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*** IMPOSTERS ALERT ***

JOHANA BARTON, on 3/16/04, it was reported to the Board that she had applied for a RN position at a hospital in Pineville/Alexandria area. She is not a RN in Louisiana. At the time of incident, she was a pre-nursing student at a LA college.

GWENDOLYN G. JERMAN, aka **GWENDOLYN GERALDINE GULLETTE** has presented herself as a RN in the New Orleans area, but she does not hold a license in Louisiana.

PATRICIA KINDER, on 3/8/04, it was reported to the Board that she was working as a RN in a private home in Pineville/Alexandria area, through a sitter service. She is not a RN in Louisiana.

FRANKIE TOLAR, has been presented as a RN licensed in Louisiana. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing has no record of an individual licensed by that name. If such a person presents herself for employment in Louisiana, please contact the Board office immediately.

*****ONLINE SIGN UP AND SERVICES*****

In the coming months we will be rolling out an Online Sign up System. It will be the basis by which all nurses can perform online services. As part of the rollout, we will be including the Sign up Service and the Address Change Service. In the coming months we will be adding services as they become ready. This will be an exciting time for the Board and we hope that you find the services easy and intuitive to use.

SIGN UP SYSTEM

As part of the initial Online Services rollout, we will publish

the sign up system on our web page soon. Please look on our front page for an announcement. When the announcement is published, there will be a link to the sign up page or you will be able to reach the sign up page through the Online Services link. You will be asked to provide your License Number, Social Security Number, and Date of Birth for verification purposes. This is to ensure you are a licensed nurse in our state. It does not matter whether your licensure status is active or inactive.

During the signup process, you will be asked to provide your email address and whether you would like to receive the examiner by email and perform online renewals. If you check to receive the examiner by email, you will then receive quarterly emails with a link to the examiner on our web page and you will not receive the mailed out version. Accordingly, if you choose to perform online renewals, you will not receive a renewal application in the mail. You will be expected to perform your renewal online. If you wish to still receive a renewal form and may or may not perform online renewals then do not check this box.

After completion of the signup process you will receive a letter in the mail containing your personal identification number (PIN). If you do not receive a letter in the mail then fill out the Address Change Form and check the reset Web Account check box. This will ensure your address is correct and a new letter with a new PIN will then be mailed out to the updated address.

The first time you log into the system you will be required to change your PIN to a password. You will not be able to perform any Online Services until you have changed your pin to a password. The system will keep redirecting to the password change page until you change it to a password. Once the PIN/Password change is complete you will then have an active LSBN Web Page Account. At this point you may perform any Online Services that are available.

If for some reason you lose your password you may use the lost password page on our website which is located on the login page. When you use this page it will reset your account and print up another letter with a new PIN, which then will be mailed to your Home Address on record.

DECLARATORY STATEMENT ON THE ROLE AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE REGISTERED NURSE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AND MONITORING OF PATIENTS DURING THE LEVELS OF SEDATION (MINIMAL, MODERATE, DEEP, AND

ANESTHESIA) AS DEFINED HEREIN

Preamble

“Registered nursing means the practice of the scope of nursing which is appropriate to the individual’s educational level, knowledge, skills, and abilities” (L.R.S. 37:913(14)). The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (Board) believes that, in order to be responsive to the needs and safeguard the life and health of patients, registered nurses must be accountable and responsible for care delivered to ensure that the patient will receive safe and effective nursing care in accordance with L.R.S. 37:911 et seq. as re-enacted and amended 2001 (Law); specifically, L.R.S. 913(14) that defines the practice of nursing “the practice of the scope of nursing which is appropriate to the individual’s educational level, knowledge, skills, and abilities.”

Authority

Pursuant to L.R.S. 49:963 and LAC 46:XLVII.3321, the Board of Nursing is authorized to issue declaratory statements in response to requests for clarification of the effect of rules and regulations or of L.R.S. 37:911 et seq. as re-enacted and amended, 2001.

Historical Perspective

The following is a brief overview of the Board’s opinions regarding the scope of practice of registered nurses managing pain.

The practice of registered nurses administering analgesic drugs via epidural catheters dates back to 1983 when the Board rendered the opinion stating that it is within the scope of practice for registered nurses to administer maintenance doses of analgesics in accordance with the Law (npop 83.08). The administration of anesthetic agents is reserved for authorized anesthesia providers in accordance with L.R.S. 930; however, the monitoring of patients having received anesthetic agents for the purpose of analgesia/sedation is within the registered nurse scope of practice (npop 83.03 & 83.04). In 1990 the Board rendered an opinion regarding the epidural administration of analgesic doses of anesthetic agents for registered nurses who are not anesthesia providers in accordance with the specific guidelines/policies established by the Board and documented by the agency (npop 90.22). The scope of practice for registered nurses was directed by these opinions based on the Board’s clarification of the Law.

In 1989 the Board clarified its intent regarding the registered nurses scope of practice regarding epidural administration of anesthetic agents in certain areas for anesthesia such as obstetrics, operating room, post anesthesia care units, stating that only a CRNA may administer anesthetics and monitor the effects of the anesthetic, but the registered nurse may monitor the recovery of the anesthetic in these areas (npop 89.07).

In April 2002 the Board’s staff issued a summary statement of the opinions regarding the authorized scope of practice for registered nurses administering epidural doses of anesthetic agents for analgesia and those drugs that the RN may not administer (Innovar, Marcaine, Ketamine Hydrochloride, and steroids for pain management).

The Board defined the scope of authorized practice for registered nurses regarding intravenous conscious sedation in September 1990 (npop 90.20) the administration of intravenous conscious sedation is within the realm of practice of a registered nurse as delineated by the Board’s specific criteria. Conscious sedation was defined as a state of mild to moderate sedation permitting cooperation and tolerance of diagnostic and therapeutic medical

procedures.

The Law was amended to provide for registered nurses to inject local anesthetic agents under the skin or application of topical anesthetic agents by a registered nurse when prescribed by a physician or dentist who is licensed to practice in Louisiana.

The JCAHO revised its standards for sedation and anesthesia care, effective date January 1, 2001. “The standards for sedation and anesthesia care apply when patients receive, in any setting, for any purpose, by any route, moderate or deep sedation as well as general, spinal, or other major regional anesthesia. Definitions of four levels of sedation and anesthesia include the following:

- 1) **Minimal Sedation (anxiolysis)**-A drug-induced state during which patients respond normally to verbal commands. Although cognitive function and coordination may be impaired, ventilatory and cardiovascular functions are unaffected.
- 2) **Moderate Sedation/analgesia (“conscious sedation”)**- A drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.
- 3) **Deep Sedation/analgesia**-A drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients cannot be easily aroused, but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function may be impaired. Patients may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway and spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.
- 4) **Anesthesia**-Consists of general anesthesia and spinal or regional anesthesia. It does not include local anesthesia. General anesthesia is a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which patients are not arousable, even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function is often impaired. Patients often require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired.”

In response to several requests for opinions regarding the role and scope of practice of registered nurses as it relates to pain management, on March 20, 2003 the Louisiana State Board of Nursing established a Task Force on the Role and Scope of Practice of Registered Nurses Regarding Pain Management. Several issues were presented to the Practice Committee requesting clarification of previous Board opinions regarding epidural pain management, conscious sedation and the injection of local anesthetic agents under the skin. In September 2003 the Board assigned a fourth Practice Committee issue regarding pain management to the Task Force, registered nurses working in the labor and delivery setting managing laboring patients receiving continuous epidural pain relief via pump wanted to administer a bolus dose of the infusing medication (bupivacaine and sufena) via pump using pre-established parameter for pain management during labor. Task force members were composed of the individual petitioners and representatives from the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Executive Director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association, and LSBN Members.

Process

The Task Force convened April 14, 2003 and met monthly from April thru September 2003. The Task Force was directed to gather information, determine safe practice and to present the report to the Practice Committee for recommendation(s) to the Board. Task Force Objectives were defined as follows:

- 1) To determine if any of the three issues (epidural administration of anesthetic agents for analgesia, deep sedation for procedures, and RN delegating to LPNs injection of local anesthetic agents) are appropriate for the non-anesthesia RN to deliver safe, quality care to the citizens of Louisiana.
- 2) To determine if pain management clinical guidelines that provide for appropriate, safe care of patients are in conflict with R.S. 37:930 (meet intent or exceed scope of the Law).
- 3) To determine if there is a need for an attorney's review of the Law and a review of the results/actions related to the Task Force decisions.

The objectives were revised in September 2003 to accommodate the fourth nursing practice issue regarding the role and scope of the registered nurse in labor and delivery setting administering subsequent bolus doses of epidural anesthesia agents and adjusting infusion rate as prescribed to control labor pain.

The Task Force studied each issue separately to determine the evolution of safe practice by registered nurses:

- 1) Review of the literature
- 2) Review of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, state updates on epidural anesthesia and conscious sedation
- 3) Individual opinions/statements by boards of nursing
- 4) Position statements issued by national organizations
- 5) Testimonies by interested parties

After due deliberation, the Task Force members identified the following salient points relative to pain management

- ❖ Area of concern, the language of L.R.S. 37:930
- ❖ That the petitioner's original request for registered nurses to monitor anesthetic agents, such as Diprivan, for the purpose of deep sedation was modified to request if registered nurses could monitor patients in deep sedation when an anesthetic agent was administered by an authorized provider.
- ❖ Since 1990 registered nurses in Louisiana have been administering epidural doses of anesthetic agents for pain management.
- ❖ Nursing practice has evolved to provide for registered nurses with special knowledge, skills, and abilities to monitor conscious sedation that may on occasion progress to deep sedation for a short period of time.

