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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2-YEAR BIENNIAL LICENSURE RENEWAL IS COMING IN 2017 FOR YOUR 2018 RN/APRN LICENSE.

I am very pleased to report that Louisiana is moving to biennial licensure that will allow RNs and APRNs to renew their licenses for two (2) years. This transition becomes effective with the license renewal period beginning

October 1, 2017 for your 2018 active license. The LSBN Board approved the plan at the April 20, 2017 board meeting. We will join the 45 other states who currently have biennial licensure. Only Connecticut, Kentucky, Washington and West Virginia will remain as single year license states. Iowa has 3 year licensure and Arizona has 4 year licensure. The original plan was to have license renewal on birthdays, but in response to concerns voiced by our nursing organization partners throughout the state, we have decided to maintain our current policy of renewing licenses beginning October 1st of each year and continuing through December 31st. January is provided as a 'grace period' for late renewals and renewal during this month will continue to include a late renewal fee along with the regular license fees. The driving forces behind the change are to eliminate the onerous task of RNs and APRNs having to renew their license annually and to assist LSBN in providing improved and timely service to our constituents. Not only will this plan provide you better customer service during renewal season, it will allow LSBN to allocate greater resources to improving professional practice in the state and collaborating with our community partners on nursing workforce development. We will be using a graduated system to move all licensees to the new biennial system. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters A-M will renew during the 2018 renewal season and will be renewing their licenses for a 2-year period. Such biennial licenses will be active from January 1, 2018 and expire on December 31, 2019. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters N-Z will renew during the 2018 renewal season and will be renewing each of their licenses for a 1-year period with renewed licenses active from January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018. Licensees whose last name begins with the letters N-Z will begin biennial renewal processes next year during the 2019 renewal season that begins in October 2018. Using this method, by renewal year 2019, we will be renewing half of our licensees each year

for a 2-year cycle. LSBN will be developing a **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** sheet in the near future to address all the questions and concerns that will come with our new process. This will be distributed to all RNs and APRNs in Louisiana through your email on file with the agency and through communications in **The Examiner** and on our website. We promise to keep you posted and to work with all our constituents as we implement this new process.

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Following is a summary of the legislative action that occurred in the 2017 session that had implications for LSBN:

- SB75 authored by Senator Mills provided relative to the health profession licensing boards created within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and would have provided increased oversight of the health profession licensing boards by the Department of Health. The bill would have increased the responsibility of LDH to provide greater oversight of the licensing, education preparation and regulatory activities of each of the licensing boards including greater fiscal oversight. The bill also would have required that each health licensing board have at least one (1) consumer member, an action that LSBN had already taken in 2016 with the change to our Nurse Practice Act requiring two (2) consumer members of the board. The most concerning change to licensing board regulation would have been in the area of board hearings, which would have been transferred to the sole jurisdiction of an administrative law judge. It was readily acknowledged by the health licensing boards that administrative law judges were experts in criminal and civil law and legal proceedings under the administrative procedures act. There was concern, however, that these judges would have less expertise than discipline-specific board members in the complexities of each of the health disciplines. The bill was defeated in House Health & Welfare Committee.
- HB490 authored by Representative Walt Leger and sponsored by Senator Mills creates the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education within the Drug Policy Board; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to require an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan; to provide for





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the content of the plan; to require staffing support for the council; to provide for meetings and official actions of the council; and to provide for related matters. The bill was signed by the Governor (Act 88) on June 12, 2017 and becomes effective on August 1, 2017.

