

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
17373 PERKINS ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2009
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Dr. Gail Poirrier at 9:02 a.m. on January 21, 2009, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Presiding:** Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN (in Bonnie Johnson, Chairperson's absence)
- Roll Call:** Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN
Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Lucie Agosta, PhD, RNC
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)
Executive Director
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Crystal Patterson
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Stacey Pleasant
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Guests:** Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)
Barbara Jones, PhD (Louisiana Delta Community College)
Dorothy Lary, DNS, MSN, RN (LSU-Alexandria)
Dianne Webb, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)
Melanie Green, PhD, RNC (Our Lady of the Lake College)
Barbara Moffett, PhD, RN (University of Southeastern Louisiana)
Theresa de Bêche-Thibodeaux, MN, RN (LSU-Eunice)
Cathy Lopez, RN, MEd (LSU-Health Sciences Center)
Marilyn Cooksey, PhD, RN, CNE (William Carey University)
Adrienne Bethancourt, BSN, MSN, DNS (Fletcher Technical Community College)
Ava Stennett, MSN, RN (Louisiana Delta Community College)
Gary Hidalgo (LSU-Health Care Services Division)
Carol Tingle, MSN, RN (Baton Rouge General Medical Center)
Dianne Thames, DNS, APRN (Delgado Community College)

Gail Caraway, MSN, RN (Louisiana Delta Community College)

**Review and Approval
of Previous Minutes:**

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the minutes of October 22, 2008 be accepted.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

**Request from Southern
Arkansas University
Department of Nursing
to Use a Clinical Site in
Louisiana:**

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Dr. Agosta to approve the request of Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia, ADN Program, to conduct clinical offerings at Springhill Medical Center as a clinical rotation site for their fundamentals course effective January 2009 through December 2010.

Seconded by Dr. Steele

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Request from Earl K.
Long Hospital to
Approve CE for their
Program on
Interventions and
Management in
Aggressive Behavior in
All Louisiana Health
Systems Hospitals :**

Staff commented that the program was previously approved by LSBN, but the approval was only for employees of Earl K. Long Hospital. This new request is for all employees of the Louisiana State University/Health Care Service Division Hospitals.

Mr. Gary Hidalgo gave an overview of the program.

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele to approve the request from Earl K. Long Hospital to approve CE for their program on Interventions and Management of Aggressive Behavior for employees of all Louisiana State University/Health Care Service Division Hospitals until January 2011.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana Delta
Community College
Proposal to Initiate an
ADN Program:**

Staff commented that the institution is actively searching for a new nursing program head and have three interviews scheduled in the coming weeks.

Motion:

by Dr. Agosta to approve the request from Louisiana Delta Community College to continue to implement the steps required to establish a new associate of science in nursing program and grant initial approval to admit students in Fall 2009 pending the appointment of a nursing program head.

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Request from the
University of South
Alabama at Springhill,
College of Nursing, to
use Clinical Sites in
Louisiana:**

Discussion surrounding issues of graduate students enrolled in out of state schools requesting clinical preceptorships in Louisiana.

**Request from the
University of Alabama
at Birmingham, School
of Nursing Graduate
Program, to use
Clinical Sites in
Louisiana:**

Concerns about the Board rules causing the numbers of advanced practice individuals in the state to decline. Also, the rule needs to have some type of priority verbiage for Louisiana schools.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele to have these two items deferred until next meeting due to lack of information.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**International
University of Nursing
Intent to Partner with
Nursing Programs in
Louisiana:**

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Poirrier commented that this should not be a Board decision, but a University/College/Division decision because it becomes a transfer issue.

Motion: by Dr. Steele to acknowledge receipt of the International University of Nursing's letter.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

Renewal of Herzing College's Request to Initiate an ADN Program:

Staff commented that this letter is a renewal of the college's original letter of intent that was reviewed at the July 2005 Education Committee.

Motion: by Dr. Steele to acknowledge receipt of the letter from Herzing College renewing their intent to initiate an associate degree nursing program and approve them to continue to follow the steps outlined in LAC 46:XLVII.3533 Procedure for Establishing a New Program.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

Annual Reports of Undergraduate Programs in Nursing:

The Committee reviewed the Annual Reports of the Undergraduate Programs in Nursing.

Baton Rouge General Medical Center Motion:

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the diploma program in nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

Baton Rouge Community College Motion:

by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and continue initial approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Baton Rouge Community College.

Seconded by Dr. Steele

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Delgado Community
College
Motion:**

(Dr. Steele-recused)
by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier (as Education Board member)
Voice vote: Agosta-yes. Motion carried .

**Louisiana State
University at
Alexandria
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana State
University at Eunice
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program at Louisiana State University at Eunice.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana Tech
University
Motion:**

by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program at Louisiana Tech University.