The Task Force members identified the following areas of agreement:

- ◆ JCAHO definitions of four levels of sedation and anesthesia
- ◆ Sedation-to-anesthesia is a continuum
- ◆ Registered nurses must have documented competency to monitor patients safely to maintain them at the desired level of sedation
- ◆ The JCAHO, or a comparable accrediting body whose standards of practice for sedation and anesthesia care are in accordance with this statement and the JCAHO definitions, must accredit

the institution. The responsibility of assurance of compliance rests with the institution.

- ◆ Registered nurses are allowed by Law and institutional policy to administer sedation and analgesia.

Board's Response

After due deliberation and in accordance with L.R.S. 37:911 et seq. as re-enacted and amended, 2001 the Board took the following action on March 17, 2004 regarding the registered nurse's role and scope in the administration of medication and monitoring of patients during the different levels of sedation as defined by JCAHO and recognized by the Board.

It is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to administer non-anesthetic medications and to monitor patients in minimal, moderate, and deep sedation levels as defined by JCAHO provided the registered nurse is specifically trained with demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities in accordance with the following provisos in various settings to include inpatient and outpatient environments. It is not within the scope of practice for the registered nurse either to administer an anesthetic agent for any of the levels of sedation as defined by JCAHO or to monitor anesthesia as defined by JCAHO in this document.

- A. The registered nurse (non-CRNA) shall have documented education and competency to include:
 - ❖ Knowledge of sedative drugs and reversal agents, their dosing and physiologic effects.
 - ❖ Advanced Cardiac Life Support and/or Pediatric Life Support based on the patient's age.
 - ❖ Skill in establishing an open airway, head-tilt, chin lift, use of bag-valve-mask device, oral and nasal airways, and emergency procedures. This includes rescuing a patient that may progress beyond deep sedation.
 - ❖ Demonstration of the acquired knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and basic cardiac arrhythmia recognition; recognize complications of undesired outcomes related to sedation/analgesia; demonstrated appropriate interventions in compliance with standards of practice, emergency protocols or guidelines.
 - ❖ Demonstration of the knowledge of age specific considerations in regard to assessment parameters, potential complications, and appropriate interventions according to hospital protocol or guidelines.
 - ❖ Possession of the requisite knowledge and skills to perform and evaluate pre-procedure baseline, intra-procedure, and post-procedure clinical assessment of the patient undergoing sedation/analgesia.
 - ❖ Demonstration of the ability to use oxygen delivery devices applying the principles of oxygen delivery and respiratory physiology.
 - ❖ Demonstration of the knowledge of the standards of practice and licensure related to the sedation/analgesia.
 - ❖ Application of the principles of accurate documentation in providing a comprehensive description of patient responses and outcomes.
- B. Competencies will be measured initially during orientation and on an annual basis.
- C. The institutional policy and plan for sedation practice shall include:
 - ❖ The registered nurse (non-CRNA) monitoring the patient

will have no additional responsibility.

- ❖ A specific outlined emergency management and equipment plan. The plan must include the immediate availability of emergency equipment and qualified providers skilled in airway management and emergency intubations. For example, supplemental oxygen shall be available for any patient receiving sedation and analgesia, and where appropriate in the post procedure period.
- ❖ Documentation and monitoring of physiologic measurements including but not limited to blood pressure, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, cardiac rate and rhythm, and level of consciousness shall be recorded at least every 5 minutes during the therapeutic, diagnostic or surgical procedure and at a minimum every 15 minutes during the recovery period.
- ❖ Patient NPO status requirements for sedation.
- ❖ Venous access shall be maintained for all patients having sedation and analgesia.
- ❖ Physician responsibilities for the patient's history and physical, the patient assessment to include the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) classification to ensure appropriateness for sedation, assessment immediately prior to sedation, and selection and ordering of medications.
- ❖ A registered nurse (non-CRNA) will not monitor an adult patient with an ASA classification higher than Class III and a pediatric patient higher than Class II.
- ❖ The registered nurse (non-CRNA) will not administer any medications prohibited by licensure, but may monitor medications administered by the physician. The registered nurse must be knowledgeable of the pharmacological effects and reversal agents of all medications administered.
- ❖ The registered nurse (non-CRNA) will not be allowed to monitor a patient in a position that may compromise the ability to assess the patient's airway, for example, the prone position.
- ❖ An educational/credentialing mechanism, which includes a process for evaluating and documenting the individual's competency relating to the management of patients receiving sedation and analgesia. Review and reaffirmation of the registered nurse competency to manage patients receiving sedation and analgesia shall occur and shall be documented annually.

Definition of Terms for the Purpose of this Document

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4) Anesthesia-Consists of general anesthesia and spinal or regional anesthesia. It does *not* include local anesthesia. General anesthesia is a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which

patients are not arousable, even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function is often impaired. Patients often require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired.

