

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
17373 PERKINS ROAD  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70810**

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2012 BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 am by Demetrius Porche, President, on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, Ph.D, FNP, President  
Carlene MacMillan, MN, RN, Vice President  
Patricia Prechter, Ed.D, MSN, RN, Alternate Officer  
Lucie Agosta, Ph.D., RNC,  
Nancy Davis, MN, RN, NE-BC  
Larry Haley, MSN, CRNA  
Jolie Harris, MSN, RN  
Patricia Johnson, MN, RN, CNAA  
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN

The following Board members were not in attendance:  
Robert Bass, MD, Ex-Officio Member  
William LaCorte, M.D. Ex-Officio Member

**Introduction:** Dr. Demetrius Porche called the meeting to order and a quorum of the Board was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Demetrius Porche called for adoption of the agenda with permission to reorganize.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

**Motion carried.**

**EDUCATION ISSUES**

Dr. Demetrius Porche called for Ms. Dufrene to bring forth the Education Issues

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.1**

#### **PROPOSAL FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA FOR MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGES TO ASN and RN-BSN PROGRAMS**

Ms. Dufrene shared a proposed curriculum change from the Louisiana State University at Alexandria for major curriculum for the ASN and RN-BSN programs. On January 6, 2012, Board staff received proposal from Louisiana State University at Alexandria for a major curriculum to be instituted Fall 2012. The LSBN staff performed a review and it is as follows: LSU-A is undergoing a major curriculum change in response to the IOM report. Changes are in response to focus on patient safety and quality health care.

#### **Packet - ASN**

Section A - includes minutes from the Course and Curriculum committee and reflect adoption by Parent Institution.

Section B- provides an outline of Mission, philosophy and goals with a comparison of old and new outline of each course is provided and reflect changes.

Section C-compares the old to new courses and outline changes.

#### **Packet RN-BSN**

Section D - eliminate a statistics course as content was duplicated in N 4040. Prerequisite changes are outlined to reflect deletion of duplicated courses

Proposal does not discuss impact on enrolled students. However, the discussion with SON representatives addressed that students will be guided through the changes, but they should not be impacted and the degree plan is basically unchanged.

Proposal appears to be inclusive of all aspects of the curriculum changes therefore Ms. Dufrene is recommending acceptance by the Board.

Dr. Elizabeth Battalora, Division of Nursing Chair from LSUA, was present to address the proposal. She stated that faculty felt very compelled to integrate the QSEN knowledge strategies, skills and attributes into the curriculum because it is the way ahead and it is in line with the IOM report and national safety patient goals. It is a proactive curriculum that allows them to incorporate creative teaching strategies to help better meet the learning needs of their students.

Dr. Demetrius Porche called for the motion to approve the proposal from Louisiana State University at Alexandria for major curriculum changes to ASN to RN-BSN programs

**Motion:** Dr. Patricia Prechter, moved and was seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook to approve Major Curriculum Revisions to the ASN and RN-BSN program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria to be initiated Fall 2012.

**Approved** the Major Curriculum revisions to the ASN and RN-BSN program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria to be initiated Fall 2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

**Motion carried.**

#### **4.2 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWL OF PROPOSAL FOR GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN LOUISIANA (DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER 2011 and December 2011 BOARD MEETINGS)**

Ms. Dufrene stated that LSBN staff received a proposal for withdrawal from the University of Massachusetts. As a summary and background, on August 22, 2011 LSBN staff received a proposal submitted by University of Massachusetts, Boston to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following Specialties/ Concentrations:

Post Master's Certificate Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Post Master's Certificate Adult Gerontology Family Nurse Practitioner (AGNP)

On 9/14/2011 presented at LSBN meeting. Board deferred action on the request of University of Massachusetts Boston to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana pending submission of supplemental data.

On 10/31/11- LSBN staff provided SON with requested information for Board decision at December 14, 2011 meeting

On 11/14/11- correspondence from SON indicated deadline is not possible. Additionally, they were seeking Board of Regents approval first.

On 12/14/2011-Presented at LSBN Meeting. Board voted to continue deferral on University of Massachusetts, Boston proposal.

On 1/4/12- LSBN staff received a letter requesting proposal of withdrawal request to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana. The letter was provided as an attachment to the agenda sheet.

Recommendation: Ms. Dufrene is recommending the acceptance of the request from University of Massachusetts, Boston to withdraw the proposal and request to offer Graduate clinical experience in Louisiana.

Dr. Demetrius Porche asked was there anyone present that would like to speak from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. No response was given.