- HCR59 authored by Representative Frank Hoffman proposed a resolution to create a study group to make recommendations concerning the potential establishment of an independent health professions scope of practice review committee; the resolution was voluntarily withdrawn by Chairman Hoffman on May 17, 2017.
- SB55 authored by Senator Mills and sponsored by Representative Helena Moreno provided relative to prescribing controlled dangerous substances; to provide for automatic renewal in the prescription monitoring program; to provide for mandated access of the program by prescribers; to provide for exceptions; to provide for continuing education requirements; to provide for rule-making; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters. The bill was enrolled on June 2, 2017, signed by the Governor (Act 76) on June 12, 2017 and became effective on that date.
- HCR83 authored by Representative Beryl Amedee requested a study of means by which to facilitate care by Louisiana-licensed nurses for Louisiana evacuees in other states. It was voluntarily deferred by Representative Amedee on May 23, 2017.
- SCR21 authored by Senator Beth Mizell and sponsored by Representative Chris Broadwater requests Louisiana medical schools, prescriber licensing boards, and prescriber trade associations to take all necessary steps to eliminate pain as the fifth vital sign, and increase prescriber education on assessing pain. The resolution passed both the Senate and the House and was enrolled on June 3, 2017.
- HB342 authored by Representative Chris Broadwater sought to amend the Louisiana Constitution to abolish the Board of Regents and transfer certain board powers, duties, and responsibilities to a newly created board. The bill was involuntarily deferred in the House Education Committee on May 10, 2017.
- SB216 authored by Gregory Tarver and sponsored by Representative Dustin Miller provides for physician assistants executing emergency certificates relative to alleged mental illness or substance abuse. It was amend-

ed in House Health & Welfare to include all nurse practitioners who act in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receive verbal approval for executing the certificate from their collaborating physician. The bill was enrolled on 6/3/2017 and signed by the Governor on 6/14/2017. It becomes effective on 8/1/2017.

- **MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES.** On May 5, 2017, I attended the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action Winning Strategies for Full Practice Authority (FPA) for APRNs in Dallas, TX. Sponsored by AARP, the Robert Wood Johnson Center to Champion Nursing in America and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the 1 ½ day conference focused on strategies to move FPA forward in more conservative states. Issues discussed included setting the stage, effective messaging, coalition building and working with policy makers.

LSBN continues to carry out its mission through the work of several Task Forces that are addressing a variety of regulatory issues. The Internationally Educated Nurses Task Force is under the direction of Dr. Cindi York, Director of RN Practice and Credentialing. Dr. York has provided the Committee members with information regarding the most current licensing process. Validation of English competency remains the biggest challenge for the Committee. Another concern involves changes relative to the U.S. Immigration Service process for issuing H1B visas. These are medical visas that nurses are able to use to come into the country for at least three years. Some of the changes are resulting in up to a 3-4 month delay in licensing internationally-educated nurses.

The Task Force on Capacity and Clinical Availability is under the Direction of Dr. Patricia Dufrene, Director of Education and Licensure, who is working with LaCANE, the Louisiana Hospital Association and LSBN Board members to address the challenges of clinical availability for nursing students and the history of the concerns of the Louisiana nursing education programs, the impact they are feeling from out-of-state schools, new programs being developed and availability of enough clinical space and preceptors.

Finally, the 3331 Task Force under my direction has completed its work on reviewing criminal acts, which may result in delay or denial of RN/APRN licensure in Louisiana. The entire Chapter 31 is being reviewed by our legal department and proposed revisions in the rules for delay or denial of RN/





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APRN licensure will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

In closing this quarter, I would like to quote the always eloquent Martin Luther King, Jr.:

*If you can't fly then run,
If you can't run then walk,
If you can't walk then crawl,
But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.*

For the Public Trust,

Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS_{BC}, NEA_{BC}
Executive Director

LSBN Department Spotlight

In this edition of **The Examiner**, we are introducing the team members of the Recovering Nurse Program (RNP)/Monitoring Department. The department can be contacted at 225-755-7546.

Barbara McGill is the Director of RNP/Monitoring. Ms. McGill came to LSBN as Director of RNP the first time in 1994. She retired from LSBN in 2007 and returned in 2013.



