

**SPECIAL CALL MEETING**  
**MINUTES – JANUARY 24, 2006**

**Call to Order:** Deborah Olds, Vice President called to order the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Special Call Board Meeting at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 Cook Conference Center, Shelton Conference Room located at 3848 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Roll Call:**

Board Members Present  
Deborah D. Olds, MS, BSN, CPHRM, Vice President  
Nora F. Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP  
Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, CNA  
Gail Poirrier RN, DNS  
James Harper, RN, MSN, CFNP  
Patsy Bourgeois MSN, CNS, RN  
Tommie Jean Ashby, MSN, RN  
Michelle Oswald, CRNA

Staff Present  
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Cynthia Morris, MSN, APRN, Assistant Executive Director  
Sabrita Pierre, Accountant  
Julie Desselles, Executive Services Assistant  
Peggy Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing Manager  
Charlann Kable, License Analyst  
Brenda Kelt, License Analyst  
Sheri Morris, Board Attorney

Absent  
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA, President  
Alan J. Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member  
William St. John LaCorte, MD, Ex-Officio Member

**Agenda Item III**

**Draft proposed rules implementing Act 451 of the 2005 Regular Session; Medication Administration by Direct Service Workers.**

B. Morvant reported: Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) have collaborated to jointly develop rules for the Direct Service Worker (DSW). Some issues still need to be addressed. DHH has asked that someone be authorized to act on behalf of the Board to approve the Notice of Intent and proceed with the work. B. Morvant commended P. Griener for her extensive work on this project.

Dena Vogel, DHH coordinated a subcommittee that met after Katrina and again in December to develop Draft 3. Additional notes have been submitted to be considered for revision as well as Board comments to be incorporated into Draft 4.

The Board discussed the training for the DSW. The registered nurse (RN) would provide the training on medications administration for a minimum of 16 hours. DHH would do site visits to assure licensure and adherence to procedures.

G. Poirrier voiced concerns with competency of the DSW.

D. Olds asked the Board to send comments to B. Morvant by Monday so further work on this project can be expedited; and to give authorization to B. Morvant and President to go forth with rulemaking.

Recommendation: the designation of Staff/Board member to approve draft once finalized and to place the Notice of Intent in Louisiana Register. Additionally, authorize the Executive Director to review LSBN rules to determine the need to amend as a result of this rule.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to authorize Executive Director to review the Board's rules to determine whether any amendments to the Board's rules are necessary in order to implement the direct service worker rules and to authorize a Notice of Intent to make any necessary changes to be published in the same issue of the State Register as the jointly promulgated rules AND to authorize Executive Director to approve publication of Notice of Intent when the workgroup has reached an agreement on a final version of the direct service worker rules.

**Vote:** J. Harper-yes, N. Steele-yes, D. Ford-yes, D. Olds-yes, M. Oswald-yes, T. Ashby-yes, Bourgeois-yes, Poirrier-yes  
Motion carried

**Agenda Item IV**

**Discussion regarding Medication Attendant in Long-Term Care Facilities**


B. Morvant reported that at the last legislative session the Louisiana Nursing Home Association (LNHA) attempted to add the direct service worker (DSW) to be expanded to the nursing homes. LSBN has agreed to study and continue dialogue with the LNHA regarding this issue. There are other states that have incorporated unlicensed individual for medication administration. Both Arkansas and Texas have medication attendants and Arizona is participating in a pilot study. LNHA would like to use this concept in Louisiana. B. Morvant suggested that LSBN collaborate with the LNHA and possibly plan for a pilot study. She believes that some action in this regard may be going forward at the 2006 Regular Legislative Session

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded to authorize the Executive Director and the President of the Board to work with the Louisiana Nursing Home Association to study the use of medication attendants in long-term care facilities and to build consensus regarding a draft model for the education, training and regulation of medication attendants in long-term care facilities in Louisiana.

**Vote:** J. Harper-yes, N. Steele-yes, D. Ford-yes, D. Olds-yes, M. Oswald-yes, T. Ashby-yes, Bourgeois-yes, Poirrier-yes

Motion carried

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Submitted by:**   
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Deborah Olds, Vice President  
Louisiana State Board of Nursing

**Approved:** March 8, 2006