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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Self-regulation is the hallmark of a profession



As we celebrate throughout this year, the 100 year anniversary of the regulation of nursing practice in Louisiana and as we are in the midst of the 2012 Legislative session, I believe it is important to reflect upon what the regulation of nursing practice means to all of us and its

significance today and into the future.

Isabel Hampton Robb, one of the founders of modern America nursing and the first President of the American Nurses Association, stated in her inaugural address, “Self-regulation is the hallmark of a profession”, and called upon the nurses of our country to organize for the purpose to enact state legislation establishing standards for nursing education and practice. Sixty-four (64) nurse leaders accepted that call and came together to organize the Louisiana State Nurses Association whose purpose has been and continues to be the enactment of legislation that promotes the standards of the nursing profession.

But what does ‘self-regulation’ really mean and what does that look like in the 21st century? Just because we have a nurse practice act which establishes a Board comprised of RNs and APRNs, does it mean that we have achieved it? I think not. To be self-actualized as a profession means much, much more.

Can we say today that we are in control of our own destiny as a profession? Are we confident that in any given legislative session, only legislation in alignment with the values of the nursing profession will pass or are we vulnerable to the passage of legislation that may actually undermine the standards of nursing education and nursing practice that we have achieved.

History tells us that it takes organization and a unified vision to move the profession forward. Have we learned from the lessons passed or do we splinter our efforts and act in ways that actually divide the profession and work in cross purposes to the advancement of the profession.

Self-regulation is a public trust and comes with responsibilities to assure the public a competent registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse. You have the responsibility to be competent and to practice within the scope of nursing practice. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing is responsible for establishing and enforcing standards of practice and education and to safeguard Louisiana citizens. The profession has a responsibility to come together to speak in a unified voice and unified vision in the public and political arenas.

The Louisiana Action Coalition for the Future of Nursing gives us an opportunity to come together as nursing leaders with many influential stakeholders, including consumers, healthcare providers, governmental officials and payers. Let’s not mess it up!

Let’s make sure we speak with a unified voice on the needs of Louisiana citizens for a qualified, competent workforce. Only then may we become truly ‘self-regulated’.

For the Public Trust

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN





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FUTURE OF NURSING™ Campaign for Action IN LOUISIANA

Calling all Nurses and Nurse Champions!!!



Nurses Key to Advancing High-Quality Health Care, Improving Access

Central Louisiana Foundation Awards Nursing Coalition \$150,000 Challenge Grant

The Rapides Foundation has awarded a one-year \$150,000 challenge grant to the Future of Nursing in Louisiana: Campaign for Action, incentivizing health care providers, businesses and philanthropic organizations to match the challenge grant dollar for dollar and support the campaign’s work to improve health care in Louisiana.

The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action in Louisiana is led by a broad, diverse group of key stakeholders who are committed to providing leadership to advance high quality, patient-centered care in Louisiana by effectively implementing the Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) recommendations on the Future of Nursing.

“We are grateful for the tremendous support of The Rapides Foundation. Not only have they provided a generous challenge grant, but they have shown visionary leadership as our partner on the coalition’s core leadership team, helping develop and shape our strategy to advance the Institute of Medicine’s recommendation on the future role of nursing in Louisiana,” said Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, Director, Louisiana Center for Nursing.

“In the coming years, our health care system will serve nearly a million newly insured Louisianans as well as a rapidly increasing number of older adults and people with chronic conditions,” said Joseph Rosier Jr., president and CEO, The Rapides Foundation. “Utilizing the expertise and experience of highly trained nurses – the largest segment of Louisiana’s health care workforce – and enhancing their skills and capabilities, we can increase Louisiana’s access to health care and provide care coordination across the health care continuum.”

“We believe highly trained, educated nurses are essential to the advancement of health care in a state that ranks 49th in health care outcomes,” said Denise Bottcher, Communications Director, AARP Louisiana. “Without enough primary care physicians to care for today’s population, nurses can play a significant role in filling a critical shortage.”

Nurses are critical to transforming the health care system and ensuring that it delivers integrated, equitable and cost-effective services. As health care reform progresses, nurse leaders must be at the table armed with solutions, playing a central part in the reform process.





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Coordinated through the Center to Champion Nursing in America--an initiative of AARP-- the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Louisiana is one of 48 state Action Coalitions who are actively moving the IOM report recommendations forward.

Led and facilitated by Louisiana Center for Nursing and AARP Louisiana, Louisiana's Action Coalition is working to:

- Develop strategic partnerships that will assist in advancing nursing workforce expansion and utilization;
- Expand Louisiana's capacity to provide educational opportunities for all levels of nursing;
- Increase programs that provide progression across all levels of nursing;
- Promote activities that allow nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training.

We Can't Do This Alone – We Need Your Help!

