

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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SUITE 6
BATON ROUGE, LA 70809

MINUTES OF July 25, 2006
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Dr. Nora Steele at 9:08 a.m. on July 25, 2006, at the Cook Conference & Hotel located at 3848 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA.
- Presiding:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN
Bonnie Johnson, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research
- Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director
(10:40 a.m.)
- Crystal Berry
Licensing Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Elaine Vallette, Dr.PH, RN (Baton Rouge Community College)
Debra Smith (Louisiana State University- Alexandria)
Carol Tingle, MSN, RN (Baton Rouge General Medical Center)
Kay Lopez, DSN, RN (Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center)
- Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of April 26, 2006 meeting were reviewed.
- Motion:** by Ms. MacMillan that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of April 26, 2006.
- Seconded by Ms. Johnson
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Report On Admission Standards For Nursing Programs, NCLEX Scores, And Faculty Preparation By Institution:

Staff stated that this item came up in last meeting and staff compiled a report on general preparation of faculty and whether schools had exceptions. NCLEX pass rates were noted and admission standards were pulled by institution. Staff stated that there was not much variance in admission standards and that the difference were not enough to compile a statistical analysis. The number of faculty exceptions does not seem to impact the NCLEX pass rate. Dr. Steele stated that the pass rates have been declining over the past couple of years, not just due to Katrina; However, we are still in the top 10%. It was noted that a number of prepared faculty are retiring and that we continue to get requests for faculty exceptions. There was discussion that selective admissions produced higher scoring on the NCLEX. Dr. Poirrier proposed that a study be done on BSN programs where the pass rates have increased. Staff reported that the NCLEX is based on basic staff hospital nursing.

Motion:

By Ms. MacMillan that the report on admission standards for nursing programs, NCLEX scores and faculty preparation by institution be accepted

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

NCLEX Quick Results Service

Staff stated that Louisiana has joined the NCLEX quick results service where students may access unofficial NCLEX results within 24 hours of taking the exam; which will help the decrease the number of phone calls so that the focus can be on getting licenses and letters processed. Louisiana was concerned with the quick results for fear of erroneous results.

Herzing College: §3533, Documentation of Approval to Pursue Approval of Associate of Science in Nursing Program at New Orleans Campus:

Staff asked for acknowledgement of receipt of correspondence verifying approval of the institution to pursue that degree.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier that receipt of correspondence from Herzing College verifying institutional approval to pursue development of an associate

degree in nursing program be acknowledged.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Initiate Rule Making For Changes In LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7.a.b., Faculty and Faculty Organization:

Staff presented suggested rule changes in accord with previous discussion of the Education Committee on extending time for faculty exceptions.

Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to recommend approval to initiate rule making for changes in LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.7.a.b., for an increase in the time that a program may request for a faculty exception; in 3515.B.7.a, change one calendar year to two calendar years in any consecutive five year period; and in b., change three calendar years to four.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Recognition of Graduates from the RN to MSN Program at LSUHSC as Having Preparation Equivalent to a Baccalaureate and a Master's Degree in Nursing to Meet Faculty Qualifications (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.b.4):

Discussion ensued on the transition equivalency issue.

Motion:

by Dr. Porrier to recommend recognition of graduates of the RN to MSN program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center as having preparation equivalent to a baccalaureate and a master's in nursing (LAC46:XLVII.3515.b.4) for those individuals seeking faculty

positions in Louisiana nursing programs.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

**Delgado/Charity
School of Nursing
Proposal for Distant
Education to be
Delivered to the
Monroe Area**

Staff stated that Ms. Egers at Delgado/Charity asked that the item be withdrawn and she indicated that she will send an updated proposal for review at a later time.

**William Carey
College, New Orleans,
Progress Report:**

Staff reported that prior to the devastation of the New Orleans campus due to Katrina, the school was implementing strategies to increase the NCLEX pass rate and success of their students.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the progress report from William Carey College.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; MacMillan-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried.

**NU TAU Chapter of
Sigma Theta Tau at
Louisiana College-
Renewal of
Continuing Education
Providership:**

Staff reported that it is a very strong continuing education provider. NU TAU is asking for a four year period renewal. Through their application, they have acknowledged that they meet all our standards.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend request for renewal of continuing education providership for NU TAU Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Louisiana College, for four years commencing September 12, 2006 and ending September 11, 2010.

Seconded by Ms. Macmillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Reapproval of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital as a Provider of Continuing Education:

Staff stated that they have long been a provider and do meet all the standards. Staff also stated that almost all of their programs are intended for their employees benefit, and that the programs are very strong. They are asking for two years approval.

Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to recommend reapproval of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital as an LSBN approved provider of continuing education, CE Provider #25, for the period beginning July 27, 2006 and ending July 26, 2008.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Steele added Agenda Item 5.7 as chairman’s privilege to discuss the criminal background checks for students who are entering clinicals. She asked for issues and concerns related to these background checks. A lengthy discussion followed.

There was also discussion of approval and denial letters, and other compliance issues.

FYI:

LSU at Alexandria submitted minor curriculum changes.

McNeese State University- Dr. Vallette is no longer there; Becky Riley, MS, RN is the Interim Department Head for Undergraduate Nursing Programs. Lori Groves is the assistant.

Adjournment:

11:07 a.m.

Motion:

by Ms. Macmillan that the Education Committee adjourn

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research

Approved: _____