

July 21-22, 1988 meeting of LSBN

Celeste Funderberg, RN, requested an opinion of the Board on what constitutes adequate preparation for NICU transport of neonates.

After hearing testimony from Kay Allen, Director of Nursing, Roy Bostick, Hospital Administrator, and Dr. Roy Clay, Assistant Dean for LSU Affairs at E.A. Conway, the Board determined the following:

1. THERE IS A NEED TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE TRANSPORT OF A STABILIZED INFANT AND A TRANSPORT WHICH REQUIRES STABILIZATION OF THE INFANT PRIOR TO TRANSPORT. THE FIRST CATEGORY OF TRANSPORT REQUIRES THAT A REGISTERED NURSE TRANSPORT A NEONATE TO A LEVEL III HOSPITAL STABILIZE THE INFANT PRIOR TO TRANSPORT AND THEN TRANSPORT THE INFANT BACK TO THE LEVEL III HOSPITAL.

2. DIFFERENT SKILLS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE DEPENDING UPON WHICH METHOD OF TRANSFER IS UTILIZED. STABILIZATION PRIOR TO TRANSPORT REQUIRES THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF AN ADVANCED PRACTITIONER IN NEONATAL NURSING.

Motion:by B. Berry seconded and carried that a Committee be established to identify the education and skills required for a Level II Nursery Transport Nurse. In the interim, E.A. Conway may continue its present training in order to take care of day-to-day problems.

The individuals appointed to this committee were N. Broussard, B. Berry and O. Ferry, Board members, Johnette Smith, E.A. Conway Hospital, Jan Nugent, Ochsner Foundation Hospital, and Linda Abraham, Earl K. Long Hospital.

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