Louisiana's Action Coalition is seeking the support and active engagement of a wide range of health care providers; consumer advocates; policy-makers and the business, academic and philanthropic communities as it develops regional coalitions across the state.

While RWJF and AARP recognized Louisiana as an Action Coalition, they are providing technical assistance only. One of the strategic priorities for the Future of Nursing in Louisiana Campaign for Action is the establishment of an infrastructure that can be sustained over an extended period of time. In order to do this, funding is essential. Acquiring external funding sources will be essential in establishing this infrastructure.

We are very excited that the Rapides Foundation has taken the lead in launching a \$150,000 challenge grant to motivate stakeholders, nurse champions, and the nursing community to step up and assist nurses in leading change and advancing health in Louisiana. All funds received will be used for activities related to the

Future of Nursing in Louisiana Campaign for Action.

Registered Nurses in Louisiana are asked to partner with the Rapides Foundation and other Nurse Champions in our state by donating toward the \$150,000 Matching Challenge Grant. For every dollar you give, the Rapides Foundation will match it up to \$150,000 (Potentially \$300,000). No donation is too small or too large. All donations in the form of a check or money order can be sent to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing - Center for Nursing at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Please place Future of Nursing Campaign for Action in the memo section. Donation forms are available at the following link: <http://lcn.lsbn.state.la.us/portals/0/Documents/LACFundForm.pdf>.

If you would like to learn more about the Future of Nursing in Louisiana Campaign for Action, please contact Dr. Cynthia Bienemy at lcen@lsbn.state.la.us or Denise Bottcher at dbottcher@aarp.org, co-leads for the Louisiana Action Coalition.

The mission of the Louisiana Action Coalition is to provide leadership to advance high quality, patient-centered care in Louisiana by effectively implementing the Institute of Medicine's recommendations on the Future of Nursing. The Louisiana Action Coalition is prohibited from participating in any form of lobbying.





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LSBN Annual Report

The 2011 Louisiana State Board of Nursing Annual Report is Available Online

The LSBN Annual Report is a mechanism that is used to inform the Governor, Members of the Legislature, other state agencies, the health care community, academic institutions and the citizens of Louisiana about the work that is being done by Board Members and Staff to safeguard the life and health of the citizen's of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe, as well as a forum to share information about Louisiana's RN workforce and nursing education capacity.

Did You Know?

- In 2011 there were over 57,000 RNs licensed to practice in Louisiana
- Over 2,200 students graduated from Louisiana's pre-RN licensure programs during the 2010-2011 academic year
- The passage rate for graduates from Louisiana's pre-RN-licensure programs on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses has exceeded that of the national pass rate over the past 4 years
- Over 3,000 qualified applicants were admitted to Louisiana's pre-RN licensure programs in 2010-2011
- Over 1,400 qualified applicants were not admitted to Louisiana's pre-RN licensure programs for one or more of the following reasons: lack of available qualified faculty, limited number of budgeted faculty positions, faculty salaries were not competitive with salaries in the clinical or practice setting, and a lack of available clinical sites.

To see the annual report in its entirety and learn more about Louisiana's RN workforce, please click on the following link: <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/AnnualReport/AnnualReport2011.pdf>

For further information about the 2011 LSBN Annual Report, contact Mrs. Barbara Morvant, Executive Director for LSBN at lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us or Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, Director of the Louisiana Center for Nursing at bienemyc@lsbn.state.la.us.





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APRN Corner

Collaborative Practice Agreements

Keep your collaborative practice agreements up to date with LSBN. As per LAC 46:XLVII.4513.D.7 an APRN must notify the board in writing within 30 days of all changes regarding practice sites and/or collaborating physicians. Failure to request approval for these changes may result in disciplinary action.

Are you licensed as an APRN under commensurate requirements

Are you licensed as an APRN under commensurate requirements (considered “grandfathered”)? Keep in mind that throughout the year that clinical practice hours and continuing education are required yearly for renewal. Both clinical practice and CEs must be at the advanced level and directly related to the scope of practice in the specialty area for which commensurate requirements and licensure has been granted. Faculty can use hours of direct clinical supervision of students for clinical practice if the clinical supervision is related to the faculty member’s advanced role and population foci.

Got Recertification?

Continued competence requirements of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing include maintaining advanced practice recertification. Provide evidence of your recertification with the new expiration date to our office via fax or email as soon as you receive it in order to be in compliance with current regulations. (APRNs licensed by grandfathering must meet the requirements for renewal as specified in LAC 46:XLVII.4507.E.2). It is the APRN’s responsibility to provide the information to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Temporary Permit

If an APRN applicant has applied for a temporary permit and has been approved, the temporary permit number assigned may be verified under the “Licensure Verification” tab on the LSBN website. It is valid for a maximum of 120 days. If the applicant is unsuccessful in taking the national certifying exam, the applicant must immediately cease practicing as an APRN applicant and the permit immediately becomes invalid and inactivated.

