

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2007**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Dr. Gail Poirrier, Chair, at 1:30 p.m. on January 23, 2007 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**
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN, Chair
Nora Steele, DNS, APRN, C, PNP
James Harper, MSN, APRN, CFNP
Gerald Bryant, MSN, RN
- Staff Present**
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director, Credentialing and Practice
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Education Consultant
Elaine C. Vallette, DrPh, RN, Director of Education/Licensure
Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst
- Staff Excused**
Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Cynthia Morris, MSN, APRN, CNS, Assistant Executive Director
- Guests** Joni Nickens, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners (LANP)
Lynne Pompetti, APRN, Adult PMHCNS, Crossroads Hospital
Donna Cedars, Crossroads Hospital
Patricia G. Beare, PhD, RN
- Reorder Agenda** Gail Poirrier, Committee Chair, reordered the agenda.
- Motion** by G. Bryant, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** Bryant - yes, Steele – yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the October 24, 2006 Credentialing Committee meeting.
- Motion** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the October 24, 2006 Credentialing Committee.
- Vote** Bryant - yes, Steele – yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

Old Business
Agenda item 4.1

Agenda item 4.1: Report of Prescription Monitoring Task Force Recommendations and Legislation.

M. Griener reported that the organizational meeting for this advisory council was on January 10, 2007. The purpose of that meeting was to write rules to accompany the 2006 Louisiana Legislature House Bill 153 regarding the prescription monitoring program. In essence, the council has worked through two (2) drafts of the rules, and will soon be working on the third (3rd) draft. P. Griener advised that once the third (3rd) draft is finished, she will e-mail it to committee members. The Pharmacy Board will be responsible for managing this program.

M. Griener reported that one of the more recent changes resulting from the Task Force is that Louisiana Controlled and Dangerous Substance (CDS) licenses are now approved by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, instead of DHH.

M. Griener explained that the program will enable a physician/facility to access a report on the patient to see if he/she has a history of controlled substances prescriptions. The council is trying to get the report to work in "real time" but not sure if that will be possible; the report might take longer to generate. The system will also track the prescriber.

M. Griener reported that they hope to get the system up and running by 2008.

Agenda item 4.2

Agenda item 4.2: Draft Rules Chapter 45 regarding 500 clinical hour requirement for initial prescriptive authority.

M. Griener explained that at the October 24, 2006 Credentialing Committee, Ms. Griener was directed to prepare a draft for rule change to remove the requirement for 500 hours of practice for Nurse Practitioners to be eligible for initial prescriptive authority.

M. Griener stated that the proposed rules include the acceptance of the attached rule change which would allow nurse practitioners to provide verification of the 500 hours of clinical practice and preceptorship (medical management) in the student experience. LSBN would be able to give initial prescriptive authority with licensure upon receipt of a collaborating practice agreement and application for the Nurse Practitioner.

M. Griener reported that staff does not recommend a change for all APRNs because there are some issues with the clinical components for the Clinical Nurse Specialist and the Nurse Midwife. M. Griener presented a draft of a rule change of Chapter 45, subsection 4513.D.1.d. which included the following additional criteria for an APRN to become eligible for initial prescriptive authority:

D. Prescriptive Authority...

1. The applicant shall...

d. provide evidence of:

- ii. *500 hours of clinical practice in medical management of patients in a preceptorship (student experience) in which the APRN applicant is precepted by a physician or another advanced practice registered nurse who has approval for medical management/prescriptive authority by the Board of Nursing. The student experience must occur in a formal Board approved educational program preparing graduates to sit for the*

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respective advanced practice specialty licensure exam and certification process and...

N. Steele asked if there was a timeline for the preceptorship.

M. Griener advised that she did not include any timeline because it was the timeline in the previous rule that caused most of the problems. The current rule specifies 500 clinical hours within the preceding 12 months which some faculty members could not meet.

G. Poirrer stated that in previous discussions, the plan was to attempt to make the rule change so that APRN graduates would be able to get initial prescriptive authority after certification once their APRN license was issued by LSBN.

Motion

For item 4.2

by N. Steele, seconded, approval of the draft for the change of rules Chapter 45 as presented regarding 500 clinical hour requirement for initial prescriptive authority, and direct Board staff to initiate rule making.

Vote

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

New Business

P. Griener advised that Agenda item 5.1 for review of individual credentials of an APRN for Full Schedule II controlled substances was removed from the agenda upon request by the petitioner (Lisa Bayhi)

Executive Session

The Committee went into Executive Session at 1:54 pm to start review of agenda items 5.2 for review of request for controlled substances for APRN(Lynne Pompetti).

Motion

by N. Steele, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session.

Vote

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

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:01 pm

Agenda item 5.2

Motion

by J. Harper, seconded, approval of individual Lynne Carol Pompetti for the addition of Schedules III-V and Schedule II (non-narcotics) for ADD Controlled Substances based on revised rules, LAC 46:XLVII.4513.D.2.b.iii.

Vote

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

Agenda item 5.3

G. Poirrier asked if Dr. Beare wished to have her reinstatement request discussed in Executive Session, or would allow Ms. Joni Nickens, LANP to attend.

P. Beare agreed to keep the discussion in open session.

G. Poirrer explained that Dr. Beare was present to request reinstatement of her APRN licensure as a Clinical Nurse Specialist by exception to rule LAC 46:XLVII.4507.F.1d.

G. Poirrier requested Dr. Beare to explain her request.

P. Beare explained that she was grandfathered in as an APRN, and had let her APRN license lapse. She is not currently eligible for reinstatement because she does not have the clinical hours required. P. Beare advised that she would like to

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get her APRN license reinstated so that she can resume teaching adult med-surg CNS courses. P. Beare explained that she had no need or desire for prescriptive authority, her request for her APRN license would be to allow her to continue teaching.

P. Beare provided the committee with her educational background: Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pittsburgh in 1967; Masters in Education from Duquesne University in 1970; Masters in Nursing from the University of Texas, Arlington in 1978, and a PhD North Texas University in Education. Dr. Beare advised that she has taught in diploma schools and various universities, always in critical care and adult health nursing, including Vanderbilt, Texas Christian University, Women’s University, and University of Texas at Galveston. P. Beare stated that presently she has an active consultant practice, but wants to return to teaching.

Motion

For item 5.3

by N. Steele, seconded, approval of individual Patricia Gaunlett Beare for reinstatement of APRN licensure as a Clinical Nurse Specialist by exception to rule LAC 46:XLVII.4507.F.1d.

Vote

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

Agenda item 5.4

Agenda item 5.4: Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists (LANA) request to discuss faculty rule requirements for education of APRN/CRNA faculty

P. Griener advised that the LANA request was removed upon request of the petitioner.

Agenda item 6.1

Agenda item 6.1: Update from CGFNS regarding questionable licensing and English exam practices in the Philippines.

M. Griener reported that CGFNS continues to evaluate licensure and eligibility issues regarding the Philippine graduates from the June 2006 nursing exam. CGFNS has asked that the Board contact them with any applicants which would be affected.

P. Griener advised that the issue will not really affect foreign nurse graduates coming to Louisiana, since our rules require qualification of educational equivalency from CGFNS, and each applicant’s file is reviewed and approved prior to licensure.

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:20 pm.



Submitted by:

Margaret Griener, Director - Credentialing and Practice

Approved 4/25/2007