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**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2003
LSBN TASK FORCE ON RN SCOPE OF PRACTICE
REGARDING PAIN MANAGEMENT**

**Call to
Order:**

Deborah Ford, Chairperson, called the meeting of the LSBN Task Force on RN Scope of Practice Regarding Pain Management to order at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2003 in Suite 601 Conference Room of the Board's office.

Roll Call:

Present:

Task Force Members:

Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, Chairperson
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA, Committee Member
Lisa Lauve, RN, VP, Nursing Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital
Pat Brandon, RN Ochsner Clinic Foundation
Sylvia Oats, MHA, RN, OCN, Lafayette General Medical Center
Tawna Pounders, RN, LSNA
Carol J. Ratcliffe, MSN, CNOR, CHE, RN, Christus St. Patrick Hospital
Kathy Wren, CRNA. PhD, LSUHSC
Charlene Brouillette, CRNA, MS, APRN, LANA

Staff:

Pat Ladner, MN, RN, Nursing Consultant for Practice

Guests:

Becky Stein, RN, Christus St. Patrick Hospital
Anne Billeaudeaux, Christus St. Patrick Hospital
Darla Webre, RN, LSNA

**Historical
Perspective:**

- 3.1 Staff reported on the limitations of the current Law (RS 37:930) regarding RNs administering anesthetic agents and distributed a copy of the Louisiana Civil Code, reference Art.11. Meaning of words, see attachment #1..
- 3.2 The Board's summary statement regarding RNs administering analgesic doses of anesthetic agents and all the related advisory opinions were distributed, see attachment #2.

**Advisory Opinion
Petitions:**

- 4.1 Members were appraised of the three advisory opinion requests before the Board's Practice Committee, copies of the opinion requests and related materials were distributed, see attachment #3.

- New Business:**
- 5.1 Following is a summary statement of the Task Force members concerns, special interest, * denotes that more than one member addressed the point:
 - *~epidural pain management is a safe practice, patients experience fewer post-op complications and are discharged sooner
 - *~literature documents effective pain management with analgesic doses of Marcaine
 - *~RNs managing epidurals for pain management have documented special training, recognize possible complications, and agencies have clearly stated policies/procedures
 - ~no reported complications over the past 8 years
 - *~patients receive deep sedation for a brief period of time, a physician is at the bedside with the patient
 - *~RNs are ACLS certified, practice has evolved for RNs with specialized training to work collaboratively with the physicians to monitor patients receiving moderate to deep sedation in cath labs and ICUs (physicians administer the drugs), resources are readily available if patients experience any adverse effects
 - ~change the Nurse Practice Act
 - ~Limited number of cases RNs would monitor, CRNA education requires 3500 hours of epidurals, 400 intubations, 600 masks, challenged RN competency to monitor patients under deep sedation, CRNA shortage is not an issue, no excuse
 - 5.2 See 5.1 for concerns regarding conscious sedation
 - 5.3 See attachments #4 & 5 regarding positions of other Boards.
 - 5.4 The Task Force identified the following objectives, areas of study:
 - ~To determine if any of the three issues (epidural administration of anesthetic agents for analgesia, deep sedation for procedures, RN delegating to LPNs injection of local anesthetic agents) are appropriate for the non-anesthesia RN to deliver safe, quality care to the citizens of LA.
 - ~To determine if pain management clinical guidelines that provide for appropriate, safe care of patients are in conflict with RS 37:930, meet intent or exceed scope of the Law).
 - ~To determine if there is a need for an attorney's review of the Law and to review the results/actions related to the Task Force decisions.
 - 5.4 Members determined that it would be feasible to meet monthly for the next three months to accomplish the goals of the Task Force.

Next Meeting: The Task Force is scheduled to meet on May 6, 2003 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in conference room 601, Board's office.

**Announcements/
Communications:** None.

Adjournment: The meeting of the Task Force adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Submitted: Pat Ladner, MN, RN Date: April 30, 2003

Approved: Date: