

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing  
Credentialing Committee - Special Call Meeting  
Minutes  
June 14, 2004**

- Call to Order**            The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Karen Moody, Chair, at 3:03 p.m. on June 14, 2004, 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, BSN, RN  
Patsy McClanahan, MSN, RDMS, RNCNP  
Deborah Olds, RN  
**Board Members Present**  
Deborah Ford, RN, CNA  
**Staff Present**  
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant Executive Director  
Wade Shows, Board Counsel  
Sherri Morris, Board Counsel  
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst
- Guests**                 There were no guests present.
- Legal Opinion on  
Prescriptive  
Authority: Granting  
Exceptions for  
Schedule II Drugs**        The committee reviewed the legal opinion rendered by Sherri Morris, Board Counsel, regarding the granting of exceptions for Schedule II drugs. The opinion concluded that if an exception relates to the entire rule it is not permissible therefore the only exception that can be made by the Board is for ADHD as specifically **allowed in the rule.** The request for the opinion arose from concerns expressed by pharmacies and pharmacist questioning the authority of APRN's to write prescriptions for Schedule II drugs.
- P. McClanahan stated that the original intent of the Joint Administrative Committee was to allow the exceptions for Schedule II in certain areas of advanced practice (i.e. treatment of pain, midwifery). S. Morris stated that in her opinion the exception is too broad, therefore not permissible. If the Board continues to grant exceptions it opens the rules up to challenges. Since the rules are currently in the process of being rewritten, S. Morris will assist the Board in preparing the appropriate wording to clarify any exceptions.
- W. Shows, Board Counsel, advised it would be in the best interest of the Board to recall the previous Schedule II exceptions until such time as they are allowed under the rules. Once the new rules have been promulgated, they can reapply.
- Motion**                 by P. McClanahan, seconded, that no more Schedule II exceptions be granted and that the previously granted exceptions be recalled immediately.
- Vote**                     Ashby – yes; McClanahan – yes; Olds – yes; Motion carried.

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**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session to review requests regarding exceptions to the Prescriptive Authority rules.

**Vote** Ashby – yes; McClanahan- yes; Olds – yes; Motion carried.

**Executive Session** At 3.57 p.m. the Committee went into Executive Session.

**Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Committee came out of Executive Session.

**Vote** Ashby – yes; McClanahan-yes; Olds – yes; Motion carried.

At 3.59 p.m. the Committee came out of Executive Session.

**Motion** by T. Ashby, seconded, that the request by Lisa Ashton for an exception to LAC 46:XLVII.4513.C.5.i(c) be denied based on the legal opinion of the Board counsel that the Board does not have the authority to grant exception for Schedule II drugs.

**Vote** Ashby – yes; McClanahan-yes; Olds – yes; Motion carried.

**Adjournment** The Committee adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

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**Margaret Griener, Credentialing Manager**