Concluding Statement

The Board believes that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse (non-CRNA) to monitor a patient receiving deep sedation/analgesia with or without the drug being an anesthetic agent in a controlled environment, as designated by institutional policy, under the direct supervision of a physician privileged by the institution to provide moderate/deep sedation. Nothing within the Law Governing the Practice of Nursing prohibits the administration of non-anesthetic drugs for levels of sedation as defined by JCAHO exclusive of anesthesia when prescribed by an authorized prescriber. Registered nurses may not administer anesthetic agents for any level of sedation as defined by JCAHO.

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Adopted: Board 3/17/04

MAJOR ACTIONS OF THE MARCH 17, 2004 BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

Accepted the Vice-President's Report and Second Quarter Financial Statement Report for October 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003.

CREDENTIALING ISSUES:

Approved the revised list of Nursing Specialty Organizations with continuing education requirements comparable to the LSBN continuing education requirements for relicensure.

Approved the Chapter 45 proposed revisions as LSBN working draft number one and that it is referred back to the Credentialing Committee and Education Committee for further work and that interested parties such as health care facilities and education programs are given a copy of the working draft.

Accepted that the policy for licensure of foreign nurse graduates reflect acceptance of a notarized affidavit confirming a social security number as a part of the licensure process that requires a social security number.

Approved that Administrative Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3329.C be reconfirmed and that rule change to permit temporary permits for foreign nurse graduates not be instituted.

Approved 45-day NCLEX-RN retest policy.

EDUCATION ISSUES:

Accepted the Annual Report and continue full approval for the following programs preparing candidates for RN licensure:

Associate Degree Programs:

Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing
Louisiana State University at Eunice
McNeese State University
Our Lady of the Lake College

Baccalaureate Programs:

Dillard University
Louisiana State University Health Science Center
McNeese State University
Nicholls State University
Northwestern State University
Our Lady of Holy Cross College

Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern University
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
William Carey College

Accepted the Annual Report from Baton Rouge General Medical Center Diploma in nursing program, continue full approval, and commend them for a 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate for the second consecutive year.

Accepted the Annual Report from Louisiana State University at Alexandria associate degree in nursing program and continue full approval with comments as follows:

While 4.7% of the faculty is part-time, there is balanced graduate preparation among the faculty. A survey visit is due in spring 2005.

Accepted the Annual Report from Nicholls State University Associate Degree in Nursing program, continue full approval, and commend them for a 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate for the second consecutive year.

Accepted the Annual Report from Louisiana Tech University, continue full approval and note that 31 percent of the faculty were exceptions in 2003 (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.8) and the exception is now 7 percent.

Accepted the Annual Report from Northwestern State University associate degree program and place them on conditional approval for a 76.85 percent NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2003 (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B).

Accepted the Annual Report from Louisiana College baccalaureate program and place them on conditional approval for a 70 percent NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2003 (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B).

Accepted the Annual Report from Grambling State University baccalaureate program and restore full approval based on an 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2003.

Accepted the Annual Reports from the graduate programs preparing candidates for advanced practice nurse licensure and continue full approval status for the following:

Grambling State University
Louisiana State University Health Science Center
Loyola University
McNeese State University
Northwestern State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern University
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Accepted the letter of intent from Southern University in Shreveport to establish a new associate degree program in nursing in accordance with the standards in LAC 46:XLVII.3534.B and C, and further that the authority to plan is pending authority to do so by the Louisiana Board of Regents as well as their submission of a plan in accordance with Louisiana State Board of Nursing standards.

Approved request from Pearl River Community College to add the Guest House Nursing Home in Slidell as a clinical site

effective Spring 2004, pending approval of faculty qualification form and clinical facility survey form.

Approved the accelerated program option proposed by the University of Louisiana at Monroe, College of Nursing.

Accepted the intent to establish an associate degree program in nursing program and request that Sowela Technical Community College provide the required documents as the planning continues and submit an interim report in six months to the Board. Further that they adhere to LAC 46:XLVII.3533 as well as submit evidence of Louisiana State Board of Regent's approval.

Approved the request for faculty exceptions (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7) of the following:

Our Lady of the Lake College: Ruth E. Klumb, Michelle H. Dufrene, Virginia Lynn Wade Guillory, Kristi Oncale Rozands, and Megan T. Kite Stobe

Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing: Sandra Ruth Bates

University of Louisiana at Monroe: Jan Marie Heidenreich Shows, April Ann Roark Boney

LSU Health Sciences Center: Donna DiMarco Tolimson

University of Louisiana at Lafayette: Jessica Daigle Landry

Approved that undergraduate schools of nursing reflect in their annual reports the breakdown of faculty at each site and that the Education Committee look at the policy of the Board regarding exceptions of undergraduate faculty.

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES:

Accepted the draft of the Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse Monitoring a Patient Receiving Conscious Sedation and referred it back to the Practice Committee to ensure compliance with the law and Board rules.