APRN applicants must practice “under the guidance of a licensed APRN, physician, dentist, or approved preceptor within the practice specialty and functional role of the applicant” as per LAC 46:XLVII.4507B(1). Additionally, the applicant must use the title “advanced practice nurse applicant” or “APRN applicant” while working under the temporary permit according to LAC 46:XLVII.4507B(2). Once an APRN is fully licensed, he/she may submit a collaborative practice agreement and application for prescriptive authority. It is emphasized that according to our regulations, the APRN **who engages in medical diagnosis and management** must have a collaborative practice agreement (LAC 46:XLVII.4513B) which is approved by and on file with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Prescriptive Authority

An APRN must apply for prescriptive authority and receive written approval by the board before engaging in medical diagnosis and management including prescribing drugs and therapeutic devices as recommended by clinical practice guidelines and within the parameters of the collaborative practice agreement. You may apply for prescriptive authority after you have become fully licensed. Once you are approved, a prescriptive authority/PA number is assigned to you which is to be used on all prescriptions.





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Major Revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3331 Denial or Delay of Licensure, Reinstatement, or the Right to Practice Nursing as a Student Nurse went into effect on March 20, 2012

LSBN has witnessed an increase in the number of applicants with a prior serious criminal action and/or substance use disorder applying for licensure, reinstatement, and the right to practice as a student nurse. Since the Board has a duty to exclude individuals who pose a risk to public safety, the rules will now deny applicants who have been convicted (or similar plea) of felony crimes of violence, sex offenses, and crimes involving the distribution, manufacture and production of drugs. Prior to the revision, grounds for permanent denial were only for crimes of violence and crimes involving the distribution of drugs. The revised rule also permanently denies applicants convicted of certain felony property crimes such as Medicaid Fraud and Identity Theft.

The second addition to the rule will deny applicants for a minimum of five years following the final disposition of the criminal case for any other felony convictions or for two or more misdemeanor crimes which reflect the inability to practice nursing safely. Additionally, applicants will be denied for a minimum of five years following a misdemeanor conviction and the existence of aggravating circumstances including but not limited to ongoing substance abuse.

Finally, the grounds for delay of an applicant have been increased to include recent diagnosis or treatment for substance use disorders. This will allow individuals to demonstrate rehabilitation prior to entering the challenges, temptations, and added stressors of nursing school and or licensure.

In 2010, there were 1,353 qualified applicants not admitted to Pre-RN Licensure Programs (LSBN Annual Report, p. 31). The revisions to this chapter will provide admission guidelines for schools of nursing and assist prospective students in determining their eligibility to practice nursing. Please see the attached grid for more specific information as well as links to the crimes of violence and sexual offenses that will result in permanent denial.

Applicants with a serious criminal history that may not have resulted in a conviction or similar plea will be required to provide evidence that they are fit to practice and that the underlying conduct surrounding the criminal incident(s) will not prevent the practice of safe nursing care.

Denial or Delay of Licensure Chart

Rule 3331





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MAJOR MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 15, 2012 BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Accepted the President's Report

Accepted the Vice-President's Report

Accepted Executive Director's Report

Adopted the Minutes from December 14, 2011

Adopted Proposed Rule Enactment LAC46:XLVII.§3331 Denial and Delay of Licensure

CREDENTIALING ACTIONS:

None

EDUCATION ACTIONS:

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

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

Conditionally approved 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.

Accepted 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.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Baton Rouge Community College and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Bossier Parish Community College and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate





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degree in nursing program at Dillard University and continued full approval.

Delayed 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 instructed 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.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Grambling State University, continued 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; And further moved that LSBN staff not make a joint accreditation visit but instead set a visit for another time.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT from the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Louisiana College and continued full approval.

Accepted 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.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State

University at Eunice and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana Tech University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing programs at McNeese State University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Nicholls State University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT from the associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing program at Northwestern State University and continued full approval.

Accepted 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.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Southeastern Louisiana University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Baton Rouge, and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Shreveport and continued full approval.





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Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at University of Louisiana at Lafayette and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at University of Louisiana at Monroe and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at William Carey College, continued 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; And further moved that LSBN staff attend the joint accreditation visit.

Accepted 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.

Accepted 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

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Loyola University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Northwestern State University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Our Lady of the Lake College and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the graduate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Baton Rouge and continued full approval.

PRACTICE ACTIONS:

Adopted the opinion 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 telemental health technology 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.

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.

LOUISIANA CENTER FOR NURSING ISSUES:

Accepted the report of the LCN
Nursing Workforce Demand Report
Health Works Commission Funding for the Forecasting Study
Summary of Dr. Susan Hassmiller's Visit to Louisiana on December 8th and 9th
Spring 2012 Nursing Summit – March 16, 2012 –
Launching of the Implementation Phase of the Future of Nursing in Louisiana Campaign for Action





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MAJOR MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE APRIL 11, 2012 BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Accepted the President's Report

Accepted the Vice-President's Report

Accepted Executive Director's Report

Adopted the Minutes from February 15, 2012

Approved to adjust the 2011/2012 Budget to be consistent with actual activity for remainder of the year.

Approved to adjust to include funding of NCSBN Grant within funded areas

Approved to remove budget expense for building renovation; project to take place in 2012/2013 budget year

Approved to adjust 2012/2012 Budget to increase salaries and related benefits to fund merit increase of 4% to staff.

Accepted to go into Executive Session to receive the report on litigation.

CREDENTIALING ACTIONS:

None

EDUCATION ACTIONS:

Accepted the LSBN Site Visit Report on Our Lady of the Lake School of Nursing Master's of Science in Nursing Degree and continued full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports.

Approved the proposal from Our Lady of the Lake College to transition from an ASN to a BSN program to be initiated Fall 2012.

Approved the Major Curriculum Changes to the Bossier Parish Community College ASN Program to be implemented beginning Fall 2012.

Approved the Major Curriculum Changes to the Delgado Community College ASN Program to be implemented beginning Fall 2012.

Acknowledged the Letter of Intent from University of Louisiana Lafayette and Southeastern Louisiana University to initiate a Post-Master's Doctorate of Nursing Practice for the roles of Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Administration.

Acknowledged the Letter of Intent from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center to initiate a Post-Master's Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree Fall 2012 for the concentrations of:

- Nurse Anesthesia
- Nursing Administration
- Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Community/Public Health Clinical Nurse Specialist

Approved the request from Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center to allow students from the Metropolitan University College of Copenhagen Denmark to engage in observational experiences of Palliative Care Nurses.

Acknowledged the Letter of Intent from Compass Career College to develop an Associate Degree in Nursing and LPN to ADN Bridge Program.

Denied the request of Compass Career College to develop a new Associate Degree in Nursing and LPN to ADN Bridge Program.

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES:





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Adopted two opinions in response to a request by Ms. Catherine Fusilier, RN, Special Education Nurse with Acadia Parish School Board:

- (1) That it is within the scope of practice for a school registered nurse to delegate to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of nutrition via a gastrojejunostomy tube connected to an infusion pump contingent upon the school registered nurse's evaluation of the student's condition and evaluation of the unlicensed school personnel's competency. When delegating to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of nutrition via a gastrojejunostomy tube connected to an infusion pump, the school registered nurse retains the responsibility and accountability to assure the delegated intervention is performed in accord with the following:
 - a. Established standards of practice, product manufacturer's recommendations, agency policies and procedures;
 - b. laws governing the practice of registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 37:911 et seq);
 - c. Louisiana Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 2. Registered Nurses;
 - d. Laws governing the practice of school registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 17); and
 - e. Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators (Title 28, Education, Part CXV. Bulletin 741);
 - f. Physician's orders.
- (2) That it is within the scope of practice for a school registered nurse to delegate to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of medication via a gastrojejunostomy tube contingent upon the school registered nurse's evaluation of the student's condition and evaluation of the unlicensed school personnel's competency. When delegating to trained, unlicensed school personnel (in the school setting) the administration of medication via a gastrojejunostomy tube, the school registered nurse retains the responsibility and accountability to assure the delegated intervention is performed in accord with the following:
 - a. established standards of practice, product manufacturer's recommendations, agency policies and procedures;
 - b. laws governing the practice of registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 37:911 et seq);
 - c. Louisiana Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 2. Registered Nurses;
 - d. laws governing the practice of school registered nursing in Louisiana (LA R.S. 17); and
 - e. Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators (Title 28, Education, Part CXV, Bulletin 741);
 - f. Physician's orders.





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Adopted the opinion in response to a request by Ms. Mary Knoblock, RN, Director of Nurses of Vital Link Home Health, that it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to de-clot a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line in the home health setting.

LOUISIANA CENTER FOR NURSING ISSUES:

Accepted the report of the LCN

Nursing Workforce Demand Report
Louisiana Workforce Commission – Future Collaboration
Forecasting Study Update
Louisiana Action Coalition – Future of Nursing Campaign for Action
\$150,000 Rapides Foundation Challenge Grant

Disciplinary Matters

January 10, 2012

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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

2012 State Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day.....	May 28
Independence Day.....	July 4
Labor Day.....	September 3
Elections Day.....	November 6
Veterans Day.....	November 12
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 22
Christmas Day.....	December 25

2012 Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETING DATES

June 13, 2012
 August 15, 2012
 October 10, 2012
 December 12, 2012

BOARD HEARING PANEL MEETING DATES

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