Prior to returning to LSBN, Ms. McGill served as Clinical Director for Neuro, Psych and Substance Abuse units at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans and Director of Nursing at River Oaks Hospital in New Orleans. Ms. McGill earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and her Master

of Science in Nursing from Northwestern State University. Currently Ms. McGill is serving as the President of the National Organization of Alternative Programs and serves as a member of the Standards Development Committee for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Ashley Bailey is a Licensing Analyst II. She has worked at LSBN for four years and four months. Ms. Bailey earned a BA degree in Communications from Xavier University in New Orleans. She works with participants in the RNP and

also with nurses who are being monitored for other reasons. She performs a variety of administrative duties and works closely with the Case Manager. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in Social Work at LSU.



Lisa Booth, MSN, RN, CARN, joined LSBN in October 2013 after 27 years working as a Registered Nurse. Ms. Booth received an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree



in 1986 from Louisiana State University in New Orleans, a Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree in 2005 from Loyola University in New Orleans, and a Master of Science in Nursing in 2010 from Southeastern Louisiana University. Ms. Booth became certified in Addictions Nursing in October 2016 and is a member of the International Nurses Society on Addictions. Ms. Booth assists the Director of the Monitoring Department in education regarding substance abuse in healthcare professionals and RNP by speaking to students in nursing schools in Louisiana. As a Registered Nurse Compliance Officer with the LSBN, she functions as a Program Manager for nurses and student nurses in the RNP related to substance dependence and mental, medical, or physical conditions, as well as nurses being monitored by an order or agreement with the LSBN.

While protecting the healthcare of Louisiana's citizens is her main priority, she assists Registered Nurses in maintaining their license to practice safe and competent nursing care while being closely monitored by LSBN through a structured agreement or order.

Mia Brown is a licensing Analyst for the RNP/Monitoring Department. Ms. Brown is the newest member of the department, having been here for six months. Prior to joining the LSBN, she worked with the School Board and an online charter school. Ms. Brown has a degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Southern University. Ms. Brown performs various administrative duties and works closely with the case managers.



Tanya Hall is a Licensing Analyst II for the RNP/Monitoring Department. She has been with LSBN for five years. She holds a Bachelor's degree from LSU in Sociology/Criminology. Ms. Hall





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monitors and communicates with participants, ensuring they are following their program and remaining compliant.

Crystal Patterson is a Licensing Analyst II with the RNP/Monitoring Department. Crystal has been with LSBN for 11 years, the past six years have been with the RNP/Monitoring Department. Crystal has a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology/Audiology from Southern University. Crystal is instrumental in monitoring RNs, APRNs and nursing students. She also serves as administrative support to the Department Director.

Kathie L. Pohlman, is a Monitoring/RNP Manager. Kathie began her career with the LSBN over seven years ago, on June 2, 2010. Kathie earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work, Sociology, and Psychology with a concentration in Statistics and Research Design and History and Systems from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. This was followed by her Masters of Social Work and Masters of Business Administration from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.



She is a Licensed Clinical Social worker and Board Approved Clinical Supervisor. Over the course of more than 30 years, her career has been primarily in the fields of Clinical Practice and Program Management. She describes herself as having come to the LSBN as a relative newcomer to the field of addiction. However, through the guidance and support of supervisors, providers, and peers she is now proud to be a contributing member of a team providing services through what is now recognized as one of the top nurse monitoring programs in the country. She also serves as the Program Manager of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Impaired Professional Program on a part-time basis since 2013.

Janell Soileau RN, BSN, joined LSBN in October 2014 as a Registered Nurse Compliance Officer for the RNP/Monitoring Department. Mrs. Soileau is responsible for monitoring nurses that have come to the attention of the Board for varying concerns including unsafe practice, substance use, physical disorders, mental health disorders, and medical disorders. In the majority of her career as a Registered Nurse, Mrs. Soileau has focused on mental health and substance use. To assist in her role as a Registered Nurse Compliance Officer, Mrs. Soileau is studying for her Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner degree. Mrs. Soileau hopes to use this knowledge as a resource for the LSBN. Mrs. Soileau also serves



as the Co-Chair of the LSBN Governance Committee and is a member of the Human Resource Policy Review Committee.

Announcements

Dr. Cynthia York, Director of the RN Practice and Credentialing Department received her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in May 2017. Prior to graduation, Dr. York was selected for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Distinguished Scholar Award for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She was recognized at the Honors Convocation for her capstone project on *DATA DRIVEN HEALTH POLICY ANALYSIS OF SOUTHERN STATE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAMS*.

Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing – Center for Nursing, was installed as the President of the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers immediately following the Annual Conference that was held in Denver, Colorado June 6th-9th. The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers was established in 2004 and the primary goal at that time was to contribute to the national effort to assure an adequate supply of qualified nurses to meet the health needs of U.S. residents. The Forum has grown to a membership of over 36 state nursing workforce centers with a vision of becoming the national leader for nursing workforce information. Dr. Bienemy is the first African-American President of the National Forum.





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RNP Corner

by Barbara H. McGill, MSN, RN
Director, RNP/Monitoring

July, 2017 marks the 31st Anniversary of the Recovering Nurse Program (RNP). Louisiana was the third state in the nation to start an Alternative to Discipline (ATD) program. The program has been very successful, helping nurses to get into recovery and be safe practitioners. The RNP has been around for so long, some people may take our program for granted. There are still states without an ATD program. And some states have moved towards all disciplinary programs and the criminalization of the disease of addiction.

In the late 70's and early 80's, the American Nurses Association pushed for programs for nurses afflicted with the disease of addiction to get treatment instead of punishment, to be able to maintain their license and return to being safe practitioners. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has followed suit and developed guidelines for such programs. But there are still many opponents to programs such as ours, so much so, that the International Nurses Society on Addictions and the Emergency Nurses Association have published a joint position statement (Strobbe & Crowley, 2017):

It is the position of the Emergency Nurses Association and the International Nurses Society on Addictions that:

1. Health care facilities provide education to nurses and other employees regarding alcohol and other drug use, and establish policies, procedures, and practices to promote safe, supportive, drug-free workplaces.
2. Health care facilities and schools of nursing adopt alternative-to-discipline (ATD) approaches to treating nurses and nursing students with substance use disorders, with stated goals of retention, rehabilitation, and re-entry into safe, professional practice.
3. Drug diversion, in the context of personal use, is viewed primarily as a symptom of a serious and treatable disease, and not exclusively as a crime.
4. Nurses and nursing students are aware of the risks associated with substance use, impaired practice, and drug diversion, and have the responsibility and means to report suspected or actual concerns.

Our program embraces these statements and the RNP has always admitted nursing students suffering from this disease. It would be so helpful to nurses suffering from this disease, if employers, upon discovering the nurse has a problem with substances, would put the nurse on a leave of absence so that the nurse might access her insurance to be able to afford treatment from this disease. Many of our employers do welcome back the nurse as a recovering nurse. A recovering nurse returning to her hospital or unit is much more economical than training a new nurse for the role. There are more than 3,000 graduates of the RNP practicing safely and effectively. This probably would not be the case if they had not gotten treatment and followed a recovery program. Professional monitoring programs that employ an ATD approach have been shown to be effective in the treatment of healthcare professionals with substance use disorders and are considered a standard for recovery, with high rates of completion and return to practice so that nurses do not have to be lost to this disease (Dupont, McLellan, White & Gold, 2009).

I am happy to be a part of this program. In this issue of the Examiner, the staff of the RNP are introduced to you. We have a wonderful group of dedicated, compassionate people working with the nurses. If you need our help, please feel free to call.

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APRN Corner

by Jennifer Wright, DNP, APRN, FNP, BC
Director, Advanced Practice

Compounding Considerations and Intravenous (IV) Therapies

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) has received inquiries regarding an APRN's authority to mix or compound IV solutions. The following is presented for clarification. Firstly, due to current state and federal laws and rules relative to compounding, LSBN generally considers mixing or otherwise preparing IV solutions in non-emergency circumstances as a prohibited act for all of its licensees. Activating/reconstituting a drug in a sterile closed system transfer device or adding diluent directly and in accordance with the directions contained in approved labeling provided by the product's manufacturer is allowed when prepared for immediate administration to an individual patient.

Compounding IV therapies or adding a medication, vitamin, or other substance or additive to IV solutions is allowed in Louisiana when performed by registered practitioners of pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine. RNs and APRNs in Louisiana are prohibited from compounding or otherwise mixing drugs, including IV substances and solutions, in non-emergent/non-life-threatening circumstances as described above even when compounding or otherwise mixing such substances is prescribed or delegated by an authorized practitioner of pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine.

Emergency Nurse Practitioner Certification

This agency has received recent inquiries regarding the Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) certification which launched earlier in 2017. The ENP specialty certification is not reflective of a population upon which licensure in Louisiana is based or offered. This strategy is in alignment with current national practices of nursing regulatory agencies and supported in guidelines including the Consensus Model published by the National Council for State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

The ENP certification recently began being offered through the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) as well as the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANP-CB). Candidates are eligible for certification after they have been initially licensed and/or nationally certified as an NP in another accepted population. Refer to the individual certifying bodies for additional details.

Most importantly, successful achievement of the ENP certification does not expand the scope of practice of a licensed primary care NP to the scope and authorized practice of a licensed acute care NP. Conversely, successful achievement of the ENP certification does not expand the scope of practice of a licensed acute care NP to the scope and authorized practice of a licensed primary care NP.

NPs in Louisiana who have successfully completed the ENP certification process must utilize the title and credentials associated with their licensure as an APRN issued by LSBN and are authorized to utilize titles associated with an acute care NP in circumstances when they have current licensure as such in the state. Per an article in the January, 2015 edition of *The Examiner*, if APRNs elect to include a specific population in their title, they must ensure that the credentials and titles utilized are appropriate, authorized, and accurately reflect the role and population focus within which they are licensed (<https://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/Examiners/ExaminerNo12015.pdf>).

Some APRN educational programs have utilized the term "Emergency Nurse Practitioner", prior to the offering of the ENP certification, as a title or description of their programs though the graduates are eligible to sit for acute care examinations. This now creates confusion and can be potentially confounding regarding this term and certification; therefore the public, including LSBN's licensees, APRN students, potential students, employers, etc. must be aware of the details and implications surrounding ENP certification, the scope and authorized practice of NPs, and the use and application of appropriate and clear credentials and terminology.





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Record Expungement is Not Record Destruction
by David C. Bolton
General Counsel and Interim Director of Investigations

So you turned in a renewal or other application with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN), and you were asked on the application whether or not you were arrested. You answered, "No," because you or your attorney had the record expunged and you believed the record no longer existed. You turn in the application. You later received a letter from the LSBN, which indicates the LSBN learned of your arrest. Do not panic. You may have expunged that record; however, it was not destroyed.

"Louisiana law provides for expungement of certain arrest and conviction records under limited circumstances. Obtaining an expungement of these records allows for the removal of a record from public access but does not result in the destruction of the record. An expunged record is confidential, but remains available for use by law enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies, and other statutorily defined agencies" La. C.Cr.P. art. 971(1)-(2). The records, thus, remain in existence, yet shielded from the public; but certain government entities are permitted to see them. One of those agencies is the LSBN. La. C.Cr.P. art. 973(B).

Now, you know how and why the LSBN knew of your arrest because an expunged record does not mean the record is destroyed, only hidden from the public's view, and the LSBN is one of the listed government agencies permitted to learn of the record's existence.

Finally, please, understand the LSBN and its staff are prohibited from giving you legal advice. You should consult with an attorney licensed in Louisiana for any legal advice.





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Major Motions and Other Actions Taken at the December 15, 2016 Board Meeting

EDUCATION

Accepted Consent Agenda Items:

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. Accreditation Reports from Approved Programs
 1. Bossier Parish Community College ACEN Site Visit Report
 2. Louisiana Delta Community College ACEN Site Visit Report
 3. McNeese State University CCNE Site Visit Report
3. Continuing Education Providers
 1. Eagan HealthCare
 2. Western Schools
4. Education Announcements
 1. South Louisiana Community College Faculty Changes
 2. LSU Health Sciences Center SON - Director Appointments
 3. Our Lady of the Lake - College name Change

Accepted Dillard University's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education program.

Accepted Southern University Baton Rouge's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education program.

Approved the request of Louisiana State University at Eunice (LSUE) to establish an off-campus location of the Associate of Science in Nursing Program in Lafayette.

Accepted proposal for Step II and grant initial approval to University of Louisiana Monroe for initiation of a Master's of Science in Nursing Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-AGNP) program.

Accepted the Letter of Intent request from Chamberlain College of Nursing to approve Step I and request to begin Step II for the initiation of a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Education Degree Program.

Denied the request of Bradley University for approval to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following roles/populations of: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) – Master's, Post Master's (PMC) for insignificant evidence regarding:

1. Faculty credentialed and licensed in Louisiana
2. Performance of site visits

Re-approved the request of Samford University for approval to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until February 19, 2020 for the following roles/populations: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) – Master's (MSN) and further to deny the request of Samford University to add the following roles and populations:

- Post Master's (PM)
- Registered Nurse to Doctor of Nurse Practitioner, (RN-DNP)
- Post Baccalaureate Doctor of Nurse Practitioner, (BSN-DNP)
- Post Master's Doctor of Nurse Practitioner, (MSN-DNP).

ADVANCED PRACTICE

Approved to establish a Task Force to study the matter of Nurse Practitioners prescribing buprenorphine and make recommendations for policy changes.

Approved that the Board draft a letter to the VA supporting the inclusion of nurse anesthetists in the expansion for full scope of practice.

RNP/MONITORING

Approved to support recommendation for the Board to initiate rulemaking to delete Chapter 40.

Approved to accept the recommendations as drafted for amending Chapter 34, Section 3419 related to amending term "chemically dependent" to "substance use disorder".

ADVANCED PRACTICE

Approved that the Board draft a letter to the VA supporting the inclusion of nurse anesthetists in the expansion for full scope of practice.

ADMINISTRATION

Accepted the FYI 2018 Annual Budget

Approved to allow a contract to be drawn up by Mr. Shows and present it to the Legislative Auditor for their input, stating that if Dr. Lyon achieves the following milestones that a supplemental payment is to be paid on successful completion of the following projects:

1. Overseeing completion of full ORBS Data Management Systems. Planned completion date April 2017. Compensation to be received, \$3,100.
2. Overseeing completion of Phase I Building Remodeling with a planned completion date of May 2017. Compensation to be received, \$3,000.





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Major Motions and Other Actions
Taken at the February 16, 2017 Board Meeting

EDUCATION

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. Accreditation Reports from Approved Programs
 1. Fletcher Technical Community College - ACEN Annual Report
3. Request for Continuing Education Providership
 1. Louisiana Hospital Association - Re-approval
4. Approved Program Curriculum Changes
 1. Fletcher Technical Community College
5. Schools of Nursing 2015 - 2016 Annual Reports
 1. Baton Rouge Community College - ASN
 2. Bossier Parish Community College - ASN
 3. Delgado Community College - ASN
 4. Fletcher Technical Community College - ASN
 5. Grambling State University - BSN
 6. Louisiana Delta Community College - ASN
 7. Louisiana State University Alexandria - ASN
 8. Louisiana State University Eunice - ASN
 9. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - BSN
 10. Louisiana Tech University - ASN
 11. McNeese State University - ASN and BSN
 12. Nicholls State University - BSN
 13. Northwestern State University - ASN and BSN
 14. Southeastern Louisiana University - BSN
 15. South Louisiana Community College - ASN
 16. Sowela Technical Community College - ASN
 17. University of Holy Cross
 18. University of Louisiana at Lafayette - BSN
 19. University of Louisiana Monroe - BSN
 20. Grambling State University - MSN
 21. Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing - MSN
 22. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - MSN
 23. Loyola University - MSN
 24. Northwestern State University
 25. Our Lady of the Lake College - MSN
 26. Southeastern Louisiana University - MSN
 27. Southern University Baton Rouge - MSN
 28. University of Louisiana at Lafayette- MSN
6. Education Announcements
7. Louisiana Center for Nursing Updates