Accepted to support and amend the current statute to allow the RN to administer analgesic doses of an anesthetic agent and to delegate topical anesthesia and intradermal local anesthesia injection to LPNs for the purpose of IV insertion in accordance with the Board's rules.

Accepted to reaffirm the Board's previous opinions, npop 89.07 and 90.23.

Established a Focus Group to study the Board's rules on Nursing Practice, Chapter 37, and **accepted** the proposed draft copy of the Focus Group members. Note: Frankie Rosenthal, Board Member appointed to chair this group.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS MARCH 2004:

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

Abboud, Melanie Dawn Adam (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Addison, Sterling Renee (Consent Order)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN and to receive a probated license

minimum 2 years with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Action; Failure to Disclose

Alexander, Mary Elizabeth Woit (Consent Order)
Approval granted to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Disclose; Drug Abuse

Andry, Eileen Marian (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Reprimand issued and denied approval to take NCLEX-RN and licensure with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Disclose Arrest.

Atkison, Alice Marie Williams (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Banks, Elise Ann Warren (Consent Order)
License changed to Inactive status with opportunity to request reinstatement after having complied with stipulations.
Charges: Inability to Practice Safely: Physical.

Beiswanger, Jill (Settlement Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations.
Charges: Positive Drug Screen

Bennett, Shannon Katherine Singleton (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Berg, Susan Elaine Hagan (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Bergeron, Janet Marie Naquin (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

Bice, Reed Francis (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

Blackwelder, Rita Theresa Boston (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Blake, Angela K. (Consent Order) (Student)
Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with stipulations; if approval is granted, will be probated with stipulations.
Charges: Positive Drug Test

Bourque, Sharon Anita McMaster (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Bowman, Clyde David (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to continue in clinical nursing courses or to be licensed.

Bordelon, Travis Dean (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated for a minimum of 2 ½ years with stipulations.
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Felony

Bradford, Danna Raye Barbour (Consent Order)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN, be issued a temporary work permit and licensure with reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest: Failure to Disclose

Bragg, Dennis Randal (Consent Order) (Student)
Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met; upon approval, may progress into clinical nursing courses with additional stipulations.
Charges: Alcohol Abuse

Brakefield, Patricia Leigh Odum (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest: Failure to Disclose

Bretey, Tammy Ann Millet (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Beyond the Scope of Nursing.

Brouillette, Alice Charlene (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 24 months with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: Drug Diversion and Falsification of Medical Record.

Brunet, Troy Michael (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Incident: Failure to Disclose

Callais, Yvette Jane Heathman (Consent Order)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN and receive a probated license minimum 2 years with stipulations. Charges: Action in Another Jurisdiction

Carlson, Virginia Lee McDow (Ratified)
Summarily suspended license.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

Carmichael, Deana Ann Pellegrin (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

Chapman, Karen Elaine Kilpatrick (Consent Order)
Suspension license with stay of suspension and eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Claverie, Marchelle Claudette Fulgham
Suspended license for an additional three (3) months, with application for reinstatement contingent upon meeting stipulations and fines.
Charges: Practicing without a license and Positive Drug Screen.

Clement, Pamela Marie Pryor Paulette (Consent Order)
Suspension of license is stayed and eligible for reinstatement with probation and stipulations.

Coleman, Edward Allen (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and eligible for reinstatement after application process with probation for a minimum of 5 years with stipulations.

Collins, Sara Nicole Blackwell (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing without a License: Failure to Renew.

Debarberis, Aimee Marie (Settlement Order)
Terms and conditions of Consent Order of 6/27/03 continue with the term of probation reduced from a period of two (2) years to one (1) year.

Duracher Jr., Frederick Lawrence (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 5 years with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: self-reported relapse

Edmond, Grace Nicole (Consent Order) (Student)
Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met.
Charges: Previous Criminal Arrest

Elliott, Patricia Lynne Moore (Ratified)
12/12/03 Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.
12/24/03 Reinstated license with continued probation.

Emmons, Shaun Paul (Ratified)
Denied approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance of board order.

Erwin, Robin Renee Jones (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License

Evans, Karen Valentine (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing without a License: Failure to Renew.

Evans, Sue Ellen Olsen (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing without a License, Failure to Renew.

Finn, Jamie Lynn (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated for 2 years with stipulation.
Charges: Positive Urine Drug Screen

Fontenot, Jacquelyn Gammage (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP

Gaudet, Mary Jane Stockstill (Consent Order)
Approved granted to take NCLEX-RN, be issued a temporary work permit and probated license for minimum of 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: Other

Gauthier, Rochelle Lee Williams (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated minimum 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: Other

Gibilterra, Michael Vincent (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum five years with stipulations and fine.

Gobert, Alex Wade (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 2 years due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Goodin, Jodi Kaye Guidry (Consent Order) Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Greer, Katherine Alice (Consent Order) (Student)
Reprimand issued and denied approval to take NCLEX-RN and licensure until stipulations and fine are met.
Charges: Failure to Disclose Arrest.

Griffin, Tracy Roy (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated and RNP minimum five years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related

Hanks, (Mary) Denise Landreneau (Ratified)
Suspended licenses (RN and CRNA) due to non-compliance with RNP

Hardiman, Steven John (Consent Order)
Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Disclose both an Arrest and a Board Action in Another State.

Harper, Mary Anne Ernst (Consent Order)
Eligible for reinstatement, suspended license with stay of suspension with probation and RNP minimum of five years with stipulations and fine.

Harris, Ronald Dovaughn (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement.
Charges: Drug Related: Positive Urine Drug Screen

Hebert, Harold John (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Hoffman, Karen Theresa (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Holley, Kimberly Dianne Coleman (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 12 months with stipulations.
Charges: Documentation Errors/Narcotic Related.

Homrighausen, Cynthia Anne Gourdon (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Comply with Board Order

Hughes, Judith Ann Vickers (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related – Other.

Hunt, Ricky Eugene (Settlement Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated minimum 4 years with stipulations.
Charges: Criminal Arrest

Jackson, Kevin Ronell (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN, be issued a suspended license with stay of suspension, subject to probation for minimum of 12 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Report Arrests and Board Action in Another State.

Jackson, Terry Lynn Bolden (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Other: Failure to Report Violations (Arrest).

Jinks, Jackson Douglas (Ratified) (Consent Order)
12/16/04 Summarily suspended license
2/18/04 License suspended for minimum of 12 months with stipulations to be completed prior to reinstatement.
Charges: Drug Abuse

Johnsey, Michael Keith (Consent Order)
Request for inactive licenses status granted and probation and RNP held in abeyance.

Johnson, Martha Aline McLelland
Suspended license with stay of suspension, stipulations and fine. Charges: Alcohol Abuse & Unsafe Practice

Johnson, Rosemary Hill (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 12 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

Jones, Barbara Ann Davis (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved after completion of application process with reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest: Failure to Disclose

Joseph, TreRhonda Latrice Slack (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Other: Failure to Report Violations.

Joseph, Sr., Troy Ramon (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Disclose a previous criminal arrest.

Killebrew, Gregory Troy (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Documentation Errors.

Kuylen, Martin Stephen (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Lawrence, Amy Michelle Hagan (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: Positive Drug Screen

Lee, Sandra Lynn Jones (Settlement Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards

Leggett, Arletta Jevonne Morris (Applicant)
Approved for licensure by endorsement with probation minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Conviction-Misdemeanor and Failure to Disclose Disciplinary Action in Other State.

Lemoine, Jake Joseph (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to progress in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance of Board Order.

Lewis, Rene Lejeune Crosby (Consent Order)
Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew.

Lightsey, Darryl Eugene (Settlement Order)
Eligible for reinstatement upon fulfillment of requirements for reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum of five years with stipulations and fine.

Lloyd, Lacey Stevens (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Locklin, Linda Joyce Stutts (Consent Order)
Voluntary surrender of license.

Lund (Jr.), John Alton
License of registrant is revoked.
Charges: Felony criminal conviction.

Martin, Lyndsey Launa (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated 12 months with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related: Positive Drug Screen

McConnell, Britni N. (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter the next clinical nursing course/sequences with probation and stipulations.
Charges: Previous Criminal Arrest

McCrea, Lisa Faye (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: Criminal Action.

Medzycowski, Daniel Robert (Consent Order) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met; upon approval, will be probated with additional stipulations.
Charges: Alcohol Abuse

Mekdessie, Kimberly Singleton (Short) (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Metoyer, John Darryle (Consent Order)

APRN and RN licenses suspended with stay of said suspension and probated for a minimum of 4 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Other

Mitchell, Courtney Heard (Consent Order)

Approval granted to take NCLEX, to be issued a temporary permit and be issued a suspended license with stay of said suspension with probation for minimum 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: Alcohol Abuse

Morrison, Katra Denise Monier (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Documentation Errors.

Moss, Patricia Ann Blunk (Consent Order)

Voluntary surrender of license.

Mouton, Leah Coleman (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Falsification of Records and Failure to Disclose a Previous Criminal Arrest.

Noto, Farrah Ann (Consent Order) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met; upon approval, may enter clinical nursing courses with additional stipulations.
Charges: Previous Criminal Arrests

Odom, Thomas Joseph (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Parmer, Susan T. (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license and license is suspended with stay of said suspension and probated minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Practice Nursing in Accordance with the Legal Standards of Nursing Practice/Falsification of Records.

Partain, Jennifer Kay Wallace (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew.

Poche, Kelle Marie Corts (Ratified)

License suspended due to non-compliance with RNP.

Pollard, Rachel Eleanor (Consent Order) (Student)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met; upon approval, may enter clinical nursing courses with additional stipulations.
Charges: Previous Criminal Arrests

Pujol (III), Edward Samuel (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fines.
Charges: Failure to Disclose Arrests.

Ramos, Elsie Mae Ray (Ratified) (Settlement Order)

12/09/03 Suspended license for minimum of 2 years due to non-compliance with Board order.

02/10/04 Suspension reduced to six months; suspension of license stayed and eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Positive Drug Screen; Violating Board Order

Richard, Kenneth Lawrence (Consent Order)

License is reinstated to Inactive status with stipulations prior to requesting reinstatement to Active status.

Richter, Irene Marie (Ratified)

Recall of temporary permit.

Charges: Positive Drug Screen

Rider, Blaine Emanuel (Consent Order)

Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN, be issued a temporary work permit and RN license with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest: Failure to Disclose

Rogge, Deborah (Consent Order)

Suspended license with RNP and stipulations prior to application for reinstatement.

Runyon, Jerry Dale (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated license 1 year with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Drug Abuse

Sanderson, Tara Ann Mondello (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of said suspension, reprimanded license and probated minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Falsification of Records: Failure to Disclose Arrest.

Sevin, Jessica Marie McIntyre (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fines.
Charges: Other: Failure to Report Arrest.

Shauver, Belinda Carole (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Disclose a Previous Criminal Arrest.

Simien, Gracie Pruitt (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct.

Slaydon, Thomas Lynn (Consent Order)

Approval granted to take NCLEX, to be issued a temporary permit and be issued a probated license minimum 2 year with stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Smith, Mary Katherine Cooper (Ratified)

Suspended license due to action in another jurisdiction.

Soileau, Seth Scanlon (Ratified) (Consent Order) (Student)

12/09/03 Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses.

01/20/04 Delayed approval continued until stipulations are met; following completion of stipulations and approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses, will be probated minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Sonnier, Susan Marie Young (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated for a minimum 1 year with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Positive drug screen

Stark, Stephanie Lynn St. Dizier (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and

fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License: Failure to Renew

Stickell, Patricia Lynn Lacour (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Swaim, John (Ratified) (Consent Order) (Student)

12/11/03 Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses.

01/05/04 Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation and stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

Tanner, Margaret L. Liebers (Consent Order)

Suspension of license is stayed and eligible for reinstatement after completion of refresher course with probation for 3 years with stipulations.

Tanner, Pamela Sue Hofeldt (Consent Order)

Approved for licensure by endorsement with reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Criminal History: Failure to Disclose.

Taylor, Pamela Sue Libertore (Consent Order)

Probated license for minimum 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related; Positive Drug Screen

Telano, Debra Lynn Impson (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement; after completion of stipulations and approval, suspension of license is stayed and license probated minimum 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Chemical Dependency

Thompson, Deedra Amanda Jackson (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Trahan, Cheryl Ann Folse (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Positive Drug Screen.

Tucker, Natalie Lynn (Consent Order)

Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses until stipulations are met; upon approval, may enter clinical nursing courses with probation and stipulations.

Charges: Previous Criminal Arrest

Varghese, Anna (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.

Charges: Failure to practice nursing in accordance with the legal standards of nursing practice; Inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation.

Varnum, Roland David (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Vidrine, Alma Susan Rutledge (Ratified)

Suspended license due to action in another jurisdiction.

Vidrine, Gloria Gail (Consent Order)

Probated license with stipulations.

Charges: Action in Another Jurisdiction

Ward, James Mullen (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Welsh, Jr., Maurice Frank (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing without a License, Failure to Renew.

Williams, Guy Landon (Consent Order)

Approved for licensure by endorsement upon completion of endorsement application requirements with reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Arrest: Failure to Disclose

Williams, Miranda Marie Hart (Consent Order)

Reinstatement approved with letter of reprimand, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing without a license.

Wimprine (Jr.), Ronald Davis (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Wood, Tammy Louise Owens (Ratified) (Consent Order) (Student)

12/17/03 Delayed approval to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses).

01/20/04 Delayed approval continued until stipulations are met; following the completion of stipulations and approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses, will be probated minimum of 2 years with stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Woods, Sarah Ann (Ratified) (Settlement Order)

01/21/04 Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

02/17/04 Suspended license minimum 3 months and eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum 4 years with stipulations.

Charges: Drug Related: Positive Drug Screen; Violating Board Order.

Wright, Miriam Sommers (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Disclose Previous Criminal Arrest.

Zeringue, Jodi Michelle Miller (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with fine.

Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

FOCUS GROUP: BOARD RULES – LAC 46:XLVII.3701-3703, NURSING PRACTICE

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing established a Focus Group, March 2004 meeting, to study the issue of selected nursing tasks being performed by trained non-licensed individuals in certain non-institutional settings and medication administration in Assisted Living facilities.

