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IMPOSTER ALERT!!!

Susan Ann Robertson Murphy, DOB 1953, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana has held herself out to be a Registered Nurse. Please inform the Board of Nursing Office if you have any knowledge of this person attempting to practice as a Registered Nurse.

***** NEW *****

ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Effective immediately you can access the Annual Report at our website (www.lsn.state.la.us) at no charge. A booklet copy may be purchased from this office at a fee of \$42.00. You may also obtain a copy on CD-ROM at a cost of \$10.00 per CD. The contact person to purchase items is Lillie Rodgers at (504) 838-5499 or email: rodgersl@lsbn.state.la.us. You may also get copy of order form from website and fax to (504) 838-5433.

***** NOTICE *****

Hurricane season is here once again. The Board has issued a statement verifying Licenses for Disaster Relief which explains the use of out-of-state registered nurses who holds unencumbered licenses in another state in the event of a disaster. Please refer to the Board's website (www.lsn.state.la.us), Disaster Relief.

LSBN will follow the advisory of the Mayor of the city of New Orleans when there is a disaster in the area. Our office will close as the Mayor close the offices of the city. When no advisory is not issued but a warning is issued that we are in the path of a hurricane, thunderstorm, flooding or tornadoes and considerable damage is expected to our area, the office will close and notification will be placed on our website.

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*** ALERT ***

Please be advised that the Louisiana Office of Public Health is establishing a database of Registered Nurses who are willing to volunteer in the event of a natural or man made disaster. If you are willing and interested in participating in emergency response activities (responding to disasters), please submit your name, contact address, phone numbers, and email address to the Louisiana Office of Public Health by email dbrown@dhh.state.la.us, or fax 504-568-5142, or mail to Louisiana Office of Public Health, Department of Health and Hospitals, Nursing Service, 325 Loyola Ave, Room 315, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Graduate Fellowships for Master's-Level Nursing Education 2003 Program Announcement

Basis of Authority

The Louisiana Legislature in Act 14 of the 2003 Regular Session appropriated \$700,000 to the Board of Regents for health care workforce development, especially for education in nursing and allied health programs. From this allocation, \$600,000 has been designated for efforts to prepare candidates for the Master of Science in Nursing degree for careers in teaching in Registered Nurse professional programs.

Purpose of the Program

The principal purposes of the fiscal year 2003-04 allocation are to encourage increased enrollment in Master's-level programs in nursing and to place qualified graduates in nurse faculty positions at Louisiana public institutions of higher education. In Louisiana and across the country, the shortage of nurses (and other health care workers) has reached a critical level. This program will begin to redress the shortage by increasing the supply of new faculty to RN programs across the State. The influx of new faculty will enable RN programs to expand enrollments and education opportunities, which will ultimately provide greater numbers of qualified professionals for Louisiana's health care workforce.

Program Description

I. Program Goals and Organization

- A. The Graduate Fellowships for Nursing Education program will provide stipend support to qualified candidates for the Master of Science in Nursing degree. To be eligible for stipend support, students must agree to pursue a career in RN nursing education in Louisiana.
- B. Thirty (30) stipends in the amount of \$20,000 per academic year (\$10,000 per semester), to be granted for a maximum of two years, will be awarded to full-time students recruited and nominated by eligible MSN-granting institutions. Availability of funds in the second year, however, is contingent upon the Legislature's appropriation of sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of this program.

II. Eligibility for and Availability of Stipend Support

- A. Seven institutions that offer the MSN program are eligible to nominate students to this program: Grambling State University, the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, McNeese State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern University in Baton Rouge, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
- B. Each of these institutions is expected, as a condition of this program, to increase MSN program enrollment and/or increase numbers of graduates pursuing nursing education as a career.
- C. Enrollment slots will be allocated to each of the eligible institutions listed in Part II.A of this document based on two factors: the number of additional nursing education students enrolled as a result of the fellowships and regional need as determined by the staff of the Board of Regents in consultation with the Louisiana Healthworks Commission.

III. Application and Post-Award Guidelines for Institutions

- A. Institutions should begin as soon as possible to solicit applications from qualified candidates with an interest in pursuing careers in nursing education. In addition, the Board of Regents strongly encourages RN programs not listed in Part II.A of this document to consider their student population and recent graduates, and when possible sponsor/recommend the applications of qualified candidates to appropriate Master's-granting institutions. Further, hospitals, clinics and other health care organizations may wish to sponsor/recommend qualified employees to participate in this program.
- B. While the Board of Regents will set no minimum requirements for admission, it expects that all candidates will be subject to the same selection criteria used for all applicants, and selected based on their qualifications and suitability for the course of study they have chosen.
- C. In making these nominations, institutions should give priority to the following types of candidates in the following order of preference:
 1. Applicants not yet admitted, and interested in a career in nursing education
 2. Students already admitted, but not yet enrolled, who might be interested in pursuing a career in nursing education

- 3. Enrolled full- or part-time students who have been pursuing career paths other than nursing education, but now commit to serve as nurse faculty after graduation
- D. If institutions are unable to identify suitable candidates for all fellowship slots, funds will be held over for subsequent applicant pools, as allowable by State law.
- E. Once the institution has selected its candidates, the student should be informed of the decision and provided with the necessary application materials. This is vital, because the Board of Regents will contract not with the institution, but with each student recipient.
- F. Institutions who enroll fellowship recipients will be required to report, on a semester-to-semester basis, the academic status of each recipient.

IV. Application and Post-Award Requirements for Students

- A. While each institution will be responsible for nominating students to receive these fellowships, the Board of Regents will contract directly with the student once an award is made.
- B. Students who are nominated by their institutions must complete an application form, have it signed by an authorized representative of the nominating institution, and submit it to the Board of Regents no later than August 6, 2003.
- C. To retain the fellowship through the course of study, each awardee must be enrolled on a full-time basis and maintain good academic standing in accordance with institutional guidelines. Fellowship recipients who do not meet these requirements will be removed from the program.
- D. As a condition of accepting a fellowship award, each recipient must agree to undertake employment as a faculty member in an accredited RN degree program at a Louisiana public institution of higher education within fifty (50) miles of his/her place of residence. If, after a suitable search of not more than six months in duration, a fellowship recipient cannot find a suitable position within the fifty-mile radius, the search may be expanded to encompass all of Louisiana. Other accommodations will be made, on a case-by-case basis, for those fellows unable to find faculty appointments in Louisiana RN programs.
- E. Institutions with eligible RN programs include: Delgado Community College, Grambling State University, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Louisiana State University at Eunice, the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans,

Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern University at Baton Rouge, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

- F. Awardees are required to stay in Louisiana, in faculty positions, for one year per \$10,000 received through this program. Recipients who wish to leave Louisiana or otherwise default on the agreement before their obligations are fulfilled will be required to pay back their award, plus interest, according to a formula provided in the contract.
- G. Students receiving awards through this program will be required to enter into a contract with the Board of Regents. This contract will stipulate that all recipients agree to conditions regarding the nature, location and minimum duration of employment and repayment plus interest of stipend monies should recipients default on contract terms. While a model of this contract is not yet available for review, the requirements are as outlined in this document and will be available to fellowship recipients after announcement of awards.

Timeline

Announcement of program and release of documents to affected institutions	July 16
Deadline for receipt of nomination materials from institutions	August 6
Announcement of awards and distribution of contractual materials to award recipients	August 8
Submission of contract materials by awardees	August 15

MAJOR ACTIONS OF THE JUNE 11, 2003 BOARD MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Accepted the Vice-President's Report and Third Quarter Financial Statement Report for January 1 - March 31, 2003.

Accepted the proposed 2002-2003 budget adjustments.

Authorized Patsy McClanahan, LSBN President to appoint Board members needed to establish a hearing panel if needed for the rulemaking of LAC 46:XLVII.3503.Definitions.

CREDENTIALING ISSUES

Denied Approval of the certification program - Certified Diabetes Educator credential by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators as being equivalent to or exceeding the continuing education requirement for relicensure.

Denied Approval of the certification program - Certified Diabetes Educator credential by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensure.

Approved that staff publish a notice in the next issue of the Examiner notifying all hospitals of the rules involving out-of-state clinicals and to issue a written notice to out-of-state schools that are in violation that they must comply with LAC 46:XLVII.4509.2. Further, that the issue be forwarded to the Education Committee to review the rules and make revisions as necessary to assure that the education of Louisiana students be a priority.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Accepted the February 18-20, 2003, Site-Visit Report of Nicholls State University, BSN Program and **GRANTED** continued full approval status of the nursing program with no suggestions or recommendation.

Accepted the March 10-12, 2003, Site-Visit Report of McNeese State University, ADN Program and **GRANTED** continued full approval status of the nursing program with three recommendations:

Approved the request of Our Lady of the Lake College for major curriculum changes to be implemented in Summer 2003 and **Approved** the request to initiate an accelerated program.

Approved the request of Pearl River Community College, Associate Degree of Nursing Program to add Northshore Psychiatric Clinic to the list of Louisiana facilities used for clinical teaching.

Approved the request of Oscar Daniel Lee, RN, MSN to recognize his academic credentials as equivalent to a bachelors and masters in nursing in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4, thereby qualifying him for a faculty position.

Approved the request of Kathleen Wren, LSUHSC Anesthesia Program, to recognize the credentials of Ronald E. Smith as eligible for faculty appointment in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.4509.A.1.f.i.-iv.

Approved the plan submitted by Grambling in response to the performance of their graduates on the NCLEX-RN in 2002 and that they submit analysis of the effect of their actions on the performance of their graduates in one calendar year.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

No agenda items.

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES:

After due deliberation, the Board **adopted** the following nursing practice opinions:

RN's scope of practice to delegate to unlicensed nursing personnel a bowel dis-impaction in the home health setting - That it is **not** within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse to delegate to unlicensed nursing personnel a bowel dis-impaction in the home health setting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING ISSUES

Appointed delegates and alternates to the 2003 National Council State Board of Nursing Delegate Assembly taking place in Alexandria, Virginia on August 5-8, 2003 as follows:

Patsy McClanahan, LSBN President	Delegate
Deborah Ford, LSBN Vice President	Alternate
Barbara Morvant, Executive Director	Delegate
Barbara Morvant to delegate and appoint her alternate.	

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

JUNE 2003

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

Addison, Sterling Renee (Ratified) (Applicant)
Delayed approval for RN licensure until resolution of all criminal charges.

Anderson, Shannon Landry (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Misconduct; False Documentation

Barial, Sylvia Jean Fraction (Settlement Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Assess and Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards

Bateman, Melanie Cherie Day (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 12 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Bearly, Sharron Beth (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Bourgeois, Roxanne (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved to progress in clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest; Drug Related.

Bourque, Sharon Anita McMaster (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated for minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Brey, Patricia Jean (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until pending disciplinary action has been cleared with the LPN Board.

Carter, Tangela Dionne Tieuel (Ratified) Suspended license for minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Chiaramonte, Lydia Marie
Suspended license with stay and probated for a minimum of 36 months with stipulations, RNP and fine.
Charges: Chemical Dependency

Claverie, Marchelle Claudette Fulgham (Consent Order)
Reinstated license, suspended license with stay and probation minimum 3 years with stipulations

Counts, Joanna Lynn Estes (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing without a license.

Courville, Angela Kay (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP
Crain, Chastity Dannette (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action and Failure to Disclose in a timely manner.

Dalgo, Andrea Clare Anderson (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approved to take NCLEX-RN within ninety (90) days; denied temporary work permit and licensure until stipulations are met.
Charges: Chemical Dependency

Dial, Keriel Marie (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Dozier, Sheila Ann
Suspended license with application for reinstatement contingent upon meeting stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Abuse, Presenting Illegal Prescription.

Gautreau, Leslie Rene Wiedeman (Ratified)
Suspended license for minimum six (6) months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Gibilterra, Michael Vincent (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Giusti, Julie Ann (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license and probated minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct-Failure to Follow Orders, Documentation Errors.

Goldsberry, Wayne Hughey (Settlement Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated minimum 6 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related Discrepancies

Griffin, James Kevin (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.
Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies

Grimes, Anita Marie Carter (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order and RNP

Hale, Timothy Patrick

Reprimanded license with fine.
Charges: Prior Arrests: Failure to Disclose.

Harper, Mary Anne Ernst (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP
Hartzog, Gary (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action & Failure to Disclose.

Hayes-Ellis, Janice Carole (Ratified)

Suspended license for minimum 6 month due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Hendrick, Johndale Michael (Ratified)

3/21/03 Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP;
6/11/03 Suspended license for minimum 9 additional months with stipulations, RNP and fine.

Horzelski, Heather Ann (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with fine.
Charges: Working without a license.

Hutchinson, Clinton Hoyt (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Misconduct: False Documentation

Jarrell, Jane Ellen (Consent Order)

Reprimanded RN/APRN license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest; Failure to Disclose

Jolly, Suzonne Saunders (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Falsification of records.

Killingsworth, Jessica Kai (Ratified)

Suspension of license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Leggett, Arletta Jevonnee Morris (Ratified) (Applicant)

Delayed licensure by endorsement until evidence of an unencumbered license in all jurisdictions.

Lopez III, Earl Jules (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approved to take NCLEX-RN and probated license minimum 24 months after successfully passing the examination with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrest

Marshall, Kathleen Ann, aka: Kathleen Riggin; Kathleen Hernandez; Kathy Hernandez

Fined.
Reported As: An Imposter

May, Lori Lynn Viger (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Intervene

Metz, Kenda D'Ann Sherman

Suspended license until all legal issues are resolved and fine.
Charges: Drug Abuse/Presenting an illegal prescription.

Munro, Robert Eric (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Nelson, Donald Eugene Jr.

Suspended license and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest; Failure to Disclose

Nickoson, Cheryl Criswell (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Pratt, Wendy Anne (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated minimum 18 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrests, Alcohol Related.

Price III, Delvin J. (Consent Order)

Suspended RN and APRN licenses with application for reinstatement of RN license contingent upon meeting stipulations.
Charges: Drug Abuse

Ramos, Elsie Mae Ray (Consent Order)

Reinstated license, suspended with stay and probated minimum 5 years with stipulations, RNP and fine.

Randall, Mark Alan (Consent Order)

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

Rickrode, Melissa Gay Angle (Ratified)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Russell, Adrienne Lois Reynolds (Ratified) (Applicant)

Delayed licensure until court ordered probation is completed.

Scalisi, Marklin Jay (Ratified)

Summarily suspended license and fine due to criminal arrest.

Schonlau, Martha Karen (Settlement Order)

Suspended license minimum 6 months with stipulations.
Charges: Unsafe Practice, Medication Errors and Drug Diversion.

Schulingkamp III, Daniel Joseph (Consent Order)

Voluntary license surrender.

Sheppard, Angel Lynette (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest or Charges.

Shuster, Kristi Renee (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approved for NCLEX, to receive permit and licensure after passing NCLEX with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Arrest: Failure to Disclose.

Smith, Mary Martha (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated for 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: Drug Related Other: Discrepancies in the documentation and administration of narcotic medications

Soulie, Patsy Jean Schaff (Consent Order)
Voluntarily Surrendered License

Squires, Lori Ann Brown (Consent Order)
Voluntarily surrendered license.

Stalsby, Charles Curt (Consent Order)
Suspended license and eligible for reinstatement with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies

Taylor, Aisha Shevonda (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed request to enter clinical nursing courses until Medicaid exclusion is removed and ineligible for licensure as a registered nurse in Louisiana minimum 5 years.

Taylor, Melanie Anne Friend (Ratified) (Applicant)
Delayed approval for RN licensure until evidence of an unencumbered license in Mississippi and resolution of legal charges.

Thomas, Diane Oxley (Consent Order)
Reinstated license, suspended with stay and probation minimum 5 years with stipulations, RNP and fine.

Thomas, Evelyn Lucille Kennerson (Ratified)
Summarily suspended license due to criminal arrest/conviction.

Till, Susan Davila (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Falsification of Records

Villejoin, Michael James (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Wanjura, Shelly Lea Williams (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved to enter into clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Arrests

Warmbir, Michael McKinley (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approved for licensure with reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Arrest: Failure to Disclose

Washington, Supernia Wilson (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license and fine.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

Weatherly, Patti Allaire (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to disclose prior arrest.

Westfall, Tracey Lynne Haymon (Ratified)
Suspended license for minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Whitener, Patricia Ann (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to continue in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Williams, Miranda Marie Hart (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Wilson, Connie Lynn Farmer (Ratified) (Student)
Suspended approval to progress in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Wilson, Shanna Sue Graham (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated for 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Other: Narcotic Discrepancies, Failure to Maintain Adequate Records

Wyatt, Ronald (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay and probated for 30 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Legal Standards of Nursing Practice.

NURSES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP DEVELOP THE NCLEX® EXAMINATION

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is responsible for developing the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® licensing examinations by utilizing contributions from nurse clinicians and educators. NCSBN encourages all nurses to become involved in the development of the exams by participating in the item (question) development program. Qualifications for participation are listed below. Serving on an NCLEX® item writing or review panel is an excellent opportunity to network with nurses from across the country, contribute to continuing excellence in nursing practice, and build new skills that are useful for professional growth.

Item development sessions are held throughout the year and include the item writing and item review panels. Item writing panelists are responsible for creating new test items that may later appear on one of the exams. Item review panelists examine both newly created and older items to help decide if the items are current and relevant to entry-level nursing practice.

All item development panels are held in Chicago, Illinois, and generally last 3-4 consecutive days.

Panelists stay downtown in a deluxe hotel surrounded by the shopping and theater districts. Most travel and food expenses are covered and new panelists receive more than 30 CEUs for their participation.

For more information about the NCLEX item development program or to receive an application for the item development panels please call the NCSBN item development hotline at 312-525-3775 or visit our Web site at www.ncsbn.org.

ITEM WRITERS

Item writers create the multiple-choice questions, or items, used for the NCLEX® examination. To qualify, you must be:

- 1) Currently licensed in the jurisdiction where you practice.
- 2) A registered nurse (RN) with a master's or higher degree (for NCLEX-RN® exam) or a licensed practical/vocational nurse (LPN/VN) or RN (for NCLEX-PN® exam.)
- 3) Responsible for teaching basic/undergraduate students in the clinical area **OR** currently employed in clinical nursing practice **AND** working directly with nurses who have entered practice within the last 12 months.

ITEM REVIEWERS

Item reviewers review the items that are created by item writers. To qualify, you must be:

- 1) Currently licensed in the jurisdiction where you practice.
- 2) An RN (for NCLEX-RN® exam) or an LPN/VN or RN (for NCLEX-PN® exam.)
- 3) Currently employed in clinical nursing practice **AND** working directly with nurses who have entered nursing practice during the past 12 months.

LPN/VNs who plan to take the NCLEX-RN examination within two years of service with NCSBN do not qualify for participation.

* * * * * **NEW** * * * * *

ONLINE LICENSE AND PERMIT VERIFICATION

Licenses and permits can now be verified using the Board's new **ONLINE LICENSE VERIFICATION SYSTEM**. The system may be accessed on the Board's website at www.lsb.state.la.us. Once on the site, the individual checking the license or permit must click on "Online Verification", select the Verification Type (i.e. Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Endorsement Permit, Exam Permit, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Permit or Prescriptive Authority) and enter the license number or social security number as applicable. The response will either be that the license number is not active or if the license is active, it will indicate the individual's name and expiration date of the license or permit.

The Board will continue to maintain its Automated Phone Verification System at (504)838-5430.

NOTE: Online or phone verifications are not intended to replace visual inspection of licenses or permits.

2003 STATE HOLIDAYS

September 01, 2003

Labor Day (Statute)

November 11, 2003

Veterans Day Observance (Statute)

November 27, 2003

Thanksgiving Day (Statute)

November 28, 2003

Acadian Day (By Proclamation)

December 24, 2003

Christmas Eve (By Proclamation)

December 25, 2003

Christmas Day (Statute)

December 31, 2003

New Year's Eve (By Proclamation)

January 1, 2004

New Year's Day (Statute)

Holidays by proclamation are subject to change at the discretion of the Governor

MEETING DATES

Committee Meeting Dates

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

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

July 15 - 16, 2003

October 14 - 15, 2003

January 13 - 14, 2004

Board Meeting Dates

September 8, 9, & 10, 2003

December 1, 2, & 3, 2003

March 8, 9, & 10, 2004

Advisory Council Meeting Dates

September 8, 2003

NCLEX-RN Draft Item Review Dates

TBA

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Publication

Contact person: Margaret (Bootsie) Durand, MS
337-989-0001

Practicing RNs are invited to come explore job options at the ninth annual Medical Job Fair of Louisiana, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24, 2003, at the Sheraton Shreveport in Shreveport.

The Medical Job Fair of Louisiana is a cost-effective recruitment event which since 1995 has facilitated the recruitment of other types of health care providers to work in rural and underserved urban areas of Louisiana. This is the first year that registered nurses have been included. Students studying to become RNs who will graduate before September, 2004 are also invited to attend.

The field of thirty exhibitors will include hospitals, clinics, practice groups and other health-related organizations. Admission for registered nurses or senior students is free. (There is a nominal charge, however, for a spouse or guest.) In addition to visiting recruiters' exhibit booths, participants will have the opportunity to attend educational workshops covering topics such as *Practice Management* and *What to Expect during Recruitment*.

The main sponsor of this event is the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, and the SE and SW Louisiana Area Health Education Centers. The event is coordinated by the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center (SWLAHEC).

For on-line registration or detailed information,

visit www.medicaljobfair.org. Additional

information can also be obtained by calling

337-989-0001 or e-mailing

medfair@swlahec.com.

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HAS YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGED?

If so, please complete this form and return it to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing 3510 N. Causeway, Suite 501, Metairie, LA 70002.

This is a change of:

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

*Copy of a marriage license, divorce decree with name restoration clause, or other legal document granting a name change is required.

** A licensee who wishes a license card replaced because of a change in name or address must return the current license card to the Board, give information that is to be changed, and pay a \$10.00 replacement fee.

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) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

No Fee For Name or Address Change—Copy as Needed.