**Motion:** Dr. Lucie Agosta, moved and was seconded by Dr. Patricia Prechter, to accept the request from University of Massachusetts, Boston to withdraw the proposal and request to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana.

**Accepted** the request from University of Massachusetts, Boston to withdraw the proposal and request to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

**Motion carried.**

#### **4.3 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR GRADUATE PROGRAM TO OFFER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN LOUISIANA**

Ms. Dufrene stated on January 10, 2012 LSBN staff received a proposal from University of Cincinnati requesting approval to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following Specialties/Concentrations of:

- Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP)
- Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PNP)
- Nurse Administration (non APRN)

On January 17, 2012, LSBN staff received supplemental information regarding Ohio Board of Nursing approval and regional accreditation from NCA Higher Learning Commission.

On February 9, 2012, LSBN staff received supplemental information seeking Board of Regents approval.

As for as the LSBN staff review of the initial proposal that was sent on January 10, 2012, University of Cincinnati the request of University of Cincinnati to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following Specialties/Concentrations of:

- Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Practitioner Nurse Specialist – Dual Track
- Nurse Midwife
- Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)

Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PNP)  
Nurse Administration (non APRN)

LSBN staff completed the review of the document that was attached to the agenda sheet. Additional review noted several areas of deficiency in completeness including Ohio Board of Nursing Approval, Regional Accreditation Status, and Board of Regents Approval. LSBN staff corresponded with the school of nursing for the supplemental data and clarifications. The Board has since received that information. The concern of note is that there are currently four students enrolled, two in the Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner track, one Adult Health and one Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. There are some concerns relative to faculty licensure as well as the curriculum patterns. The proposal included syllabi that outline the Adult Health Nurse Practicum, there are three Practicums and only one syllabus was sent. The same for the Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner and the Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and they did not receive a syllabi for the Family Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Midwifery.

**Motion:** Dr. Lucie Agosta, moved and seconded by Mrs. Jolie Harris, that the Board conditionally approves the request of University of Cincinnati to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following Specialties/Concentrations of:

- Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP)
- Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PNP)
- Nurse Administration (non-APRN)

and that Conditional Approval shall be effective Spring 2012-Spring 2014 contingent upon:

- 1) Becoming compliant with Faculty licensure in Louisiana, faculty direct and onsite evaluation of students and submission of clinical affiliation agreement, and impact on LA approved schools utilizing the agency;
- 2) Submission of syllabi for all practicum course utilized for clinical experiences in Louisiana for all APRN related degrees (NP, CNS and NMW).
- 3) 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.

And further recommended University of Cincinnati submit above information to staff within 90 days to be presented at a subsequent Board meeting and receive full approval of all requested specialties from Board prior to admission of any new clinical students in Louisiana sites.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

**Motion carried.**

#### **4.4 Annual School Reports of Nursing Programs 2010-2011**

Ms. Dufrene reported that Twenty-six (26) programs preparing graduates for Registered Nurse (RN) licensure submitted 2010/2011 Annual Reports as follows:

- One (1) diploma program

- Twelve (12) associate degree programs

- Thirteen (13) baccalaureate programs

- Eleven (11) programs reported RN to BSN degrees

- Nine programs preparing graduate level nurses. Three (3) of these programs comprise ICMSN (Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing

Ms. Dufrene summarized information from the reports from the past five (5) years regarding applicants, admissions, enrollment, and graduates for undergraduate programs. The LSBN materials include the Annual Reports and staff summary for each program.

Two programs, Baton Rouge General and Our Lady of Holy Cross had 100 percent pass rate. Ms. Dufrene addressed that there were three (3) programs that fell below the LSBN standard regarding NCLEX-RN pass rate.

Ms. Dufrene reviewed the Annual Report for Fletcher Community College. NCLEX-RN pass rates are below the 80 percent for 3 years. The program has been on initial approval during this time.

Dr. Sue Westbrook asked to be recused from the discussion and vote on this program. Dr. Demetrius Porche approved her recusal.

Ms. Sonia Clarke, Head, Department of Nursing and Allied Health, Dr. William Tulak, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, and Dr. Travis Lavigne, Chancellor were present to address the Board regarding their annual report and to answer questions by the Board members. Dr. William Tulak addressed that they have changed admission and progression requirements which can not be evaluated until the next graduating report. Ms. Sonia Clarke addressed the institution of the changes regarding student assessment and remediation.

Dr. Demetrius Porche addressed a concern regarding the impact on current students articulating to baccalaureate programs.

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Ms. Carllene MacMillan, that the Board delay action on the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Fletcher Technical Community College [for non-compliance with 3536.B.3.c-NCLEX pass rate] until they Show Cause as to why approval should not be withdrawn or denied for future admission of students;

And,

Further instruct that Fletcher Technical Community College submits an interim report to the LSBN staff within 30 days and schedules a hearing before the Board within 45 days.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-recused.

**Motion carried.**

Ms. Dufrene reported on Grambling State University. NCLEX-RN low pass rates for the second consecutive year. Dr. Danita Potter, Interim Associate Dean, Grambling School of Nursing was present to answer any questions by the LSBN.

**Motion:** Dr. Patricia Prechter moved and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Grambling State University, continue conditional approval secondary to non-compliance with 3536.B.3.c (NCLEX pass rate) and requested submission of interim report related to non-compliance of annual report submission, clarification of gender/ethnicity data, preceptor clarification, clarification of active faculty exceptions and NCLEX pass rate by April 16, 2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** Dr. Patricia Prechter moved and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook that the LSBN staff not make a joint accreditation visit but instead set a visit for another time.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

Ms. Dufrene reported that William Carey School of Nursing. NCLEX-RN pass rates are below the standard for the second consecutive year. Dr. Janet Williams, Dean, School of Nursing was present to answer questions of the Board.

**Motion:** Dr. Patricia Prechter moved and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at William Carey College, continue conditional approval for non-compliance with 3536.B.3.c (NCLEX pass rate) and requested they submit an interim report regarding non-compliance with 3536.B.3.c by April 16, 2012;

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Ms. Carllene MacMillan, and seconded by Dr. Patricia Prechter that LSBN staff attend the joint accreditation visit.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Demetrius Porche called for the motions on the remaining annual reports.

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the diploma program in nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center, continued full approval and commended for 100% NCLEX pass rate.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Baton Rouge Community College and continued initial approval and request they submit interim report regarding graduation by 4/16/12.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Bossier Parish Community College and continued full approval.



**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing and continued full approval and request they submit interim report regarding graduation by 4/16/2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Dillard University and continued full approval and request they submit interim report regarding graduation by 4/16/2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT from the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Louisiana College and continued full approval and request they submit interim report regarding graduation rates by 4/16/2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana

Delta Community College and continued full approval pending NCLEX results from December 2011 graduates.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Eunice and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and continued full approval and request they submit interim report regarding graduation rates by 4/16/2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-recused; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana Tech University and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing programs at McNeese State University and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Mrs. Carllene MacMillan that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Nicholls State University and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-recused.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT from the associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing program at Northwestern State University and continued full approval and request they submit an interim report on graduation rates by 4/16/2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Sue Westbrook and seconded by Ms. Carllene MacMillan, that the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, continued full approval and commended for 100% NCLEX pass rate and request they submit an interim report on graduation rates by 4/16/2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-recused; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Southeastern Louisiana University and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-recused; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Baton Rouge, and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Shreveport and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at University of Louisiana at Lafayette and continued full approval and they submit an interim report on graduation rates by accelerated students by 4/16/2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at University of Louisiana at Monroe and continued full approval

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program of the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) and continued full approval status.

McNeese State University  
Southeastern Louisiana University  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-recused; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-recused; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded Dr. Sue Westbrook , that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Loyola University and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Northwestern State University and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Our Lady of the Lake College and continued full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded by Dr. Sue Westbrook that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Baton Rouge and continue full approval.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**AMENDED MOTION** : by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded Dr. Sue Westbrook, that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Baton Rouge Community College and continued full approval and request they submit interim report regarding graduation by 4/16/12.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Dr. Patricia Prechter, and seconded that the LSBN accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Grambling State University, continued full approval, and requested they submit interim report regarding clarification of Pediatric CNS graduates and clarification of active faculty by April 16, 2012.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Announcements:**

Ms. Dufrene reported on the communications received by LSBN regarding nursing program changes.

Dr. Demetrius Porche asked that a faculty representative from each of the programs present stand and be recognized. Dr. Demetrius Porche thanked the faculty for being present and for doing a great job educating our future nurses.

**Minute Approval:**

Dr. Demetrius Porche asked that the Board approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 General Board meeting as distributed.

**Motion:** by Patricia Johnson, and seconded, to approve the December 14, 2011 General Board meeting.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Report of Vice-President:**

Ms. Carllene MacMillan presented the Vice-President report and opened from questions by the Board. There were no specific questions.

**Motion:** by Lucie Agosta, seconded, to accept the Vice-President Report.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Report of the Executive Director:**

B. Morvant shared the report of major activities of the Board and Board staff for the quarter of October 1, 2011- December 31, 2011. In addition, Ms. Morvant announced that at the end of renewal there were 54,261 RNs and 3,731 APRNs that renewed licensure for 2012. She also reported on the number of 'yes' answers on the renewals.

Ms. Morvant also announced that we will be launching the centennial year at the Louisiana Nurses Foundation Nightingale Awards Gala.

**Motion:** by Lucie Agosta, seconded, to accept the Executive Director Report.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

**Proposed rule revisions to LAC:XLVII.3331 Denial and Delay of Licensure:**

B. Morvant reported on the rule-making process on these proposed rules. There were no requests for public hearing or public comment.

**Motion:** by Patricia Johnson, seconded, to adopt the proposed rule revisions to LAC: XLVII.3331 Denial and Delay of Licensure.

**Motion:** by Lucie Agosta, seconded, to accept the President Report.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**



## **Nurse Practice Issues**

### **Request for Opinion- Telemental Health Nursing**

A request for Opinion statement was submitted January 9, 2012 by Mr. Andrew Sharp, FPMHNP and Jeanene Toombs-Robb, APMHNP, Multipractice Clinic, Inc., 304 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 130, Independence, Louisiana 70443, regarding telemental health nursing services to rural clients in the school setting.

Jennifer Alleman, APRN Compliance Officer and Cynthia York, Director of Practice/Licensure presented the request and staff recommendation. Mr. Sharp and Ms Toombs-Robb were present to address the request.

Discussion and questions by the Board followed. Jennifer Alleman noted that the opinion address Louisiana licensed APRNs caring for Louisiana citizens.

**Motion:** By , and seconded, that in response to a request by Andrew Sharp, FPMHNP and Jeanene Toombs-Robb, APMHNP, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with Multipractice Clinic, that it is within the scope of practice of a Louisiana licensed psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner to utilize interactive telecommunication to deliver mental health services to rural clients in a school setting in Louisiana and such practices are held to the same regulatory standards as those in face-to-face settings. Alternate clinic sites other than the school setting are approved during the summertime to allow for continuity and appropriate follow-up care. (Note: Telemental health technology is identified as the health care delivery of diagnosis, consultation, treatment, and transfer of nursing and medical data using interactive telecommunication technology that enables the APRN and patient at two locations separated by distance to interact via two-way video and audio transmissions simultaneously.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

### **Center for Nursing Report**

Dr. Bienemy and B. Morvant reported on the status of the Nursing Workforce Demand Study. Dr. Bienemy reported that she is preparing to release the report. B.Morvant reported on the meeting with the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) representatives. The staff are awaiting review by the LWC regarding the LWC's data that is referenced in the report. As soon as LWC verifies those sections in the report, staff will proceed with the release of the study.

B. Morvant also reported on the status of the Louisiana Future of Nursing Action Coalition. The Action Coalition is in the process of establishing it's structure and

governance with Rapides Foundation as the fiscal agent. Rapides Foundation has acted to bestow a \$150,000.00 Challenge match grant.

## **Report on Litigation**

### **Executive Session**

D. Porche requested a motion to go into executive session to hear a report on Litigation.

**Motion:** By C. MacMillan and seconded, to go into executive session for the purposes of hearing a report on litigation.

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

### **Executive Session Ended**

## **Annual School Reports**

Dr. Porche called to take up the item of Annual School Reports again. Dr. Porche asked Dr. Westbrook to address a question regarding the actions of the Board on the Annual School Report. Dr. S. Westbrook stated that several individuals in attendance raised the question of including a report regarding graduation rates on data before they were aware that this was an area to address. The concern is that the program would have addressed the issue in their reports had they been informed previously that it would be an expectation.

Discussion followed Ms. Dufrene and Mrs. B. Morvant addressed the need for the Board to determine how to utilize graduation rates as a measure of program effectiveness. It is recognized that by including with the action of the Board on the Annual School Report, it will appear as the program not meeting a standard.

**Motion:** By Ms Carlene MacMillan, and seconded, that the Board strike the request for interim reports on graduation rates by 04/16/2012 from the actions on annual school reports,

**Voice Vote:** L. Agosta-yes; N. Davis-yes; L. Haley-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; J. Harris-yes, P. Johnson-yes; P. Prechter-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes.

**Motion carried.**

It is noted from the discussion that staff is directed to further study and make recommendations regarding evaluation of graduation rates and bring back to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Demetrius Porche asked for any further business. Hearing none, Dr. Demetrius Porche requested a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** By Carllene MacMillan, seconded by Dr. Patricia Prechter to adjourn.

  
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**DEMETRIUS PORCHE, PRESIDENT**  
**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**