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the request of Southwest Mississippi Community College for approval to offer undergraduate grad-

uate clinical experiences for the associate degree students in Louisiana until February 16, 2020 for the following clinical courses:

- NUR 2115 Health and Illness Concepts
- NUR 2215 Complex Health and Illness Concepts

Motion Carried

Amended Motion - Approved of the request of Southwest Mississippi Community College for approval to offer undergraduate clinical experiences only at North Oaks Hospital in Hammond, Louisiana for the associate degree students in Louisiana until February 16, 2020 for the following clinical courses:

- NUR 2115 Health and Illness Concepts
- NUR 2215 Complex Health and Illness Concepts

Motion to re-approve the request of Herzing University for approval to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until February 16, 2020 for the following roles/populations:

- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) – Master’s (MSN)

Motion carried

Motion to deny the emergency rule request for APRN clinical experience in Louisiana as stated, and further, that the Board instructs Yale University to follow the process outlined in LAC 46: XLVII.3539.B for approval for Graduate Nursing Education Degree Clinical Experience in Louisiana.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* of the Diploma Program in Nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center and place on probation for non-compliance with LAC:46XLVII. 3535.B. And further, that the Board instruct Baton Rouge General Medical Center School of Nursing to submit interim progress reports for the diploma registered nurse program to be reviewed at subsequent 2017 LSBN Board meetings.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Dillard University and continue on probation for a fourth consecutive year for noncompliance with LAC46XLVII. 3535.B and to cease admission of new students. And further, that the Board instruct Dillard University to submit interim progress reports for baccalaureate degree in nursing program to be reviewed at 2017 Board meetings.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Louisiana College and place on probation for noncompliance with LAC46XLVII. 3535.B. And further, that the Board instruct Louisiana College to submit interim progress





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reports for baccalaureate degree in nursing program to be reviewed at subsequent 2017 LSBN Board meetings.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing and place on probation for noncompliance with LAC46XLVII. 3535.B. And further, that the Board instruct Our Lady of the Lake College to submit interim progress reports for the baccalaureate degree in nursing program to be reviewed at subsequent 2017 LSBN Board meetings.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Baton Rouge and restore full approval for compliance with LAC46XLVII. 3535.B.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* of the associate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Shreveport and place on probation for noncompliance with LAC46XLVII.3535. B. And further, that the Board instruct Southern University at Shreveport to submit interim progress reports for associate degree in nursing program to be reviewed at subsequent 2017 LSBN Board meetings.

Motion Carried

RN/CREDENTIALING

Motion to approve the Declaratory Statement on Patient Safety: Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Working Extended Hours.

Motion Carried

ADVANCED PRACTICE

Motion to approve the request for an opinion specific to the petitioner that it is within the scope of practice for the certified APRNs licensed in Louisiana providing services within Dr. Broadwell's practice to perform tendon sheath injections and arthrocentesis on small, medium, and large peripheral joints for acute conditions provided the APRN has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities to do so prior to performing the procedure; and

The APRN must submit a collaborative practice agreement for approval to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (as per RS 37:913(3), (8) and (9) and LAC 46: XLVII.4513.B) which includes this procedure as a parameter of practice, reflects the agreement with the collaborating physician(s), and appropriate clinical practice guidelines applicable to the scope of practice of the collaborating professionals, setting, procedure, and services provided; and

That the Board retract the previous opinion from March 16, 2000 that included small and medium joint injections.

