

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2002
LSBN COMMITTEE ON NURSING PRACTICE**

**Call to
Order:**

The meeting of the LSBN Committee on Practice was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Deborah Ford, Chairperson, on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 in Suite 601 Conference Room of the Board's office.

Roll Call:

Present:

Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, Chairperson
Kathleen Cooper, CNS, NP, RN, Committee Member
Patsy McClanahan, RNC, NP, Board Member
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN, Committee Member
Eli Sorkow, MD, Ex-Officio Member
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA, Committee Member

Staff:

Pat Ladner, MN, RN, Nursing Consultant for Practice
Helen Forrest, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Mary Broussard, RN, LSUHSC-UMC, Lafayette
Carolyn Deprimo, RN, Opelousas General Hospital
Fran Weber, RN, LSUHSC-UMC, Lafayette
Cathryn Wright, NP, Louisiana Nurse Practitioner Association

Motion:

by K. Cooper, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, that D. Ford be allowed to re-order the agenda as necessary in order to accommodate the guests: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, yes.

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 23, 2002 Nursing Practice Committee meeting had been distributed to the members prior to the March, 2002 Board meeting. P. McClanahan requested to change the minutes to reflect that she is not a member of the Committee. The Committee accepted the minutes as corrected.

**Pleural
Catheter:**

The Nursing Education Coordinator, Opelousas General Hospital submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding an RN draining a (Pleurx) pleural catheter in the home health and acute care settings.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.3, that it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to drain a pleural catheter which is inserted into the intrapleural space to drain excess fluid from the pleural cavity in the acute care and home health settings provided the said RN has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities and the institution has a written policy in place to provide for such: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

APRN Practice Site:

The Board of Nursing forwarded a letter received from Ms. Ravey to JAC for review of her statements; namely, that she is carrying patient files to her collaborating physician to be signed; that the physician does not visit the practice site at least weekly, and she desires to keep non-controlled drug samples in her home. On January 4, 2002, the Joint Administrative Committee for Limited Prescriptive and Distributing Authority (JAC) reviewed and heard a request of Nina Ravey, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, for a home based practice site in that she would own her own business, make house calls on patients who request her services, and have collaborating physicians who are not necessarily the regular physicians of the patient. JAC deferred a request to the Nursing Practice Committee for an interpretation of the definition of "practice site" and "the physician must visit the practice site weekly..." It was reported that staff has scheduled a practice site visit.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by S. Crapanzano and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.4, that the Board of Nursing defer action until the Board has the opportunity to complete a site visit: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

Analgesia by Epidural Catheter/

Infusion Device: The Special Projects Officer, LSUHSC-UMC, Lafayette submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding an RN providing care for patients receiving analgesia by epidural catheter or infusion device of opioids, steroids, alpha-agonists, or other medications including combinations. A copy of the following documents were distributed at the meeting: the Board's previous opinions regarding epidural administration of analgesic agents and pain management; revised JCAHO pain standards; Guidelines for Pain Management issued by the Kansas and California boards.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.6 that it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to replace empty syringes and/or infusion bag of analgesic pre-prepared solutions and to adjust the infusion rate and/or the administration of an additional dose of analgesia according to the institution's pain intensity level protocol and the Board's previous opinions regarding the epidural administration of analgesic agents and pain management: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

The Committee directed the staff to summarize all previous Board opinions regarding the epidural administration of analgesic agents and pain management and to make this statement available on the Board's website.

**Cervical
Tenaculum &
Uterine**

Manipulator: The Clinical Educator - Surgical Services, Womans Hospital submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding an RN in the perioperative arena placing the cervical tenaculum and the uterine manipulator to expedite the start of surgery if he/she has had training to do so.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.1 that it is **not** within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to place the cervical tenaculum and uterine manipulator: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

CPT Codes: Ben Bearden, Medicaid Director, Bureau of Health Services Financing, DHH requested that the Board of Nursing render an opinion regarding the scope of practice of certified nurse practitioners performing certain CPT codes.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by P. McClanahan and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.2 that it is within the scope of practice of certified nurse practitioners to perform the following CPT codes:

82270 - Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (eg. guaiac), qualitative; feces, 13 simultaneous determinations

82947 - Glucose; quantitative, blood (except reagent strip)

86580 - Skin test; tuberculosis, intradermal

86585 - Skin test; tuberculosis, tine test

20610 - Arthrocentesis, aspiration and/or injection; major joint or bursa (eg. shoulder, hip, knee joint, subacromial bursa): P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by F. Rosenthal and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.2 that it is within the scope of practice of women's health nurse practitioners to perform the following CPT codes:

76810 - Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, B-scan and/or real time with image documentation; complete (complete fetal and maternal evaluation), multiple gestation, after the first trimester

82270 - Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (eg. guaiac), qualitative; feces, 13 simultaneous determinations: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

The Committee directed the staff to write an article for the Examiner regarding the Board's authority to define scope of practice based on an APRN's knowledge, skills, and abilities; DHH approves CPT codes.

**CRNA -
Podiatric
Surgery:**

The Department Manager, Lady of the Sea Hospital submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding a CRNA in solo practice (no anesthesiologist) providing anesthesia for a podiatrist in surgery.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.5 that it is **not** within the scope of practice of a CRNA to provide anesthesia services for a podiatrist: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

Medication

Administration:

The Director of Nursing, Family HomeCare submitted a petition requesting an opinion regarding an RN administering medication from a pill box that is filled and labeled by a licensed pharmacist to a resident in an assisted living facility and an RN delegating to an LPN the administration of this medication. It was noted that the pharmacist would provide a master blister packet that identifies the medication and dosage of each medication in the pill box.

Motion: by K. Cooper, seconded by E. Crapanzano and carried, that in reference to agenda item 6.7 to defer action until the petitioner can attend the Committee meeting to answer questions: P. McClanahan, yes; E. Crapanzano, yes; K. Cooper, yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

Staff Report:

1. Declaratory Statement on Employment of Nursing Students and Unsuccessful Candidates on NCLEX-RN has been revised to reflect current citing of the Board's rules.
2. Letter regarding administration of intraluminal Alteplase (t-PA) into CVADs was distributed.
3. Response to a petitioner's request regarding an APRN determining the safety of respirator usage according to the regulations set forth by OSHA was distributed.
4. Response to a petitioner's request regarding medication and first aid administration on extended field trips was distributed.
5. Communications regarding written requests from RNs employees with the LA Metropolitan Development Center were discussed.

**Old
Business:**

1. Focus Group: Medication Administration - Head Start program and Date Care Center: No report
2. Update: Medication Attendants - Special Population: No report
4. Update on the Proposed draft copy of the rules regarding administration of

medications by trained unlicensed personnel in juvenile detention centers (Act 502 of the 2001 Regular Session): Staff is working with the Department of Corrections regarding joint promulgation of rules.

Announcements/

- Communications:**
1. Communication from the EMS Certification Commission regarding authorized scope of practice of a Paramedic
 2. Revised position statements, LA State Board of medical Examiners

Adjournment: The meeting of the Nursing Practice Committee adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Submitted:

Date:

Approved:

Date: