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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Louisiana State Board of Nursing Day



During the 2012 Legislative Session, Resolution No. 190 declared July 10, 2012, as Louisiana State Board of Nursing Day in Louisiana. On July 12th LSBN board members, staff, legal counsel, and guests, including the State Attorney General, came together in

celebration of the date marking the signing of the first nurse practice act in Louisiana. The 100th anniversary cake was lovely! Disciplinary hearings were in process, applications were being processed and candidates were taking the NCLEX-RN exam in three (3) separate locations across the state. Business as usual!

I actually was touring the Danube River on a much needed and long planned vacation in celebration of my 40th wedding anniversary. I didn't realize in planning the trip the degree to which I would miss being in Louisiana on the actual commemorative date. Thanks to my able staff the celebration went well and I got pictures to prove it!

My husband could not help but note the melancholy I experienced on that date and he was a little concerned that I would take off and head back to Louisiana in time for the cake cutting! And it was really hard not to do so. Some may say that I am clearly a workaholic. I prefer to think that I am merely passionate about the work of the Board and my responsibility to make sure we all do the work well.

I haven't been here for the 100 years, but I have known Board members and staff throughout my forty-three (43) years of my nursing career. It has been my privilege to serve with many over the twenty-four (24) years that I have served as the Executive Director. All fine people

dedicated to the nursing profession and most of all, to the public that we serve.

I can think of no better tribute than to have July 10, 2012 to be recognized as Louisiana State Board of Nursing Day in Louisiana and for the legislature of Louisiana to commend the continuing contributions, past and present, to the health and well-being of all Louisiana citizens by the dedicated members who have served on the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and to recognize the anniversary of the creation of the Louisiana Board of Nursing, the agency whose mission is to assure Louisiana citizens access to safe and competent registered nurses

For a complete copy of the Legislator Resolution, [click here](#)

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN





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APRN Corner

New Policy – Notifying Board of Changes in Prescriptive Authority and Physician Collaboration

On June 13, 2012, an open board meeting was held by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing at its office located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. During the meeting the board members approved the implementation of a new policy which provides guidelines for disciplinary action when an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse fails to submit required documentation for changes in prescriptive authority in accordance with the board's rules and regulations., Chapter 45, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, §4513.D.Prescriptive and Distributing Authority states:

“prior to change with the collaborating physician, or physicians or coverage physician, when applicable, the APRN shall notify the board in writing requesting approval of such changes and submit a new collaborative practice agreement. The APRN shall notify the board in writing within 30 days of all changes regarding practice sites. Failure to notify the board may result in disciplinary action”.

Disciplinary action may include an informal/formal reprimand, consent order, fines, administrative costs, continuing education and/or other actions”.

Submitted by Cynthia York, RN, MSN, CGRN
Director, Practice and Credentialing Department

What are Clinical Practice Guidelines?

According to Louisiana's Nurse Practice Act and subsequent regulations, clinical practice guidelines are a required component of the collaborative practice agreement. Clinical practice guidelines refer to written documents, mutually agreed upon by the APRN and collaborating physician(s). These may also include textbooks, internet sites, etc.

Clinical practice guidelines must:

- describe a specific plan, arrangement, or sequence of orders, steps, or procedures to be followed or carried out in providing patient care in various clinical situations,
- be in accordance with current standards of care and evidence-based practice for the APRN specialty and functional role,
- address types or categories or schedules of drugs for prescription,
- be specific to the practice setting,
- be maintained on site, and
- be reviewed and signed at least annually by the APRN and physician to reflect current practice.

Scopes and standards of practice are more general and broad, and though they are an important element in an APRN's practice, they do not meet the definition and description above. Feel free to contact the credentialing department if you have any questions.





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APRN Corner Cont.

Licensure Renewals

To the Upcoming December 2012 APRN Graduates

Consider beginning the process for licensure as an APRN with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing prior to graduation. You will find the application for initial licensure on our website at <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/Forms/APRNExamApplication.pdf>.

It is suggested that you send in the application 4-6 weeks before graduation as well as begin the process as indicated in the instructions (such as fingerprinting and having forms notarized). Keep in mind that there is a difference between licensure as an APRN and certification as an APRN. Contact the national certifying bodies for details regarding their application process. You may find the advanced national certifying organizations approved by LSBN on our website at <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/Forms/APRNCertifyingOrganizations.pdf>.

