

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2006**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Patricia Bourgeois, Chair, at 1:00 p.m. on January 24, 2006 in the Anderson Room of the Cook Conference Center & Hotel, located at 3848 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808.
- Roll Call** **Committee Members Present**
Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, APRN, CNS, Chair
Nora Steele, DNS, APRN, C, PNP
James Harper, MSN, APRN, CFNP
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN
- Staff Present**
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing Manager
Cynthia Morris, MSN, APRN, CNS, Assistant Executive Director
Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst
- Guests** Joni Nickens, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners
Charlotte Marie Cline, APRN, FNP
Elidia French Scroggs, APRN, FNP
Robert Anthony Conner, APRN, FNP
Shanta Gautam Poudel, RN Endorsement applicant
Durga Poudel (spouse of applicant)
Rosina Poudel (daughter of applicant)
- Reorder Agenda** Patricia Bourgeois, Committee Chair, reordered the agenda.
- Motion** by N. Steele, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 26, 2005 Credentialing Committee meeting.
P. Bourgeois questioned M. Griener on page 3 of July 26, minutes under “Review Issue of Jurisdiction in Federal Facilities Regarding Licensure and Prescriptive Authority”. M. Griener reported that B. Morvant, herself, and representatives from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, were going to meet in Washington with the Chief Nurse from the VA Medical Center on the Friday after Hurricane Katrina (9/02/05). The meeting did not occur and has not been rescheduled. Ms.Griener will keep the committee informed on this issue.
- Motion** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the July 26, 2005 Credentialing Committee.

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Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business Review of Schedule II Controlled Substance approval process for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (agenda item 4.1). M. Griener just concluded the review of the policy that the Board of Nursing approved on December 7, 2005 at the Board meeting. M. Griener requested Board members review the written policy provided as attachment for agenda item 4.1 titled: “Prescriptive Authority for Controlled Substances (Schedule II)”. M. Griener provided a short history regarding Schedule II drugs. When the the Joint Administrative Committee had jurisdiction, the Board had approval for Schedule III-V and then to add Schedule IIN (non-narcotics) upon the APRN demonstrating a need to distribute those drugs. A motion was found by B. Morvant dated July of 2003 that the Board staff could approve Schedule III-V and Schedule II N (non-narcotics). The August 2005 Chapter 45 administrative rules (LAC 46:XLVII.Chapter 45) changed to allow for approval of full Schedule II under certain circumstances by the Board. The written policy reflects the change of the new rules.

New Business Agenda item 5.1: Review of the Prescriptive Monitoring Task Force.

M. Griener reported that there was a Prescriptive Monitoring Task Force meeting this morning ,January 24,2006 and the task force approved the draft of the document that will be submitted to the Louisiana Legislature in April 2006. The motion was to add recommendations from the committee and for the attorney with the Pharmacy Board to go ahead and add the selections made, and approve the document to go to the legislative session.

M. Griener reported that Louisiana Board of Pharmacy had applied for a grant to conduct a prescription monitoring program. Approximately half of the states have a prescription monitoring program. In the middle of the last legislative session, because of arrests and overdoses related to pain management clinics, it became evident that there was an immediate need to have the prescription monitoring program. The legislature then mandated the program by the passage of HCR 98 of the Louisiana Legislative Session. A task force was developed with various members from DHH, law enforcement, DEA and other parties who have involvement with prescribing or distributing controlled substances. The document reviewed and finished earlier today will be introduced by Representative Johns at the next legislative session in April of 2006 and hopefully will be passed.

Announcements M. Griener has been in touch with DHH who distributes the LCDS (Louisiana Controlled and Dangerous Substance) licenses, regarding the issue of LSBN issuing Schedule II to APRN’s as well as the VA issue.

The DEA has moved back into their office located in the Lakeway Building in Metairie at the end of November 2005. They advised M. Griener that the Washington office had assumed the issuance of DEA licenses in Louisiana after Katrina. The Metairie satellite office has assumed the responsibility once again.

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M. Griener reported that there were two changes in Certification agency names:

The “National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners & Nurses (NCBPNP/N)” had changed their name to “Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) approximately 18 months ago.

The “American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM)” had changed their name to “American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)” in July 2005.

Both name changes have been updated to LSBN’s Certifying Organizations list.

Motion by N. Steele, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session to review the individual credentials for the nurses requesting approval for Controlled Substances of full Schedule II and the credentials of an internationally educated RN applying for Endorsement licensure.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session The Committee went into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m. to start review of agenda items 5.2.