The Practice Committee considered two (2) requests at the January 27, 2004 meeting regarding the Louisiana State Board of Nursing rules, LAC 46:XLVII.3701-3703, Nursing Practice. The Developmental Disabilities submitted a request regarding the scope of practice for registered nurses delegating to trained unlicensed nursing personnel the administration of certain medications and nursing interventions such as activities of daily living, gastrostomy tube feedings. The second request was submitted on behalf of the Louisiana Association of Assisted Living regarding who is permitted/allowed to administer medication to a non-cognitive resident at an assisted living facility.

There are currently three (3) statutes that supercede the Broad rules on the delegation of medication administration to unlicensed personnel: public schools, waiver patients, and juveniles in correctional facilities. The Board's staff repeatedly explains self-administration of medications, yet this practice is not defined in the rules on nursing practice. Pertinent data considered were the factors impacting the delivery of care that pose new challenges:

more federal/state monies are being directed to keep the person in the home environment, out of institutions; the utilization of assisted living facilities for the elderly; and family members becoming more involved in nursing care decisions.

Members of Focus Group: Petitioners and other interested parties: representatives from the Advocacy Center, Human Development Center, United Health Care Group, Inc, St. James Place, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, Department of Health and Hospitals, the Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, The Louisiana State Nurses Association, the Home Care Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Nursing Home Association and the Louisiana Assisted Living Association, Professor, Loyola University, Graduate Nurse program, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Tulane University Hospital.

The Focus Group met on April 26, 2004 and established a time-line to study the issues. Other individuals have contacted the Board who wish to participate and the Board may consider additional members. Interested persons are welcomed to attend the open meetings of the Focus Group, please notify the Board office to assist us in assuring sufficient meeting space for those attending.

Performance of First Time Candidates of Nursing Education Programs in Louisiana on NCLEX-RN, regardless of where taking examination, during January 1 through December 31, 2003.

Nursing Programs	Number of Candidates	Number Passing	Percent Passing
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Associate Degree

Charity/Delgado	173	167	96.5
LSU Alexandria	75	73	97.3
LSU Eunice	44	42	95.5
Louisiana Tech	62	56	90.3
McNeese	0	0	00.0
Nicholls	7	7	100.0
Northwestern	108	83	77.0
Our Lady of Lake College	162	143	88.3
Total	631	571	90.5

Diploma

Baton Rouge Gen'l	22	22	100.0
Total	22	22	100.0

Baccalaureate

Dillard	15	12	80.0
Grambling	21	17	81.0
Louisiana College	13	9	69.2
LSU Health Sciences Center	122	113	92.6
McNeese	46	42	91.3
Nicholls	47	45	95.7
Northwestern	38	34	89.5
Our Lady Holy Cross	34	31	91.2
Southeastern	98	83	84.7
Southern	51	42	82.4
Univ. of LA Lafayette	110	102	92.7
Univ. of LA Monroe	71	66	93.0
William Carey – N. O.	28	24	85.7
Total	694	620	89.5
GRAND TOTAL	1,347	1,213	90.1

BOARD MEETING DATES

Board meetings and the bi-annual meetings of the Advisory Council will be held on the following dates:

Closed Board Meetings

June 14 - 15, 2004 • September 13 - 14, 2004
December 6 - 7, 2004 • March 14 - 15, 2005

Open Board Meetings

June 16, 2004 • September 15, 2004
December 8, 2004 • March 16, 2005

Advisory Council

September 13, 2004

Board Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Board office, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. Any group wishing to attend any portion of the Board meeting should contact the Board office at least four weeks prior to the meeting date to verify availability of space. Discipline hearings are held on the above specified closed meeting date(s). All actions of the Board are taken in open session. Specific times for agenda items are not established. If there are questions concerning when an agenda item will be addressed, contact the Board office.

Agendas are posted on the Board's Web Site: www.lsbns.state.la.us at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

(Administrative, Credentialing, Education, Compliance, and Practice Committees)

Committee meetings of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing will be held 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

July 27 - 28, 2004 • October 26 - 27, 2004
January 25 - 26, 2005

Committee meetings will be held at the Board office.

*All scheduled for first day when possible. If a second day is needed it will be noted on the posted agendas.

2004 STATE HOLIDAYS

July 5, 2004

Independence Day (statute)

September 6, 2004

Labor Day (statute)

November 11, 2004

Veterans' Day State Holiday Observed (statute)

November 25, 2004

Thanksgiving Day State Holiday (statute)

November 26, 2004

Acadian Day State Holiday (by proclamation)

December 24, 2004

Christmas Day State Holiday (statute)

December 31, 2004

New Year's Eve (by proclamation)

(Note: State holidays are anticipated dates and some dates may be subject to change)

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____ **Name (Documentation Required)*** ____ **Address** ____ **Replacement Card Needed****

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For identification, please provide the following:

LA RN License # _____ Social Security Number _____
Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime phone _____

Current Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (area code/number)

Former Name and Address:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

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