RN 2013 Licensure Renewal

RN/APRN license renewal season begins in early October, 2012. Now's the time to review continuing education (CE) obtained thus far and ensure board requirements have been met. If you need to obtain additional CE, you may find resources on LSBN's website by [clicking here](#). This is also a good time to visit LSBN's [My Services](#) section and update your contact information. Additional useful renewal information can be found by clicking this [link](#)

APRN 2013 Licensure Renewal

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) must renew both their RN and APRN license each fall for the next calendar year. To renew as an APRN, the nurse must either hold current national certification in their advanced practice role(s) and population focus/specialty (proof on file with LSBN) – **or** - if national certification is not available in the advanced role/specialty, the nurse must submit evidence to LSBN of meeting the commensurate requirements for licensure renewal.

All APRNs with prescriptive authority privileges must have completed six (6) hours of pharmacotherapeutics (pharmacology) continuing education applicable to their advanced practice role/specialty each calendar year.

Please [click here](#) for additional information.





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MAJOR MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE JUNE 13, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Accepted the President's Report

Accepted the Vice-President's Report

Accepted Executive Director's Report

Adopted the Minutes from April 11, 2012

CREDENTIALING ACTIONS:

Approved implementation of a new policy: Guidelines for Discipline when Individual has Failed to Submit Required Documentation for Changes in Prescriptive Authority in Timeframe Established in NPA, Rules and Regulations, Chapter 45, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, §4513.D. Prescriptive and Distributing Authority. Said rule states:

"prior to change with the collaborating physician, or physicians or coverage physician, when applicable, the APRN shall notify the board in writing requesting approval of such changes and submit a new collaborative practice agreement. The APRN shall notify the board in writing within 30 days of all changes regarding practice sites. Failure to notify the board may result in disciplinary action".

EDUCATION ACTIONS:

Education Major Motions – Board Meeting June 13, 2012

Reapproved the Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization [Provider #46] as a Continuing Education Provider recognized by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing effective June 13, 2012 – June 13, 2016.

Reapproved Lake Charles Memorial Hospital [Provider # 25] as a Continuing Education provider recognized by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing effective June 13, 2012- June 13, 2014.

Reapproved the LA/DHH/OCDD Greater New Orleans Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities [Provider # 49] as a Continuing Education provider recognized by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing effective June 13, 2012- June 13, 2016.

Accepted the Site Visit report on Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Degree and continue Full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports.

Accepted the LSBN Site Visit report on William Carey University School of Nursing Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Degree and continue Conditional approval status to be reviewed with 2011-2012 annual report.

Acknowledged the letter of intent from Nicholls State University to develop a graduate program under the auspices of the ICMSN.

Acknowledged the letter of intent from Southern University Baton Rouge to initiate an online RN-BSN Degree Fall 2012 .

Acknowledged the letter of intent from Southern University Baton Rouge to initiate a Post-Master's Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree Fall 2012 for the concentration of :

Family Nurse Practitioner

Adopted emergency rules and initiate for rule making regarding Schools of Nursing exhausting initial approval and not meeting standards for full approval. This action is required because imminent peril to the public health safety or welfare requires adoption of this rule.





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Resumed Public Hearing for Fletcher Technical College from April 11, 2012 meeting.

NURSE PRACTICE ACTIONS:

Deferred initiation of rule change to Chapter 37, §3707.B.5 and §3707.C.1.d as requested by petitioner Ms. Carol Gonzales, RN Manager, IV Therapy Services, Interim LSU Public Hospital, until petitioner has obtained significantly more evidence based research data and support from stakeholders (physicians, radiologists, hospital administrators, directors of nursing, etc. throughout the State of Louisiana) regarding the safety and efficacy of utilizing technology other than the current gold standard of practice chest x-ray for the verification of tip placement of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters.

Adopted the opinion in response to a request by Jeanne Dispenza, APRN, PNP, Pediatric Oncology Department, Tulane University Medical Center, that it is within the scope of practice for a certified pediatric nurse practitioner licensed in Louisiana to provide services to patients over the age of 21 who are survivors of childhood cancers for the purposes of transition to adult care and screening for late effects of cancer treatments provided the pediatric nurse practitioner has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to do so. Prior to providing such services, the pediatric nurse practitioner must submit a collaborative practice agreement for approval to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (as per RS 37:913(8) and (9) and LAC 46:XLVII.4513.B) which includes these parameters of practice, reflects the mutual agreement with the collaborating physician(s), and identifies mechanisms for establishing and maintaining primary care services for the patients.

