

Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2002

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by E. Singleton, Chair, at 9:00 a.m. on April 24, 2002, in the Board meeting room, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste 601, Metairie, LA.
- Roll Call** Committee Members Present
Enrica Singleton, DrPH, MS, RN, Chair
Oswald Ferry, EdD, CRNA
Patsy McClanahan, MSN, RDMS, CNP, RN (substituted for Kathleen Cooper until she arrived)
Kathleen Cooper, MN, CNS, CCRN (arrived 9:15 a.m.)
Board Members Present
Deborah Ford, MSN, RN
Patsy Bourgeois, MSN, RN, CNS
Staff Present
Deborah Humphrey, NP, RN, Credentialing Manager
Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant Executive Director
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Credentialing Director
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst Supervisor
- Review of January 23, 2002 Minutes** The Committee reviewed the January 23, 2002, Credentialing Committee minutes. One editorial correction was noted.
- Motion** by O. Ferry, seconded, that the committee approve the minutes of the January 23, 2002 Credentialing Committee as corrected.
- Proposed Revisions To LAC 46:XLVII.3329. D., Report on Rulemaking** The Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3329.D. regarding temporary permits for nurses enrolled in clinical practice portion of a Board approved refresher course for licensure reinstatement. The following additional changes were made:
- Motion** by O. Ferry, seconded, that in the first paragraph of LAC 46:XLVII.3329.D: strike the sentence “ The individual may not be employed for compensation as an RN or APRN Applicant.”
- Vote** Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.
- Motion** by K. Cooper, seconded, that in LAC 46:XLVII.3329.D.2: add to end of sentence “... or as otherwise ordered by the Board”
- Vote** Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.
- Motion** by O. Ferry, seconded, that in LAC 46:XLVII.3329.D.8: strike “or at the successful completion of the clinical practice requirements of the refresher course”

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Cooper, seconded, that the Board adopt the proposed revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3329.D for rulemaking and that staff be allowed to make editorial changes pending review by the Board’s attorney, Wade Shows.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

LSBN Ruling on CNS/NP in Advanced Clinical Diabetes Management Deborah Humphrey reported that she has received additional information from Mary Smolenski, Director of Certification Services at ANCC, relative to the Advanced Practice Diabetes Certification Examination. Concerns were raised as to whether Diabetes Management should be considered a sub role and that a master’s degree is not required for RN’s to sit for the Certification Exam. Peggy Bourgeois, APRN, MN, CDE, from Baton Rouge General Medical Center addressed the Board. Ms. Bourgeois is a Certified Diabetes Educator and shared her knowledge of the field with the Committee. Ms. Bourgeois advised the committee that diabetes management has a broad scope. Discussion ensued. The Committee requested staff get additional information on University programs that offer a masters degree with a concentration in Diabetes Management. The Committee tabled the discussion until it has a chance to compile and review additional information.

Motion by O. Ferry, seconded, that the Committee table discussion on Advanced Clinical Diabetes Management and direct staff to gather additional information on University Programs that offer masters degrees with a concentration in Diabetes Management for further review at the next Credentialing Committee meeting. Further that staff will review the definition of “masters degree” as it relates to requirements for APRN licensure.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

Request for Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN) Designation to be Accepted by the LSBN The Committee received a request to approve Hospice and Palliative Nurse Certification (CHPN) designation be added to the Board’s list of certifications that are accepted for RN’s continuing education requirements for relicensure.

Motion by O. Ferry, seconded, that the Board approve the request that the Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN) designation be added to the list of certifications that are acceptable for Registered Nurse continuing education requirements for relicensure.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Cooper, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

FYI-List of APRN Designations D. Humphrey distributed a list of APRN designations that are currently being used by APRN's licensed by the Board. This list was the result of a request by Medicaid that the Board supply a list to be used for determining Medicaid reimbursement. Following discussion, editorial changes were made and the Committee added three additional designations: CNS-Psychosocial, CNS-Adult Health and CNS-Anesthesia.

A list of the Advanced National Certification Organizations recognized by the Board was also distributed for informational purposes.

Review of Credentials for Grandfathered APRN's The Committee reviewed criteria for the continuing education requirements that will go into effect for the 2002 renewals for grandfathered APRN's who do not have certification. The Committee determined that these requirements must be comparable to the requirements for Certifications. Staff was directed to create a form where the APRN would attest to meeting the employment requirements and then have their employer/supervisor sign. The continuing education requirements for the APRN's would remain the same this year as for RN's with the anticipation that for the 2004 renewals, two-thirds of the CE for APRN's will have to be in their specialty. Staff will draft a policy to that effect for review at the next Credentialing Committee meeting.

Review of GNP/ Advanced Diabetes Clinical Managers Curriculum A letter was received from the University of South Alabama notifying the Board that additional components, telehealth and advanced diabetes clinical management, are being added to their Gerontology program. In addition to GNP and GCNS, future graduates may choose to be certified as Advanced Diabetes Clinical Managers. The Committee reviewed the information presented and requested that staff get additional information for future reference.

Motion by O. Ferry, seconded, that staff be directed to reply to the University of South Alabama advising them that the Board has not made a determination on whether or not to accept Advanced Diabetes Management Certification alone for APRN licensure. Further, that these graduates will be required to pass the Gerontology Certification exam to be recognized and licensed as an APRN in Louisiana and that a diabetes management certification will be considered a sub-role as indicated in their letter.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

Note Patsy Bourgeois and Deborah Ford exited the meeting.

Request to Remove The Address Requirement for Obtaining a Temporary Permit An email request was received from the Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives (LONE) requesting that the Board remove the requirement that RN's seeking endorsement into Louisiana must have a Louisiana address to obtain a temporary permit, LAC 46:XLVII.3329.B.2. The Committee discussed the original justification for the rule and determined that pending further research and review by staff, the Board would continue to require a Louisiana address but that staff would be allowed some discretion.

Motion by O. Ferry, seconded, that the Board pilot a 90 day approach to issuing permits based on any legitimate Louisiana address and that staff be allowed discretion as to whether or not to consider an address acceptable. Further, that staff reviews the procedures of other Boards of Nursing for issuing temporary endorsement permits.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

Request for Licensure as a Grandfathered Clinical Nurse Specialist (Executive Session)

Motion by K. Cooper, seconded, that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss agenda 4.4, a request from a registered nurse to be grandfathered as a CNS and that staff be allowed to remain for discussion.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by O. Ferry, seconded, that the Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss Agenda item 4.4 and that staff be allowed to remain for discussion.

Vote Ferry – yes, Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

Motion by O. Ferry, seconded, that the Committee deny the request by a registered nurse for grandfathering. Further, that upon successful completion of the Med-Surg Certification Examination, the registered nurse may achieve APRN licensure in Louisiana as a Certified Nurse Specialist in Med-Surg.

Announcement D. Humphrey announced that the updated rules for Chapter 45 have been distributed for insertion into Board member's rulebooks.

Adjournment The Committee adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Deborah Humphrey, Credentialing Manager

Enrica Singleton, Chairperson