

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2007**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Gail Poirrier, Chair, at 1:30 p.m. on July 24, 2007 in the Samuel Clemons Room of the Holiday Inn Select Hotel located at 4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.
- Roll Call**
- Committee Members Present**
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN, Chair
Nora Steele, DNS, APRN, C, PNP
James Harper, MSN, APRN, CFNP
- Committee Members Excused**
Gerald Bryant, MSN, RN
- Staff Present**
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director, Credentialing and Practice
Elaine C. Vallette, DrPH, RN, Director of Education/Examination
Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst
Shirley King, Licensing Analyst
- Guests** Joni Nickens, APRN, FNP, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners (LANP)
Collette Blanchard, APRN, ANP, FNP
Michelle D. Anthony, APRN, ANP
- Reorder Agenda** Gail Poirrier, Committee Chair, reordered the agenda.
- Motion** by N. Steele, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.
- Vote** Harper - yes, Steele - yes Motion carried.
- Review of Minutes** The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 25, 2007 Credentialing Committee meeting.
- Motion** by J. Harper, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 25, 2007 Credentialing Committee.
- Vote** Steele - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.
- Old Business
Agenda item 4.1** Agenda item 4.1: Report of Prescription Monitoring Task Force Recommendations and Legislation.
- M. Griener explained that we keep the Prescription Monitoring Task Force item open on the agenda for an update quarterly.
M. Griener reported that the Pharmacy Board is in the process of continuing to set up this program and it's not operational yet. They voted to not have a meeting this quarter in July. The next meeting will be sometime in October. Malcolm Broussard, Executive Director said that they are moving on to hiring staff and attempting to set up this process.

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J. Nickens with LANP reported that the reason the July Prescription Monitoring Task Force meeting was cancelled for July was because once we knew the grant money came in they would have to buy the equipment and hire staff, start getting it set up and have a chance to work out any kinks that developed before the next meeting so that the process can be discussed fully.

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 sent out the Rules to all interested parties and received no feedback. It's going through the process and we hope to have the rule change published in the August 20, 2007 Register.

G. Poirrier requested clarification on how the rule change would it affect advance practice nurses who have already graduated once it's been published.

M. Griener stated that upon the date the rule change is officially published in the Louisiana Register, any advanced practice nurses who had successfully completed 500 hours during their clinical portion of their masters degree program would not be required to obtain another 500 clinical practice hours after graduation to be eligible for initial prescriptive authority.

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M. Griener was advised that there will be a delay in the rule change implementation. The rule change will need to be adopted by the Board at the next scheduled meeting on September 12, 2007 before it can be submitted to the Louisiana Register. The new tentative date for the rule change to be published is now September 20, 2007.

New Business

Agenda item 5.2

Agenda item 5.2: Review of nursing continuing education requirements for relicensure

M. Griener stated that the existing rules regarding continuing education being required for annual relicensure have been in place for nearly 20 years. An audit is performed by Board every year to confirm compliance which utilizes a great deal of staff time and can cause a great deal of angst for the nurses selected for the random audit

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Motion

by N. Steele, seconded, that the committee direct Board staff, Ms. Morvant, Ms. Griener and Dr. Vallette, to review Rules for continuing education requirements and make recommendations at the next Credentialing Committee.

Vote

Harper - yes, Steele - yes Motion carried.

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Agenda item 6.1 Agenda item 6.1: Announcement – Name change of certifying organization approved for continuing educational requirement:

From: Association for Enterostomal Therapy

To: Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board

Motion by J. Harper, seconded, to accept name change of LSBN recognized certifying body as “Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board”.

Vote Steele - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

Additional

Announcement

J. Nickens, with LANP, reported to the committee that she is currently working with a company that going to be providing zero interest loans to student nurses for LPNs, RNs, APRNs and faculty. It will not be available to Administrators. It will be available to anyone who does direct patient care. The individual will have to sign a contract that they will stay in Louisiana for a certain amount of time. This company, the Louisiana Education Loan Authority (Lela), already offers loans to Educators/Teachers.

J. Nickens also advised the committee that she’s working with Access Health Care to start 17 clinics in the New Orleans area to help provide for some relief off the ER departments. It will be staffed primarily with Nurse Practitioners.

Executive Session The Committee went into Executive Session at 2:00 pm to start review of credentials of individuals requesting controlled substances.

Motion by J. Harper, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session.

Vote Steele - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

Agenda item 5.1i

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

Vote Steele - yes, Harper - yes Motion carried.

Agenda item 5.1ii

Motion by N. Steele, seconded, approval of individual Michelle Dezura Anthony for the addition of full Schedules II controlled substances, based on revised rules, LAC 46:XLVII.4513.D.2.b.iii.

Vote Harper - yes, Steele - yes Motion carried.

The committee came out of executive session.

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Motion by J. Harper, seconded, to have Schedule II approvals delegated to credentialing staff utilizing present approved policies and procedures for Schedule II approval.

Vote Harper - yes, Steele - yes Motion carried.

Adjournment The Committee adjourned at 2:20 pm.



Submitted by:

Margaret Griener, Director - Credentialing and Practice

Approved 10/23/2007