Motion by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the Committee end the Executive Session.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:05pm

Agenda item 5.2(i)

Motion by G. Poirrier, seconded, that approval for full Schedule II to APRN Charlotte Cline, FNP, is approved to Board staff pending receipt of a revised Collaborating Practice Agreement (CPA) from APRN. Ms. Cline to provide additional clarification to address timing (60 day limitation); written policies drafted covering clinical practice guidelines, and a revised CPA to include the wording... *The APRN will not prescribe or distribute controlled substances in connection with the treatment of: Chronic or intractable pain, as defined in 46XLV.6515.6923, (Chronic pain means pain which persists beyond the usual course of a disease, beyond the expected time for healing from bodily trauma, or pain associated with a long-term incurable or intractable medical illness or disease). Obesity, as defined in 46XLV.6901-.6913 or Oneself, a spouse, child or any other family member.*

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:10pm to review the request of Robert Conner for full schedule II authority

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The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:30pm

Agenda item 5.2(ii)

Motion

by N. Steele, seconded, that approval for full Schedule II to APRN Robert Conner, FNP, is approved.

Vote

Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:35pm

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:50pm

Agenda item 5.2(vii)

Motion

by G. Poirrier, seconded, that approval for full Schedule II to APRN Elidia French Scroggs, FNP, is approved to Board staff pending receipt of a revised Collaborating Practice Agreement (CPA) from APRN. Ms. Scroggs to submit a revised CPA to include the wording... *The APRN will not prescribe or distribute controlled substances in connection with the treatment of: Chronic or intractable pain, as defined in 46XLV.6515.6923, (Chronic pain means pain which persists beyond the usual course of a disease, beyond the expected time for healing from bodily trauma, or pain associated with a long-term incurable or intractable medical illness or disease). Obesity, as defined in 46XLV.6901-.6913 or Oneself, a spouse, child or any other family member.*

Vote

Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:55pm. Gail Poirrer recused herself from review of Shanta Gautam Poudel due to personal knowledge of the situation and applicants.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 3:30pm

Agenda item 5.3

Motion

by J. Harper, seconded, that the decision for RN licensure by endorsement of applicant Shanta Gautam Poudel, be postponed until further information regarding comparable nursing education has been received from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS).

Vote

Harper – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee broke at 3:35pm for Board members to attend a Special Call meeting being held in next conference room by LSBN.

The Committee resumed Credentialing meeting at 4:45pm and went into Executive session.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 5:00pm

Agenda item 5.2(iii)

Motion

by G. Poirrier, seconded, that approval for full Schedule II to APRN Margaret Manger Fitzhugh, FNP, is approved to Board staff pending receipt of a revised

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Collaborating Practice Agreement (CPA) from APRN. Ms. Fitzhugh to submit a revised CPA to include the wording... *The APRN will not prescribe or distribute controlled substances in connection with the treatment of: Chronic or intractable pain, as defined in 46XLV.6515.6923, (Chronic pain means pain which persists beyond the usual course of a disease, beyond the expected time for healing from bodily trauma, or pain associated with a long-term incurable or intractable medical illness or disease). Obesity, as defined in 46XLV.6901-.6913 or Oneself, a spouse, child or any other family member.* Correction of typo under Medications to read: *...The APRN will initiate pharmacological intervention not addressed by current practice guidelines only after appropriate consultation with the collaborating physician.*

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 5:05pm

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 5:08pm

Agenda item 5.2(iv)

Motion

by N. Steele, seconded, that approval for full Schedule II to APRN Georgette Boudreaux Guillory, FNP, is approved.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 5:10pm

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 5:12pm

Agenda item 5.2(v)

Motion

by G. Poirrier, seconded, that approval for full Schedule II to APRN Yvette Marie Ortego, WHNP, is approved.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 5:15pm

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 5:17pm

Agenda item 5.2(vi)

Motion

by G. Poirrier, seconded, that approval for full Schedule II to APRN Paul Byron Roberts, FNP, is approved.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Credentialing Committee to Continue Approval Of Schedule II

G. Poirrier suggested that the Credentialing Committee continue to review and approve all requests for full Schedule II to enable the committee to have an opportunity to analyze a larger sampling of these requests.

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Motion by G. Poirrer, seconded, that all full Schedule II requests continue to be presented to the Credentialing Committee for review and approval.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Standardized CPA Form N. Steele suggested that M. Griener develop a standardized Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA) that the APRN and collaborating physician(s) could fill in/sign to ensure that the correct components are included as required by the Board and which comply with LSBN rules.

Motion by N. Steele, seconded, that a standardized Collaborative Practice Agreement be drafted so that LSBN determines mandated components.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Steele, seconded, that the Committee adjourn.

Vote Harper – yes, Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment The Committee adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Margaret Griener, Credentialing Manager