

Minutes of the Compliance Committee

The scheduled meeting of the Compliance Committee was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 in the Conference Room of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 3510 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana. Ms. Elsie Crapanzano, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Elsie Crapanzano, Committee Chairperson
Frankie Rosenthal, Committee Member
Nora F. Steele, Committee Member
Deborah Ford, LSBN President (joined the meeting in progress)
Barbara McGill, MSN, RN, CNAA, Compliance Staff
Helen Forrest, Supervisor for Compliance, Recorder

Guests:

Jacqueline Rhoads (representing Catherine Wright, LANP)

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the October 15, 2003 meeting were distributed for review prior to the December 2003 Board meeting.

Motion: by N. Steele to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2003 meeting as distributed.

Second: by F. Rosenthal.

Vote: N. Steele, yes; F. Rosenthal, yes. Motion approved.

Compliance Report:

The Compliance Activity Report for the Second Fiscal Quarter **Staff** (October 2003 – December 31, 2003) was distributed, reviewed and discussed.

Per the request of the Committee at the October meeting, the Recovery Nurse Program report had been updated to identify the New Program Entries as it relates to first-time, relapsed, and non-compliant participants, and also in identifying the Released Participants.

Motion: by N. Steele to accept the Compliance Activity Report for the Second Fiscal Quarter.

Second: by F. Rosenthal.

Vote: N. Steele, yes; F. Rosenthal. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Report - Schedule of and Costs for Hearings: This matter remains pending until recommendation from the Administrative Committee is received. It was reported at the **Fines** October meeting that the Administrative Committee wished to review statistics on the actual cost of hearings from last year prior to recommending an adjustment to the fines and costs for disciplinary proceedings.

New Business:

Discussion - Falsification or Failure to Disclose A letter from the Board legal counsel regarding False Statements on Applications was submitted to the Compliance Committee for review and discussion. The letter addressed an issue that arose at the December 1-3, 2003 hearing regarding the proper charge to be lodged against an applicant or a licensee who either fails to disclose or otherwise misrepresents criminal history on an application. The review and discussion also included §921 & §925 of the Nurse Practice Act and §3405 of the Administrative Rules.

Motion: by N. Steele that the Committee wish to add the statement “false statement on application” as a violation to the definition of “other causes” in Rule 3405 as recommended by legal counsel.

Motion: by N. Steele, that prior to beginning the Rulemaking process, that the Committee review Chapter 34 of the Administrative Rules for any other revisions which might be needed at this time.

Second: by F. Rosenthal.

Vote: N. Steele, yes; F. Rosenthal, yes. Motion approved.

Announcement/ Communications: None given.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
Barbara H. McGill, MSN, RN, CNAA
Director, Compliance

Approved by: _____
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN
Committee Chairperson