

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing  
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2005**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Dr. Karen Moody, Chair, at 1:00 p.m. on July 26, 2005, in the Board meeting room, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste 601, Metairie, LA.
- Roll Call**
- Committee Members Present**  
Karen Moody, PhD, RNC, Chair  
Tommie Ashby, MSN, RN  
Nora Steele, DNS, APRN, PNP
- Committee Members Excused**  
James Harper, RN, MSN, CFNP
- Board Members Present**  
Patsy Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
- Staff Present**  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing Manager  
Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Consultant for Education/Research  
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst
- Guests** Joni Nickens, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners  
Shirley Cashio, MSN, Northwestern State University  
Debbie Moore, MSN, Northwestern State University  
Diane Webb, MSN, Northwestern State University
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 26, 2005 Credentialing Committee meeting.
- Motion** by N. Steele and seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 26, 2005 Credentialing Committee.
- Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.
- Motion** by N. Steele and seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried
- Reorder Agenda** Karen Moody, Committee Chair, reordered the agenda. Item 4.4 will be addresses first in Executive Session since there were guests to speak to the issue. Joni Nickens, LANP, addressed the Committee requesting that they recognize the importance of Nurse Practitioners getting prescriptive authority privileges, and that the LANP supports exceptions to the 500 hours of clinical practice in a limited period of time for nursing faculty who teach advanced practitioners. Guest Diane Webb also asked the committee to consider the background experience of individuals asking for exceptions.

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**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session to review a request by Dr. Norann Planchock and Theresa Kevil for exception to the 500 hours of advanced clinical nursing practice within the last 6 months.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.

**Executive Session** The Committee went into Executive Session at 1:07 p.m.

**Motion** by T. Ashby and seconded, that the Committee come out of Executive Session.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:05 p.m.

The Committee directed staff to have the applicants' document previous prescriptive authority in another setting and verify the completion of 500 hours of advanced clinical nursing practice.

**Motion:** by N. Steele and seconded, that the Committee approved the request for exception by Dr. Norann Planchock and Theresa Kevil to the 500 hours of advanced clinical nursing practice within the last 6 months for prescriptive authority based on documentation of previous prescriptive authority in another setting and the completion of the 500 hours of advanced clinical nursing practice.

**Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes. Motion carried.

**Recognition of the Legal Nurse Consultant Certification as Meeting the CE Requirement for Relicensure** The Committee reviewed a request to recognize the Legal Nurse Consultant Certification (LNCC) by the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants as meeting Continuing Education criteria for Relicensure and to add the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants to the list, "Nurse Specialty/Professional Organizations with Continuing Education Requirements Comparable to LSBN's Continuing Education/Nursing Practice Requirements for Licensure Renewal." Based on the materials presented, the LNCC requirements meet the standards to recognize the certification as comparable to our continuing education requirements for relicensure.

**Motion by** T. Ashby, seconded, that the Committee approve the Legal Nurse Consultant Certification (LNCC) by the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants as meeting continuing education criteria for Relicensure and that staff add the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants to the list, "Nursing Specialty/Professional Organizations with Continuing Education Requirements Comparable to LSBN's Continuing Education/Nursing Practice Requirements for Licensure Renewal

**Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.

**Review of Pediatric** The Committee reviewed information on the certification requirements for the

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### **Acute Care Certification by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board**

Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (PACNP) from the Pediatric Nurse Certification Board (PNCB). M. Griener reported that APRN applicants who graduate from a primary Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program may take the Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam with an additional clinical component requirement. Those individuals do not have adequate course work to qualify as Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioners and meet the requirements pursuant to LAC 46:XLVII.4507.A.1.b., "*completion of a minimum of a master's degree with a concentration in the respective advanced practice nursing specialty and/or functional role or completion of a post master's concentration in the respective advanced practice nursing specialty and/or functional role from an accredited college or university that meets the curriculum guidelines established by the Board.*"

Since faculty may soon be coming into Louisiana to teach courses in this area and PNCB does allow them to take this certification examination, the Committee may have APRNs applying to be licensed in this specialty category. If staff receives any applicants applying for this certification that are problematic, they will be brought to the Credentialing Committee for review. No motion is needed at this time.

### **Review Issue of Jurisdiction in Federal Facilities Regarding Licensure and Prescriptive Authority**

M. Griener reported that some APRNs who are employed with VA facilities have requested approval for prescriptive authority privileges. APRNs in federal facilities sign a scope of practice agreement with the physicians in that facility and are under federal jurisdiction based on the Doctrine of Federal Supremacy which excludes Federal Agencies/Facilities from requirements to comply with state statues/regulations, as stated in VHA Directive 2003-004. If an APRN wants to practice outside of the facility they must have a Louisiana license and may apply for prescriptive authority. Many of the APRNs are requesting authority to write for controlled substances. Federal regulations allow for prescriptive authority within the facility but the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will not issue a number to write for controlled drugs unless approved through the state licensing board. The issue is that APRNs must be granted initial prescriptive authority before they can get approval for controlled substances and the Board may lack the jurisdiction to oversee prescriptive authority since the federal rules take precedence.

B. Morvant contacted the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to determine the process in other states re: this issue. The NCSBN is setting up a meeting between some of its members and the head nurse of the VA from Washington D.C. This may be a DEA issue rather than a federal/state issue. The Committee will look into this further once additional clarification on jurisdiction is received. No motion is necessary on this topic.

### **Review of Approval Process for Applications for Schedule II Controlled**

M. Griener asked the Committee for direction in approving applications by APRNs to write Schedule II drugs. Once the new Chapter 45 rules are promulgated, many of the APRNs who currently have prescriptive authority privileges for controlled substances (Schedules III - V) will apply for authority to write for Schedule II drugs. Discussion ensued as to the process for approval of Schedule II drugs, applications

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- Substances** for controlled substances and guidelines which are necessary. The Committee determined that in order to develop guidelines, they will need to review a sampling of the applications for Schedule II drugs. The Committee will use the review of these applications to develop guidelines so that they may delegate the approval of future applications to staff. M. Griener will prepare a policy statement on granting approval for APRNs to prescribe Schedule II drugs. The Committee will submit a motion requesting the Board authorize the Credentialing Committee to review and approve applications to prescribe Schedule II drugs.
- Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that the Board authorize the Credentialing Committee to fulfill the requirements of LAC 46: XLVII.4513.D.2.b.iii. "*controlled substances which may be prescribed by an APRN shall include Schedule III, IV and V. Schedule II shall be approved by the Board on an individual basis...*", with the intent to develop guidelines for staff authority.
- Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.
- Announcements** T. Asbhy announced that she graduated in May with a Masters in Nursing from Loyola University in New Orleans.
- Motion** by N. Steele and seconded, that the Committee adjourn.
- Vote** Ashby – yes, Steele – yes; Motion carried.
- Adjournment** The Committee adjourned at 4:08 p.m.
- Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Margaret Griener, Credentialing Manager**