Original motion amended that it is within the scope of practice for the certified APRNs licensed in Louisiana to perform tendon sheath injections and arthrocentesis on small, medium, and large peripheral joints for acute conditions provided the APRN has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities to do so prior to performing the procedure; and

The APRN must submit a collaborative practice agreement for approval to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (as per RS 37:913(3), (8) and (9) and LAC 46: XLVII.4513.B) which includes this procedure as a parameter of practice, reflects the agreement with the collaborating physician(s), and appropriate clinical practice guidelines applicable to the scope of practice of the collaborating professionals, setting, procedure, and services provided; and

That the Board retract the previous opinion from March 16, 2000 that included small and medium joint injections.

Amended Motion Carried

RNP/MONITORING

Motion to delete Chapter 34, Section 3405.A.o, of Title 46: Professional and Occupational Standards.

Motion Carried

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Motion to approve the use of electronic signatures by any Board member when a signature is needed.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve support of the Culture of Health Summit with a \$1,000 contribution contingent upon whether or not this is permissible.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the report to the legislature regarding the resolution from Representative Miller on the feasibility and desirability of having a joint RN/LPN Board with the last line removed.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Prospective Payment Supplement to the Executive Director.

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve the changes to the Board Hearing Panels and the Board meeting dates for May, June and July

Motion Carried





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Major Motions and Other Actions
Taken at the April 20, 2017 Board Meeting

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MSN, PMC)

EDUCATION

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. Approved Program Reports
 1. Delgado Community College - Site Visit Report
3. Louisiana Hospital Association - Request to Add Entity to CE Approval
4. Education Announcements

Motion Carried

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Motion to approve the Hearings Evaluation Form for future use beginning in May 2017.

Motion Carried

EDUCATION/EXAMINATION

Motion to accept Baton Rouge General Medical Center's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Diploma program.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept Dillard University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept Louisiana College's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept Southern University at Shreveport's status report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the major curriculum/substantive change request of Northwestern State University to add the following role and population to the current approved graduate education degree program:

Motion Carried

Motion to accept South Louisiana Community College's Associate of Science in Nursing Self-Study Report for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and LSBN site visit report. And further that the Board approve the request for Full Approval of the Associate of Science in Nursing program at South Louisiana Community College.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the request of Midwestern University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until April 20, 2020 for the following roles and populations:

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia (MSN)

Motion Carried

ADVANCED PRACTICE

Motion to approve the declaratory statement regarding nurse practitioners prescribing buprenorphine with the edits of removing the last sentence under Definition of Dispense.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve proposed rules (as attached) in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, LA. R.S. 49:951-968 providing for revisions to Chapter 45 relative to collaborating physicians.

Motion Carried

OPERATIONS

Motion to approve the Proposed capital Request for IT Expenditure related to infrastructure upgrades, desktop and surface books and updates to servers.

Motion Carried

Motion to accept and approve the LSBN Board Resolution for contractual legal services with Rutledge Law Firm, LLC as board attorney

Motion Carried

Motion to accept and approve the LSBN Board Resolution for contractual legal services with Shows, Cali and Walsh, LLC as prosecution attorney.

Motion Carried

HEARINGS

Motion to approve change to Title 46, Part XLVII, Chapter 34, Section 3411.H. Emergency Action

Motion Carried





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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Motion to approve noted changes in LAC 46: XLVII.3405.
Motion Carried

Motion to approve noted changes in LAC 46: XLVII.3415

LOUISIANA CENTER FOR NURSING

Motion to approve the LSBN to provide \$1,000 worth of audio/visual services for the Culture of Health Summit.
Motion Carried

REPORTS

Motion to accept the report of the President, Vice President and Executive Director.
Motion Carried

Disciplinary Matters

The LSBN took a total of 52 actions at the April 19, 2017 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link below:
[April 19, 2017](#)

The LSBN took a total of 37 actions at the June 7, 2017 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link below:
[June 7, 2017](#)

LSBN Construction

Please pardon our progress while the LSBN continues with their remodel for the next three months. At times we may have limited parking. We appreciate your patience during this construction phase.



2017 State Holiday Schedule

Labor Day.....	September 4
Veterans Day.....	November 10
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 23
Christmas Day.....	December 25

Future Board Meeting Dates

August 10, 2017
October 19, 2017
December 14, 2017

