

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2002
LSBN COMMITTEE ON NURSING PRACTICE**

**Call to
Order:**

The meeting of the LSBN Committee on Nursing Practice was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Deborah Ford, Chairperson, on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 in Suite 501 Conference Room of the Board's office.

Roll Call:

Present:

Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, Chairperson
Patsy McClanahan, RNC, NP, Committee Member
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN, Committee Member
Eli Sorkow, MD, Ex-Officio Member
Oswald Ferry, EdD, CRNA, Board Member

Absent:

Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA, Committee Member

Staff:

Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant, Executive Director
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Deborah Humphrey, Credentialing Manager
Helen Forrest, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Donnie Scott, APRN, RN, Cardiovascular Institute of the South
Diann Hebert, RN, Cardiovascular Institute of the South
Becky Hutchinson, RN, Cardiovascular Institute of the South
Peter Faul, MD, Cardiologist
Kerry L. Cooley, Louisiana State Medical Society
Nina Ravey, C-FNP
Cathryn Wright, NP, Louisiana Nurse Practitioner Association
K. Barton Farris, MD, President, Louisiana State Medical Society

Motion:

by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, that D. Ford be allowed to re-order the agenda as necessary in order to accommodate the guests: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 23, 2001 Nursing Practice Committee meeting had been distributed to the members prior to the December 5, 2001 Board

meeting. Additional copies were distributed at the meeting. P. McClanahan was not present for said meeting, requested to abstain. No corrections made. Motion by E. Crapanzano to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by E. Sorkow and carried. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**6.1 Clarification-
RN Assisting
and Observing/
Monitoring a
Physiologic
Cardiac Stress
Test:**

The Regional Manager, Chief Compliance Officer of the Cardiovascular Institute of the South submitted a petition requesting an opinion and/or clarification regarding an RN assisting and observing/monitoring a physiologic cardiac stress test with or without a nuclear component in a clinic or outpatient setting. Clarification regarding npop 98.05 and 01.07 was also sought. Representatives of the Cardiovascular Institute of the South presented testimony.

Motion:

by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, in reference to agenda item 6.1, that the Board maintains that it is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to independently perform a cardiac stress test. However, it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to perform a physiologic cardiac stress test when the physician provides direct supervision as defined by the Medicare or Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)* and that the said registered nurse has proper knowledge, skills and abilities documented in his/her file.

**Direct supervision in the office setting* means the physician must be present in the office suite and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure. It does not mean that the physician must be present in the room when the procedure is performed. *Reference: Medicare Provider News - June 2001: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.*

**6.4 JAC Request for
an Interpretation
of Definitions:**

Ms. Nina Ravey request this agenda item be held in open session. A summary of the issue was presented by Deborah Humphrey, Credentialing Manager. On January 4, 2002, the Joint Administrative Committee for Limited Prescriptive and Distributing Authority (JAC) reviewed and heard a request of Nina Ravey, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, for a home based practice site to be added to her prescriptive authority. JAC deferred the request to the Nursing Practice Committee for an interpretation of the definition of "practice site" and "the physician must visit the practice site weekly..." Ms. Humphrey summarized the JAC's March 2, 2001 decision that the APRN in the home setting must have a collaborative practice agreement with the patient's physician.

The letter from Peter Holley representing the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners was submitted for review. Testimony was heard from

Cathryn Wright, Interim Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners. Testimony was heard from Ms. Nina Ravey.

The discussion concluded that the present rules do not provide for the practice site being the patient's home since the rules require the collaborating physician to visit the practice site weekly. Mrs. McClanahan reported that the referral to this committee was in regard to the scope of practice that Ms. Ravey was purposing. Ms. Ravey described a practice in the home setting as performed in North Carolina. Mrs. McClanahan described the advanced practice with prescriptive authority that is authorized in Louisiana. It was reaffirmed that Ms. Ravey does not have prescriptive authority in the site of the patient's home and if seeing patients in their homes, she must call the collaborating physician to obtain orders.

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, in reference to agenda item 6.4, that the Board of Nursing defer any action on this matter until further information is obtained: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

**6.5 Reconsideration
to Allow RNs to
Implement Standing
Orders of the
Physician:**

The Nursing Practice Committee reviewed the request of K. Barton Farris, MD, Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) President, for reconsideration of nursing practice opinion 01.08 relative to the initiation of standing orders by an RN. A letter from Bruce J. Pistorius, MD, F.A.A.P. was distributed regarding his concern of this same issue.

Dr. Farris presented testimony. Kerry L. Cooley of the LSMS also presented testimony. Mrs. Morvant reported that numerous calls have been received from all over the state regarding this opinion.

Attention was called to the rules LAC 46:XLVII.3703.d. which state in part in defining *Executing Health Care Regimes as Prescribed by a Licensed Physician, Dentist, or Authorized Prescriber-carrying out the medical orders of a physician, dentist or authorized prescriber licensed in Louisiana. Registered Nurses may execute standing orders of an authorized prescriber provided the said prescriber initiates the standing orders and provided, further, that the said orders do not require the nurse to make a medical diagnosis or to engage in prescriptive activity.*

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, in reference to agenda item 6.5, to reconsider Nurse Practice Opinion 01.08 and reaffirm that LAC 46:XLVII.3703.d. states *Executing Health Care Regimes as Prescribed by a Licensed Physician, Dentist, or Authorized Prescriber-carrying out the medical orders of a physician, dentist or authorized prescriber licensed in Louisiana. Registered Nurses may execute standing orders of an authorized prescriber provided the said prescriber initiates the standing orders and provided, further, that the said orders do not require the nurse to make a medical diagnosis or to engage in prescriptive activity.*

Further, the committee recommends that the medical staff in conjunction with nursing staff of each institution would determine how the order is initiated in each facility: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

6.2 Delegating the Supervision of Patients During Insulin Pump Initiation to a Certified

Diabetic Educator: The Director of Performance Improvement of the Louisiana Health Care Group submitted a petition for an opinion relative to the RN delegating the supervision of patients during insulin pump initiation by a certified diabetes educator, certified pump trainer that is a dietitian.

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, in reference to agenda item 6.2, that action be deferred until additional information is received: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

6.3 RN Performing and Delegating to an LPN or Caregiver the Task of Draining the Pleurx

Pleural Catheter: The Nursing Education Coordinator from Opelousas General Hospital requested an opinion regarding performing and delegating to an LPN or caregiver the task of draining the Pleurx Pleural Catheter. Staff is directed to obtain more information.

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, in reference to agenda item 6.3, that action be deferred until additional information is received and the requestor completes the required forms; P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

6.6 RN Providing Care for Patients Receiving Analgesia by Epidural Catheter or Infusion Device:

The Nursing Administrative Offices (Special Projects) of LSUMC – UMC requested an opinion regarding RN providing care for patients receiving analgesia by epidural catheter or infusion device. The petition and issues to be addressed were reviewed. The previous opinions regarding epidural catheters were distributed and reviewed as it related to this request. The committee was unclear as to what the petitioner was requesting.

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, in reference to agenda item 6.6, that action be deferred until the petitioner is available to answer questions and to determine exactly what the petitioner is requesting;

P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

**Report on
Pending
Matters:**

1. Focus Group: Medication Administration - Head Start program and Day Care Center: No report
2. Update: Rules for APRNs with Limited Prescriptive and Distributing Authority Prescribing Controlled Substances: A Special Call Meeting was held this morning, January 22, 2001 and the rules were approved.
3. Update: Medication Attendants - Special Population: No report
4. Update on the Proposed draft copy of the rules regarding administration of medications by trained unlicensed personnel in juvenile detention centers (Act 502 of the 2001 Regular Session): No report

**5. Report on
Nursing Practice
Communications:**

Response from LSBME regarding Registered Nurses performing NADA 5-point ear acupuncture protocol for the treatment of substance abuse. The LSBME letter states that the LSBME could not grant an exception.

Motion:

by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano, and carried, in reference to agenda item 5, that staff communicate to the petitioner the response to the request to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners regarding Registered Nurses performing NADA 5-point ear acupuncture protocol for the treatment of substance abuse: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

**Follow- up of
information from
the previous meeting**

The petitioner from the previous meeting, regarding the administration of Botox, has notified Board staff that they would submit additional information at a future date.

Regarding agenda item 5.5 from the previous meeting, Board staff is to assure that communication was sent back to the President, Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists regarding their request as to whether the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist' Standards for Office-Based Anesthesia Practice was in full compliance with the Law Governing the Practice of Nursing.

Motion:

by P. McClanahan, seconded by E. Crapanzano, and carried, to adjourn: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes.

Adjournment:

The meeting of the Nursing Practice Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m.