

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing  
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2007**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Gail Poirrier, Chair, at 1:00 p.m. on April 25, 2007 in the Shelton Room of the Cook Conference Center & Hotel, located at 3848 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808.
- Roll Call**
- Committee Members Present**  
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN, Chair  
Gerald Bryant, MSN, RN  
James Harper, MSN, APRN, CFNP
- Committee Members Excused**  
Nora Steele, DNS, APRN, C, PNP
- Staff Present**  
Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director, Credentialing and Practice  
Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst  
Vickie Johnson, Licensing Analyst
- Staff Excused**  
Elaine C. Vallette, Director of Education/Licensure
- Guests**
- Joni Nickens, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners (LANP)  
Robbie C. Dugas, APRN, FNP  
Betty M. McGuirk, RN  
William E. Sullivan, RN
- B. Morvant advised the committee that Ms. Nickens with LANP had to leave to attend the LSBN Compliance Committee meeting, but asked a staff member to get her if an issue arises that would require her to comment to the committee members.
- Reorder Agenda** Gail Poirrier, Committee Chair, reordered the agenda.
- Motion** by J. Harper, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 23, 2007 Credentialing Committee meeting.
- Motion** by G. Bryant, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the January 23, 2007 Credentialing Committee.
- Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.
- Old Business  
Agenda item 4.1** Agenda item 4.1: Report of Prescription Monitoring Task Force Recommendations and Legislation.

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M. Griener reported that the Prescription Monitoring Task Force was due to meet several weeks ago, but they did not have a quorum, another meeting will be established. The task force is still in the process of writing the rules to accompany the legislation that was passed in the 2006 legislative session which authorized the Prescription Monitoring Task Force. The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is now issuing the Louisiana Controlled and Dangerous Substance licenses (LCDS). This used to be handled by DHH. The Board of Pharmacy is in the process of hiring the staff to run the prescription monitoring program. They are hoping to have the program up and running by 2008. Part of the plan being discussed is to have software in place at the pharmacies where the prescription is negotiated.

### **Agenda item 4.2**

Agenda item 4.2: Update on promulgation of rule change for Chapter 45 regarding 500 clinical hour requirement for initial prescriptive authority.

M. Griener reported that LSBN has completed the fiscal impact statement and have the rule change sent to the Louisiana Register. The rule making process has started.

B. Morvant advised that she has informal meetings on occasion with Dr. Robert Marier, MD, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to discuss regulatory and advance practice issues in general. Dr. Marier shared that the medical board is developing collaborative rules and regulations for physicians who are in collaboration with APRNs and Physician Assistants (PAs). B. Morvant expressed concerns to Dr. Marier regarding that type of rule making. They are looking at the possibility of having a joint meeting of the two Boards, or a meeting with interested members from both Boards, before the rules are published. B. Morvant agreed to share a draft of our 500 hour rule change with Dr. Marier, but that our Board was proceeding with the rule change.

### **New Business**

#### **Agenda item 5.4**

Agenda item 5.4: Request of recognition of Hospice and Palliative Nurse Certification as an LSBN approved Continuing Education requirement. (Sylvia Marcantel, President, Louisiana & Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization)

M. Griener stated that we received the request to add this certification for continuing education requirement for relicensure for the basic Registered Nurse (RN). Dr. Tate and I reviewed the request and agreed to add it to the agenda. Our staff reviewed the documentation sent by Ms. Marcantel and it meets our requirements.

#### **Motion**

by G. Bryant, seconded, that the Committee approved the Hospice and Palliative Nurse Certification from the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN) as an LSBN approved Continuing Education requirement.

#### **Vote**

Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

**Agenda item 5.5**      Agenda item 5.5: Report on APRN Summit (NCSBN), February 26, 2007.

M. Griener reported that she attended this meeting in Chicago on February 26, 2007, it was to discuss the APRN Vision Paper issued by the National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Basically, most people attending agreed that programs leading to APRN licensure need to include doctorate in nursing practice (DNP) and post masters programs. They discussed the four APRN roles as nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, and clinical nurse specialist, and agreed that the clinical nurse specialist (CNS) will need to be prepared at the advanced practice level and meet the same criteria as other APRN roles, including education, certification, and practice. The main issue of contention is whether to move to this generalist curriculum with Board certification after it, which would be developed on a national level, or to continue to educate in the specialties and have the certifying bodies continue to certify each specialty as done presently. All agreed that APRN should be recognized as independent practitioners.

G. Poirrer advised that she had the opportunity to attend the March 2007 meeting in Washington D.C. and speak with the President of the AA&E and Chairperson of the CCNE and according to these two individuals, there is no intent to stop recognizing the current masters programs across the states as was once discussed. They will still continue accredit Nurse Practitioner (NP) programs and other specialty AP programs so long as they exist.

**Agenda item 6.1**      Agenda item 6.1: NCSBN announcement – Manila selected as new site for the administration of the NCLEX examinations in the Philippines.

M. Griener reported that the National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) advised that after much discussion resulting from the problem with the one exam given from the Philippines given in June 2006, NCSBN has decided to set up a new NCLEX testing site in Manila, Philippines due to the need of international nurses in the United States.

**Agenda item 6.2**      Agenda item 6.2: CGFNS updates regarding exam practices of Philippine nurses.

M. Griener stated that as previously reported, the June 2006 Philippine Board RN licensure exam was compromised. However, our Board rules and regulations required foreign educated nurses to have a Visa Screen prepared by Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) which evaluates education and immigration. CGFNS had issued a statement that they would not issue Visa Screens to the students of the compromised June 2006 exam. The Philippine government then issued a proclamation on March 12, 2007 which requires the individuals affected by the compromised June 2006 exam to retest, and furnish the results to CGFNS.

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**Executive Session** The Committee went into Executive Session at 1:28 pm to start review of credentials of individuals requesting controlled substances, reinstatement, and licensure.

**Motion** by G. Bryant, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session.

**Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

**Agenda item 5.1**

**Motion** by J. Harper, seconded, approval of individual Robbie Carter Dugas for the addition of full Schedules II controlled substances, based on revised rules, LAC 46:XLVII.4513.D.2.b.iii.

**Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

**Agenda item 5.2i**

**Motion** by G. Bryant, seconded, approval of individual Betty Morgan McGuirk for reinstatement of her Registered Nurse (RN) license, based on current rules and regulations and pending receipt of the balance of continuing education contact hours required.

**Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

**Agenda item 5.2ii**

**Motion** by J. Harper, seconded, approval of individual Judith Diane Bass for reinstatement of her Registered Nurse (RN) license, based on current rules and regulations.

**Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

**Agenda item 5.2iii**

**Motion** by J. Harper, seconded, approval of individual Julie Foley Clark for reinstatement of her Registered Nurse (RN) license, based on current rules and regulations.

**Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

**Agenda item 5.3**

**Motion** by G. Bryant, seconded, disapproval of individual William Edward Sullivan for APRN licensure as a Gerontological Nursing Clinical Specialist, based on lack of documentation supporting his request to comply with current LSBN APRN rules and regulations.

**Vote** Bryant - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

**Adjournment** The Committee adjourned at 2:30 pm.



**Submitted by:**

**Margaret Griener, Director - Credentialing and Practice**

**Approved 7/24/2007**