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Nicholls State
University ADN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report, continue full approval of the associate degree program at Nicholls State University and commend them on their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**McNeese State
University ADN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program at McNeese State University.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Northwestern State
University ADN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report from the associate degree in nursing program at Northwestern State University and restore full approval.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Our Lady of Lake
College
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program of Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Southern University at
Shreveport
Motion:**

by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program at Southern University at Shreveport.

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Dillard University
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report, continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Dillard University and commend them on their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Grambling State
University
Motion:**

by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and restore full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Grambling State University.

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana College
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report from the baccalaureate program in nursing at Louisiana College and continue full approval.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana State
University Health
Sciences Center
Motion:**

by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Louisiana State University Health Science Center.

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**McNeese State
University BSN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at McNeese State University.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Nicholls State
University BSN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Nicholls State University.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Northwestern State
University BSN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Northwestern State University.

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Our Lady of Holy
Cross College
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Southeastern Louisiana
University
Motion:**

(Dr. Agosta-recused)
by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier (as Education Board member)
Voice vote: Steele-yes. Motion carried.

**Southern University
Baton Rouge
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southern University at Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**University of Louisiana
at Lafayette
Motion:**

(Dr. Poirrier-recused)
by Dr. Agosta to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**University of Louisiana
at Monroe
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**William Carey College
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report from the baccalaureate program in nursing at William Carey College, continue full approval and commend them on their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Fletcher Technical
Community College
Motion:**

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report and continue initial approval of the associate degree program in nursing at Fletcher Technical Community College.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta
Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

FYI:

Dr. Elizabeth Battalora, Chair of the Division of Nursing at Louisiana College, was called to Active Duty for the US Army effective November 30, 2008 for a tour of 365 days. Dr. Kimberley Sharp has been appointed the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health.

The mid-accreditation report submitted to CCNE from Louisiana College was accepted and they received continued accreditation with their next site visit in Fall 2012.

Notification received from Louisiana College of their intent to add an Accelerated BSN track to the existing BSN Program. The program is an intensive, twelve month, cohort-arranged delivery to begin in June 2009.

Notice received from Baton Rouge Community College that the position of Dean for Nursing and Allied Health is vacant. Dr. Bradley Ebersole, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, is serving as interim dean while a search for a new dean is conducted. Dr. Anna Cazes is serving as the chairperson of the nursing program.

Our Lady of the Lake College, Nurse Anesthesia Program, has made minor modifications to the CRNA curriculum.

Two registered nurses from Louisiana, Soledad Mujica Smith and Laura Martien, were chosen by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as alternates for the 2009 *TOEFL iBT English Proficiency Standard Setting Panel*.

Southeastern Louisiana University will end its accreditation with NLNAC on December 31, 2008 now that they have received accreditation of their undergraduate and graduate programs with CCNE.

Letter of apology received from Pearson VUE related to scheduling of the NCLEX Member Board exam review.

Dr. Steele requested that Louisiana College separate the results of the graduates from the existing BSN Program and the Accelerated BSN track to see success rate.

Dr. Poirrier announced that the University of Louisiana Lafayette and McNeese State University will end its accreditation with NLNAC on December 31, 2008 now that the Consortium has received accreditation for graduate programs with CCNE. The University of Louisiana Lafayette will also end its accreditation with NLNAC on December 31, 2008 for their undergraduate program in nursing since

receiving accreditation with CCNE. McNeese State University will continue with NLNAC for their undergraduate programs.

**Annual Reports of
Graduate Programs in
Nursing:**

Motion:

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report from the following graduate programs preparing candidates for Advance Practice Registered Nurse Licensure and continue full approval status for Grambling State University, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Loyola University, Northwestern State University and Southern University.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

**Intercollegiate
Consortium for a
Master of Science in
Nursing (ICMSN)**

Motion:

(Dr. Poirrier & Dr. Agosta-recused)

by Ms. Morvant to defer to the Board for action.

Seconded by Dr. Steele

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Motion carried.

**Our Lady of the Lake
College**

Motion:

by Dr. Steele to accept the annual report from Our Lady of the Lake College graduate program and continue full approval.

Seconded by Dr. Agosta

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

Nursing Shortage:

Dr. Poirrier commented that the Nursing Supply and Demand Council had its first meeting, including sub-committees, to discuss Educational Capacity, Attrition and Graduation Rates, Articulation and Workforce Issues.

Old Business:

**Request from
Louisiana State
University Health
Sciences Center School
of Nursing Related to
Faculty Qualifications**

**and
Nurse Refresher
Courses**

by Dr. Steele to be deferred due to lack of information.

Motion:

Seconded by Dr. Agosta

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Agosta-yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

11:05 a.m.



Respectfully submitted by:

**Elaine C. Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure**

Approved: April 21, 2009



Chairperson:

Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN