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June 5, 2017

Senator John Alario, Jr, President
Louisiana Senate
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9183

Dear Senator Alario,

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces it plan to proceed with rule-making of Chapter 31, Section 3105 by finalizing the April 20, 2017, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 781-782 of the *Louisiana Register*.

This rule-making is informed by authority of the LSBN granted in R.S. 37:918 to develop, adopt and revise rules and regulations in the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act. The proposed changes will align the Nurse Practice Act with Act 598 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session. Historically, the Act 376 of 1976 designated nine registered nurse members and two non-voting ex-officio physicians as the official board members of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN). The mission of LSBN has been and remains "To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe". It is important to LSBN to protect the citizens of Louisiana, but also to give the citizens of Louisiana a vote on how we operate and manage the greater than 64,000 nurses in the state of Louisiana. The proposed rule changes the composition of the members of LSBN in accordance with Act 598 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, adding two public, consumer members to the nine professional nursing members of the board. In order to be in compliance, the Nurse Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations should have the same language, therefore we are adding additional language to the Louisiana Administrative Code Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards Part XLVII. Nurses: Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses, Subpart 2. Registered Nurses. Chapter 31, section 3105.

The LSBN has received comments against the removal of the two non-voting ex-officio physicians and adding two consumer members. The LSBN conducted a public board meeting on April 14, 2016. The House Bill 979 was discussed at the April 14, 2016 board meeting and LSBN followed all the required steps to publish this meeting. We did not receive any comments or objections relative to House Bill 979 at the board meeting. The House Bill was passed and became Act 598 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session. The LSBN is not required to conduct a hearing pursuant to the Revised Statute 49:953(A)(2). The comments and the agenda for the April 14, 2016 board meeting are attached herewith.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Dr. Karen Lyon at 225-755-7576 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

Sincerely,



Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS, NEA
Executive Director
Louisiana State Board of Nursing
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Attachment I -

Louisiana State Board of Nursing Board Meeting-
April 14, 2016 Agenda

Attachment II -

Faxes received from nurses at Ochsner Hospital who are not in support of the Chapter 31, Section 3105 rule change.

April 14, 2016

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
BOARD MEETING - April 14, 2016
AGENDA

Place: Holiday Inn Baton Rouge-South
9940 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

Call to Order: 9:00am
Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Reading of Minutes February 18, 2016

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. LSBN Staff Visit Reports
 1. Dillard University - Focused Site Visit
 2. Baton Rouge Community College - 5 Year Accreditation Site Visit
 3. Sowela Technical Community College - Initial Site Visit
3. Accreditation Reports from Approved Programs
 1. Louisiana College - SACSCOC Action
 2. Louisiana Delta Community College - ACEN Correspondence
 3. University of Louisiana Monroe - CCNE Progress Improvement Report
4. Requests for Continuing Education Providership
 1. LA-MS Hospice & Palliative Care Organization - CE Approval
5. Requests for Continuing Education Providership
 1. Loyola University - Major Curriculum Change
6. Education Announcements
7. South Louisiana Community College Administrative Change

2. Investment Update

1. Review of LSBN Investment Policy and Investment Portfolio

3. Office of the Executive Director

1. Report of Executive Director
2. Updates on CQI Initiatives
 1. Executive Director
3. Buddy System for Board Members
4. House Bill NO. 979
5. LSNA approves Sister Lucie RNP Fund

4. Department Reports

1. Education
 1. Schools of Nursing Conditional Approval Status Reports
 1. Dillard University - Conditional Approval Status Report
 2. Southern University Baton Rouge - Conditional Approval Status Report
 2. Request for APRN Clinical Experiences in Louisiana
 1. Herzing University - Request for Re-approval of APRN Clinical Experiences in Louisiana
 3. Our Lady of the Lake College - Step II of Establishing Graduate Program
 4. South Louisiana Community College - Curriculum Change to ASN Program
 5. Rule Revisions Chapter 35 Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs
 6. Updates on CQI Initiatives
2. RN Practice/Credentialing
 1. Declaratory Statement Regarding RNs Assisting with Peripheral Nerve Blocks
 2. 3703 and 3709 Delegation of Medication Administration
 3. Updates on CQI Initiatives
3. Advanced Practice
 1. Request for Exception to Current Educational Requirements for Licensure as an APRN
 2. Updates on CQI Initiatives
4. Operations
 1. Contract Amendments for Professional Legal Services
 2. Updates on CQI Initiatives
5. RNP/Monitoring
 1. Length of Initial RNP Program
 2. Updates on CQI Initiatives
6. Investigations

1. Updates on CQI Initiatives
7. Hearings
 1. Updates on CQI Initiatives
8. Center for Nursing
 1. Updates on CQI Initiatives
5. **Professional Development**
 1. Sexual Boundaries and Sexual Misconduct
6. **Reports**
 1. Report of President
 2. Report of Vice-President
7. **National Council State Boards of Nursing**
8. **Public Comments**
 1. Barbara Gordon
9. **Executive Session**
 1. Report on Litigation:
 1. Kourtney Rodgers .v. Louisiana State Board of Nursing, United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Case 16-30023, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, USDC No.: 3:15-cv-615
 2. Personnel Issues

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Adjournment

NOTE: This agenda is tentative until 24 hours in advance of the meeting, at which time the most recent revision becomes official.
Effective: Revised:

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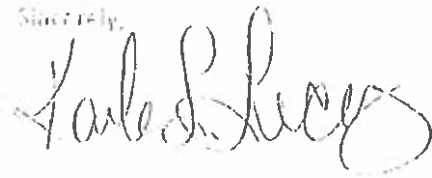
VISION: LSBN will be a leader in regulatory excellence that advances nursing workforce, education, and practice.

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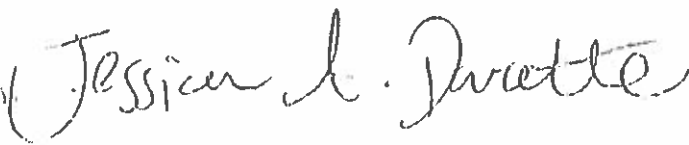
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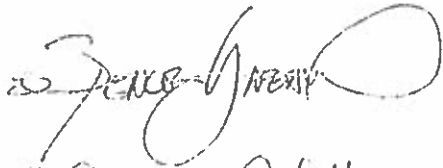
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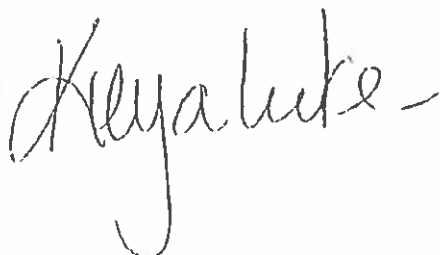
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Victoria Goodreau RN

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RN 114830

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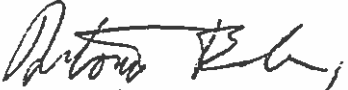
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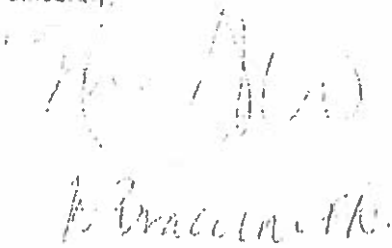
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Emily O'Valle, BSN, RN

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emily.ovalle@lawnurses.org

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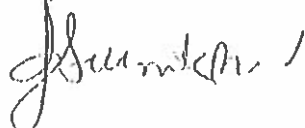
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1540 Chickasaw Ave Apt 306
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850-974-1917

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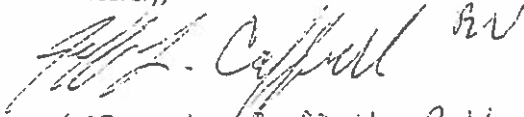
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K Mulino, RN

Katherine Mulino, RN # 148910

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Metairie, La 70003

504-432-4611 cell

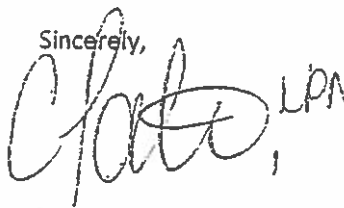
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Kathie C. Nay RN

4/23/17

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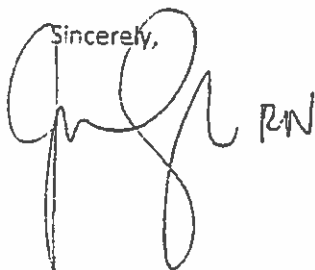
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Shelby T Marnel, RN

RN151195

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