

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
3510 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD., SUITE 601
METAIRIE, LOUISIANA 70002**

ARTICULATION FOCUS GROUP

**MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 15, 2004**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10 am on December 14th by Dr. Donnie Booth, Chair.

II. Appointed Members Present:

	December 14	
Name		Organization
Donnie Booth, Chair		Southeastern LA Univ. & NSDC
Tom Smith		Nicholls St. University
Melanie Green		OLOL College
Roberta Connelly		LSBPNE Board Member
Laurie Fontenot		LTC-Statewide Coordinator
Gail Poirrier		Univ. of LA at Lafayette
Pamela Moore		LA Tech University
Marie Kelley (until 2:10)		OLOL College
Jean Houin		LSBPNE
Norann Planchock		Northwestern St. University
Jackie Hill		Southern University-Baton Rouge
Elizabeth Humphrey (until 12:55)		LSUHSC
Patricia Egers		Delgado/Charity
Claire Glaviano (until 1:40)		LSBPNE
Valerie Granger		LTC/Sidney Collier
 LSBN STAFF		
Barbara Morvant		Executive Director
Lydia Favorite		Licensing Analyst

December 15

Donnie Booth	Southeastern LA Univ. & NSDC
Valerie Granger	LTC/ Sidney Collier
Gail Porrier	University of LA at Lafayette
Melanie Green	LOL College
Elizabeth Humphrey (until 11:20)	LSUHSC
Pamela Moore	LA Tech University
Norann Planchock	Northwestern St. University
Patricia Egers	Delgado/Charity
Claire Glaviano (until 12:08)	LSBPNE
Jean Houin	LSBPNE
Jackie Hill	Southern University-Baton Rouge

LSBN Staff

Barbara Morvant	Executive Director
Ellienne Tate	Consultant for Education/Research
Lydia Favorite	Licensing Analyst

III. Purpose of the Articulation Focus Group

Dr. Booth stated that the charge of the group was to review articulation plans in nursing programs across the state and to establish a standardized articulation plan for nursing. She provided a history of the articulation model that was adopted by the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (NSDC) in February 1993 in response to the charge mandated by Act 818 of the 1991 Louisiana Legislature. This Act established the NSDC and charged, in part, that an articulation model for nursing be established. This Focus Group was established at the request of the NSDC to go beyond the adopted model and specify an articulated plan. Dr. Booth, as Chair of the NSDC, requested that Barbara Morvant, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) assist in convening a focus group. The Board of the LSBN concurred in support of this initiative. The composition of the committee was chosen to represent the various levels of nursing education in Louisiana. A copy of a summary report that was submitted on November 22, 2004 to the Health Works Commission from the Education and Articulation Sub-Committee of the NSDC was distributed. A copy of the Articulation Model that was adopted in 1993 was provided.

Information was provided on articulation models/plans adopted by other states relative to numbers of hours that were awarded based on a variety of processes.

The group was charged with establishing a standardized number of hours to provided specificity to the Articulation Model, that could be awarded by various means for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) seeking to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), LPN to associate

degree to become a Registered Nurse (RN) or LPN to RN and bachelors degree, and associate degree RN to bachelor's in nursing degree.

Support was expressed by the LSBN and the LSBPNE to promote and assist in the work of the Focus Group and to the initiative to standardize an articulation plan to promote articulation among Louisiana nursing programs at all levels.

IV. Discussion

Lengthy discussion ensued relative to the goals of the charge, the general expectations of all programs, the assumptions to guide development of a plan, the barriers to articulation, development of an actual plan, and recommendations. Dr. Booth will summarize the discussion in preparation for the meeting on December 15, 2004.

V. Recessed

The meeting was recessed at 2:40 pm and will reconvene at 9 am on December 15.

Meeting was Reconvened at 9 am on December 15, 2004.

VI. Review of Draft of Plan

Dr. Booth provided as a draft of a plan prepared based on the discussion of the group on December 14th.

Following lengthy discussion, a plan was developed and agreed upon. (See attached) The plan will be brought to a meeting of the Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education, Inc. (LA CANE) in January to solicit their concurrence, and then to the NSDC. The goal is to have a final report prepared by early April, 2005.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: _____
Barbara L. Morvant

Minutes Approved by: _____
Donnie Booth