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, to accept the report of the Practice Committee

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

The report was given at the September Board meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

AGENDA ITEM 7.1
2004 ANNUAL MEETING AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY HELD AUGUST 3-6, 2004 IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI – REPORT ON

Ms. Morvant reported that the NCSBN was held in August 2004 and that Board members had the results of the actions taken by National Council.

Some of the highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member boards of nursing included:

- Election of new NCSBN officers and directors-at-large to the Board of Directors.
- Adoption of the new NCLEX-PN test plan for licensed practical and vocational nurses.
- Adoption of the revised NCSBN model Nursing Practice Act and Model Administrative Rules for use by member boards of nursing.
- Resolution that NCSBN and its member boards support the necessity for inclusion of planned, structured, and supervised clinical instruction as an essential to nursing education. For nurses at all points in their careers.
- Adoption of the NCSBN publication entitled: “Minimal Data set for the Evaluation of International Nurses.”

Ms. Morvant stated it was a positive meeting and good actions resulted.

D. Ford reported that Ms. Morvant was recognized and given an award for
her 15 years of service at the NCSBN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM A:
PROPOSED RULES LAC 46:XLVII.CHAPTER 40.PREVENTION OF TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS B VIRUS (HBV), HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) – PROMULGATION OF

Ms. Morvant reported that these rules are ready for adoption. There have been no requests received for public hearing and no comments received. Staff recommends adoption of rules by the Board.

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded, to approve the promulgation of Rule LAC 46:XLVII.Chapter 40. Prevention of Transmission of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) on or after November 20, 2004.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM B:
PROPOSED RULE LAC 46:XLVII.3330. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION AND LAC 46:LVII.3341. FEES FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE – REPORT ON

Ms. Morvant reported that these rules were submitted to the Legislative Auditor September 10, 2004. The Notice of Intent was published September 10, 2004. There was no request for public hearing. The earliest Board can adopt is December 10, 2004 and will be presented again at the December 6, 2004 Board Meeting for adoption. (No action required.)

D. Ford stated that Board will go into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of ratifying summary suspensions and to hear the report on Litigation. When the Board comes out of Executive Session, it will render its decision of those summary suspensions.

Motion: by T. Ashby, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of ratifying summary suspensions and to hear the report on litigation.

Voice Vote: McClanahan-yes; Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ashby-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

(Board in Executive Session)

Motion: by T. Ashby, seconded, to go into Open Session.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried
Motion: by F. Rosenthal, seconded, that in the matter of Tammy Serio, that the Board amend the final order to delete under “Conclusions of Law” Number 3, subparagraphs 2 and 11; furthermore that legal counsel and the Executive Director and the President of the Board be granted authority to rephrase the wording of the final order as needed without changing the findings of fact or orders.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2004

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

There were four (4) matters heard as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board Staff.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board ratify the actions taken by staff of the following registrants.

Peggy Castell Donaway
Sylvia Denise Fontenot
Wanda McCann Jayne
Brenda Joyce Harper Keith

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL OF STAFF ACTION:

Three (3) matters heard as ratification of delay/denial by staff action.

Motion: by P. Bourgeois, seconded, to ratify delay/denial of licensure by staff on the following:

Brant Hill Dowe
Vickie Ann Link Fry
Kinitsa Richard

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Amy Tammura Bodin

The matter was heard before the Board as ratification of summary suspension by Board staff

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Board ratifies the summary suspension against this individual as the Board finds that the public health, safety and welfare required this emergency action.

Voice Vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Amy Brooke Broman
The matter was heard before the Board as ratification of summary suspension by Board staff.

**Motion:** by F. Rosenthal, seconded, that the Board ratifies the summary suspension against this individual as the Board finds that the public health, safety and welfare required this emergency action.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Melanie Holoman**

The matter was heard before the Board as ratification of summary suspension by Board staff.

**Motion:** by D. Olds, seconded, that the Board ratifies the summary suspension against this individual as the Board finds that the public health, safety and welfare required this emergency action.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Cyntrell Vance Lewis**

The matter was heard before the Board as ratification of summary suspension by Board staff.

**Motion:** by T. Ashby, seconded, that the Board ratifies the summary suspension against this individual as the Board finds that the public health, safety and welfare required this emergency action.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by E. Crapanzano, seconded, for adjournment.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; McClanahan-yes; Moody-yes; Olds-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.