

Compliance Committee Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2010

Call to Order Carlene MacMillian, Committee Chairperson called the meeting of the Compliance Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, La. 70810.

Roll Call Committee Members Present:
Carlene MacMillian, MN, RN, Committee Chairperson
Jolie E. Harris, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Committee Member
Patricia Prechter, RN, ED.D, Committee Member

Staff Present:
Danielle Smith, MSN, RN, Director of Monitoring
Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Louis Cataldie, MD, Board Medical Consultant
Rickie Callegan, MSN, RN, Director of Investigations
Patricia A. Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education/Licensure
Ella Kliebert, BSN, RN, JD, Esq, RN Compliance Officer
Helen Forrest, Licensing Analyst, RNP, Recorder

Motion: by P. Prechter; to reorder the agenda.

Second: by J. Harris

Vote: C. MacMillian, yes; J. Harris, yes; P. Prechter, motion approved.

Announcement – Communications: D. Smith and R. Callegan attended the Attorney Investigator Symposium held in Santa Monica, California on May 24-26, 2010. At the interest expressed by Committee Members, D. Smith shared the article on *A Statewide Approach to Just Culture for Patient Safety: The Missouri Story* published in the April 2010 Journal of Nursing Regulation. An overview on Just Culture was presented by R. Callegan.

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Discussion ensued. Committee Members expressed further interest in seeking opportunities for the Board to implement Just Culture when investigating a matter and perhaps, to implement a different level of relationship with nursing facilities as an educational, problem-solving resource. More information is expected during the Board's upcoming strategic planning.

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Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the April 21, 2010 Compliance Committee meeting were distributed at the June 2010 Board meeting for review.
Review of
April 21, 2010
Minutes

Motion: by: J. Harris, to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2010 Compliance Committee meeting.

Second: by: P. Prechter.

Vote: C. MacMillian, yes; J. Harris, yes; P. Prechter, motion approved.

Old Business: At the June 2010 Board Meeting, the Compliance Committee presented its recommendations to the Board to accept the proposed Advisory Statement Regarding Practicing while on Prescribed Pain Medication as a working draft and to authorize the Committee to disseminate to various stakeholders through SharePoint for input prior to finalization. Recommendations were accepted by the Board.
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Taking Prescribed
Narcotic
Medications

Feedback was reviewed and discussion ensued. No response resulted in major changes. B. Morvant informed the Committee of her intent to follow-up with one of the stakeholder on comment submitted. She further suggested that legal counsel review the proposed statement with ADA prior to final review by Board.

The intent of the proposed statement remains to provide guidance in the nurse's responsibility when practicing while taking prescribed narcotic medications and its use is optional to the nurse employer.

Motion: by: P. Prechter, pending further review by Board counsel with ADA and input from the one additional stakeholder, to recommend to the Board to accept the final proposed Advisory Statement Regarding Practicing while on Prescribed Pain Medication.

Second: by: J. Harris

Vote: C. MacMillian, yes; J. Harris, yes; P. Prechter, motion approved.

Agenda Item 5: The Monitoring/RNP/Investigations Activity Reports for the Fourth Fiscal Quarter (April 1, 2010 – June 31, 2010) were reviewed.
Review of Activity
Reports

Motion: by: P. Prechter, to accept the Monitoring/RNP/Investigations Statistical Report as presented.

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Second: by: J. Harris.

Vote: C. MacMillian, yes; J. Harris, yes; P. Prechter, motion approved.

**Announcements
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Communications:
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D. Smith informed the Committee of the intent to revise the current Evaluation Policy on Criteria for Staff Approved Psychiatric, Psychological, and/or Substance Abuse Evaluation. The monitoring department finds a high recidivism rate among individuals allowed to submit to an outpatient evaluation, namely students. The rationale for this has strictly been based on the financial burden it imposes on the student. However, the serious drug and alcohol histories with which many of these students present with warrants a minimum of an inpatient evaluation to determine fitness to practice nursing and/or the need for substance use disorder treatment. The Committee was given an opportunity to review a number of Consent Orders presented with subsequent auto-suspension for violation which illuminates the need for stricter requirements for students.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Submitted by:



Danielle Smith, MSN, RN
Director of Monitoring