MAJOR MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 15, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Accepted the President's Report

Authorized the President to appoint a task force to revise Chapter 35 and Chapter 45 of the rules and regulations related to education standards

Approved a letter of support for the Louisiana Action Coalition Future of Nursing to be included in the Robert Wood Johnson State Implementation Grant

Authorized the President to engage a search firm to assist in the recruitment and screening for an Executive Director (as a component of succession planning for the ED retirement)

Accepted the Vice-President Report

Accepted Executive Director's Report

Adopted the Minutes from June 13, 2012

EDUCATION ACTIONS:

Approved the request of the St Joseph's College of Maine to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following Specialty/Concentrations: Family NP

Approval effective Fall 2012- Fall 2014 contingent on:

1. becoming compliant with Faculty licensure in Louisiana and submission of clinical affiliation and preceptor agreement, and reporting impact on LA approved schools utilizing the agency; and,
2. continued adherence to and submission of required documentation regarding faculty qualifications, preceptor qualifications, clinical site appropriateness and approval, and student criteria as outlined in LAC46: XVII.4509





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Acknowledged Nicholls State University Feasibility Study, Step I and Step II and approved Initiation of a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) program for Family Nurse Practitioner, Family Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, and Nurse Executive in academic partnership with the Intercollegiate Consortium for A Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN).

Acknowledged the Letter from Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) announcing a Post Master's Certificate program for Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Family Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPNP); and further, Granted conditional approval as a Major Curriculum Change; and further, Instructed the ICMSN to submit a request for approval of Major Curriculum Change and clarifications requested to Board staff within 30 days.

School Nurse Advisory

Act 858 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature enacted R.S. 17:436.3 relative to the care of students with diabetes in Louisiana's public and nonpublic schools. The law sets forth the requirements for students, parents, and physicians on implementing diabetes management and treatment plans in the school setting. It defines the role of the school nurse and school system administrators (for diabetes management and treatment plans) and it provides school districts with an option of utilizing unlicensed diabetes care assistants in the schools to meet the needs of students with diabetes.

The Department of Education and the Louisiana Board of Nursing have been delegated the task of promulgating rules and regulations related to the training and use of unlicensed diabetes care assistants in Louisiana schools. Appropriate stakeholders will also be involved in this process. Until the rules have been fully adopted by BESE and by the Board of Nursing, school nurses should continue to provide services to students using current guidelines for Administration of Medication and Non-Complex Procedures.





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NCLEX Examination Volunteer Opportunities

Development of the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN examinations utilizes contributions from hundreds of nurse educators, clinicians and managers who work with entry-level nurses. Volunteers are selected for three types of panels:

- Item Writing: Item writers create the items that are used for the NCLEX examination
- Item Review: Item reviewers examine the items that are created by item writers
- Panel of Judges: The panel of judges recommends potential NCLEX passing standards to the NCSBN Board of Directors

Benefits of Participation

- Earn continuing education contact hours
- Contribute to continued excellence in the nursing profession
- Have an opportunity to network on a national level
- Build new skills that are useful professionally, as well as for personal growth

It's Easy to Participate

Visit the [NCSBN Examinations](#) website to review the nurse qualifications and submit an online application.

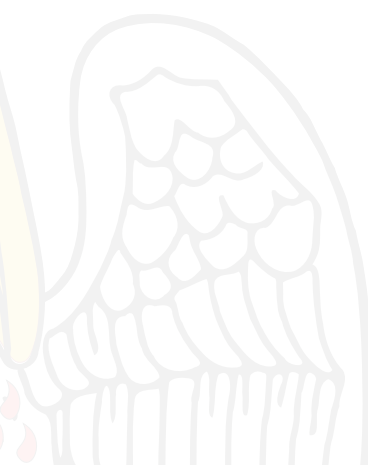
Disciplinary Matters

[May 15, 2012](#)

[June 12, 2012](#)

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[August 14, 2012](#)





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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

2012 State Holiday Schedule

Labor Day.....	September 3
Elections Day.....	November 6
Veterans Day.....	November 12
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 22
Christmas Day.....	December 25

2012 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETING DATES

October 10, 2012
December 12, 2012

BOARD HEARING PANEL MEETING DATES

September 11, 2012
October 9, 2012
November 13, 2012
December 11, 2012

