

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing  
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 25, 2006**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Frankie Rosenthal, Chair, at 1:00 p.m. on July 25, 2006 in the Clemons Room of the Cook Conference Center & Hotel, located at 3848 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808.
- Roll Call**
- Committee Members Present**  
James Harper, MSN, APRN, CFNP, Chair  
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, APRN, CNS  
Nora Steele, DNS, APRN, C, PNP  
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN  
Bonnie Johnson, MN, RN
- Non-voting Board Members Present**  
Gerald Bryant, MSN, RN  
Deborah Olds, BSN, RN
- Staff Present**  
Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Cynthia Morris, MSN, APRN, CNS, Assistant Executive Director  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director, Credentialing & Practice  
Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst  
Vickie Johnson, Licensing Analyst
- Guests**
- Joni Nickens, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners  
April K. Zarifian, APRN, ANP, CNS  
Jamie D. Blazek, APRN, FNP  
Suzanne J. Linschoten, RN applicant  
Elizabeth B. Lejeune, APRN, ACNP, ANP  
John E. Rogers, APRN, ACNP  
Shanta G. Poudel, RN applicant  
Peggy A. Alexander, APRN, FNP  
Nita G. Marcum, APRN, ANP  
Collette M. Blanchard, APRN, ANP
- Reorder Agenda** James Harper, Committee Chair, reordered the agenda.
- Motion** by N. Steele, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 25, 2006 Credentialing Committee meeting.
- Motion** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 25, 2006 Credentialing Committee.
- Vote** Steele - yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

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### Old Business

#### Agenda item 4.1

Agenda item 4.1: Report of Prescription Monitoring Task Force Recommendations and Legislation.

M. Griener reported that the prescription monitoring legislation passed the legislature and the Governor signed it into law. The pharmacy board expects to have some type of prescription monitoring program up by Fall of 2007.

#### Agenda item 4.2

Agenda item 4.2: Task Force to review of 500 clinical hours requirement for APRN's to qualify for initial prescriptive authority.

M. Griener reported that letters of invitation to LANP, LSNA, LANA, State Medical Society, LACANE and Dr. William LaCorte our ex-officio board member. Letters of acceptance have been received from Ms. Nickens from LANP and Dr. LaCorte who have agreed to serve. We are awaiting feedback from the others. A deadline of August 15, 2006 was requested in the letters. M. Griener will call to follow-up.

J. Nickens requested clarification on why a representative from the medical society was included.

M. Griener reported that it was beneficial to include all interested parties to discuss the issue openly before it is approved to avoid possible objections after the fact.

J. Nickens requested that the physician included be one that employs nurse practitioners.

M. Griener advised that the letter of invitation specifically requested a physician who is currently in a collaborative practice agreement with an APRN.

James Harper and Gail Poirrier agreed to sit on the Task Force as Board member representatives.

#### Agenda item 4.3

Agenda item 4.3: National Council of State Boards of Nursing – Vision Paper: the Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing.

M. Griener reported at the last Board meeting that the National Council issued a statement on June 12, 2006 regarding the draft of the APRN Vision Paper which was distributed to State Boards of Nursing back in February 2006. The APRN advisory panel reviewed the feedback received at their April 2006 meeting and advised they will continue to collaborate with APRN organizations to continue to develop the APRN Vision Paper and request further feedback from State Boards of Nursing after another draft has been developed. It is anticipated the draft will be completed and submitted to the National Council State Boards of Nursing at their May 2007 meeting.

### New Business

#### Agenda item 5.1

Agenda item 5.1: Review of draft of a standardized Collaborative Practice Agreement form requested by the Credentialing Committee.

M. Griener distributed a draft of a generic standardized collaborative practice agreement to Board members. M. Griener reported that this draft was prepared after review of the new APRN rules passed August 2005 and contains an addendum if the nurse is also requesting controlled substances. M. Griener reviewed part of the sample explaining that it also included wording regarding a mutual obligation and responsibility for the APRN and collaborating physician that prescriptive authority be properly documented. M. Griener pointed out that some information will need to

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be added or attached by the APRN to the agreement such as the applicable clinical practice guidelines followed at their facility. M. Griener also reported that Medicaid is citing agencies for undated collaborative practice agreements and that all collaborative practice agreements submitted to LSBN must show original dated signatures of the nurse and all physicians.

J. Nickens requested that she be allowed to submit a few grammatical revisions and pointed out a typo showing “FNP” where a blank line should be inserted for the APRN to fill in their licensed specialty. J. Nickens commented that aside from these few revisions, the draft looks wonderful.

### **Motion**

#### **For item 5.1**

by G. Poirrer, seconded, approval for the generic standardized Collaborative Practice Agreement draft after minor revisions.

### **Vote**

Steele – yes, Johnson – yes, Poirrier – yes. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

The Committee went into Executive Session at 1:45 pm to start review of agenda items 5.2.

### **Motion**

by N. Steele, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session.

### **Vote**

Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 1:55 pm

### **Agenda item 5.2(i)**

#### **Motion**

by N. Steele, seconded, that full Schedule II to APRN Peggy Ann Alexander, FNP is approved.

### **Vote**

Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:00 pm.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:05 pm

### **Agenda item 5.2(ii)**

#### **Motion**

by G. Poirrier, seconded, that full Schedule II to APRN Jamie Doize Blazek, FNP is approved.

### **Vote**

Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:10 pm

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:15 pm

### **Agenda item 5.2(iii)**

#### **Motion**

by G. Poirrier, seconded, that full Schedule II for APRN Elizabeth Bennett Lejeune, ACNP, ANP, is approved.

### **Vote**

Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:20 pm.

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The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:25 pm

**Agenda item 5.2(iv)**

**Motion**

by G. Poirrier, seconded, approval for full Schedule II to APRN John Eric Rogers, ACNP.

**Vote**

Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:30 pm

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:35 pm

**Agenda item 5.2(v)**

**Motion**

by B. Johnson, seconded, approval for full Schedule II to APRN April Klinger Zarifian, ANP, CNS.

**Vote**

Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:40 pm

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:45 pm

**Agenda item 5.3**

**Motion**

by B. Johnson, seconded, approval of individual Suzanne Jones Linschoten, RN applicant, for licensure by endorsement for exception of rule LAC 37:920.B.1.b regarding an RN endorsement applicant must hold a current RN license issued directly from the jurisdiction of his last employment, pending her completion of the online self study course available at LSBN website entitled “Delegation of Nursing Interventions by the Registered Nurse in Louisiana”.

**Vote**

Poirrier – yes, Steele – yes, Johnson - yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 2:50 pm. Gail Poirrer recused herself from review of Shanta Gautam Poudel due to personal knowledge of the situation and applicants.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 2:55 pm

**Agenda item 5.4**

**Motion**

by N. Steele, and seconded, approval of individual Shanta Gautam Poudel, RN applicant, for licensure by endorsement. The committee recommends this nurse to become familiar with the LSBN website, read all portions of the current Nurse Practice Act for Louisiana, and takes the online self study course available at LSBN website entitled “Delegation of Nursing Interventions by the Registered Nurse in Louisiana”.

**Vote**

Steele – yes, Johnson – yes. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 3:00 pm.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 3:05 pm

**Agenda item 5.5**

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**Motion** by G. Poirrier, and seconded, approval of Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) course for APRN Nita Guillot Marcum in order to obtain a second specialty as FNP for her work setting in OB/GYN, instead of WHNP.

**Vote** Poirrier - yes, Steele – yes, Johnson – yes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** The Committee adjourned at 3:10 pm.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Margaret Griener, Director - Credentialing & Practice**