

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
17373 PERKINS ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70810**

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2013 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by D. Porche, President, on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, Ph.D, FNP, President
Lucie Agosta, Ph.D., RNC,
Laura Bonanno, CRNA, DNP
Jolie Harris, MSN, RN
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN

The following Board members were not in attendance:
Nancy Davis, MN,RN, NE-BC
Patricia Johnson, MN, RN, CNA, DNP
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN, Vice President
Patricia Prechter, Ed.D, MSN, RN, Alternate Officer
J Robert Bass, M.D., Ex-Officio Member
William LaCorte, M.D. Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education and Licensure
Cynthia York, Director, Practice and Credentialing
Jennifer Alleman, APRN Compliance Director
Joy Peterson, BSN, RN, Director of Hearings
Cynthia T. Bienemy, PH.D, RN, Director of Nursing Workforce Center
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Director of Administrative Services
E. Wade Shows, Board Attorney
Roy Hebert, CPA
Suzanne C. Armand, Court Reporter

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to reorder the agenda.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2013 Board Meeting as distributed

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

EDUCATION/EXAMINATION ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 4.1

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY INTERIM REPORTS CONCERNING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL SECONDARY TO FACULTY EXCEPTION RATE

On February 20, 2013, Louisiana Tech was placed on conditional approval based on review of annual report reflecting excessive faculty exception rate. The School of Nursing verbalized a plan of reducing the faculty exceptions after the current rotation.

On May 3, 2013 LSBN staff received documentation reflecting the following:

12 FT faculty

2 exceptions

Exception rate 16%

Ms. Dufrene requested that the Board accept the report of Louisiana Tech University and restore full approval status to the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree program.

Motion: S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board accept the report of Louisiana Tech University and restore full approval status to the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree program.

Ms. Moore thanked the Board for restoring full approval status.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.2

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY INTERIM REPORTS CONCERNING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL SECONDARY TO NCLEX PASS RATE

On February 20, 2013, Grambling State University was placed on conditional approval for the third consecutive academic year based on review of annual report for not meeting NCLEX Passing rate standard for LSBN.

NCLEX Results:

2006- 42.5
2007 - 75
2008- 90.83
2009- 82.82
2010- 79.61
2011 - 69.12
2012- 65.66

GSU School of Nursing submitted interim reports in 2011 and 2012 presenting plans to improve the NCLEX pass rates and have consistently moved forward with the plan.

LSBN staff conducted a site visit in October 2012.

On 4/16/2013 LSBN staff received interim report for 2013 pass rates.

GSU pass rate for January 1, 2013- April 30, 2013 is 81.48%

GSU pass rate from January 1, 2013 to May 31, 2013 is now 82.14%

Ms. Dufrene requested that the Board accept the Interim Report from Grambling State University regarding the NCLEX pass rates.

Motion: By S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board accept the Interim Report from Grambling State University regarding NCLEX pass rates and continue conditional approval.

Dr. Potter, Interim Dean of Nursing, Grambling, petitioned the Board, based on their 82.14% pass rate, to remove their conditional approval and restore full approval. Based on the rules and regulations of the Board, the petition is written for the purpose of the Board considering the evidence and meeting the standard of 80% or higher on NCLEX pass rate as reflected in the substantial increase in the NCLEX pass rate from 65.66% in 2012 to 82.14%.

Ms. Morvant referred the Board to the rules and regulations identifying the ability to request restoration of full approval related to NCLEX pass rate is the demonstration of the school to maintain a pass rate above 80% for a calendar year.

Dr. Porche sought clarification as to the number of graduates that have tested in 2013 and the number remaining to complete this academic year.

Discussion ensued

Dr. Potter reported that Grambling graduated 37 applicants in May 2013.

Ms. Dufrene reported that typically, in an academic year, with a school that graduates twice a year, the NCLEX rates are based on December of 2012 and May of 2013 graduate performance. The majority of the results she is following are the December graduates, which make up the 82%. Ms. Dufrene reported that through her tracking of the 23 graduates from December 2012, all have written the NCLEX. May 2013 graduates are still in process.

Discussion ensued

Ms. Harris stated she feels the program Grambling has put into place is having positive outcomes, but expressed reservations in allowing this considering the historical pattern of a number of years in which there was not the success and would like to see the additional 37 graduates', on top of the initial 23, results which passed, to feel more comfortable in allowing that.

After discussion, the Board did not consider the petition

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.3

**NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
LSBN/CCNE SITE VISIT**

Dr. Westbrook recused herself from discussion and vote

LSBN staff performed a joint site visit with CCNE of the BSN degree program on 4/15/13-4/16/13. Ms. Dufrene provided Board members with a report. School of Nursing is meeting all standards.

Ms. Dufrene recommended that the Board accepts the LSBN site visit report on Nicholls State University School of Nursing Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Degree Program and continue full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports.

Motion: by L. Agosta, that the Board accepts the LSBN site visit report on Nicholls State School of Nursing Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Degree Program and continue full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche yes;

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.4

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BATON ROUGE BACCALAUREATE OF SCIENCE IN
NURSING AND MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM – LSBN
SITE VISIT**

CCNE visit occurred 3/6/13 to 3/8/13, LSBN was not involved in this visit. Preliminary CCNE report was made available at LSBN site visit, which reflected they met standards, no recommendations.

LSBN staff performed a separate site visit of BSN and MSN degree programs on 4/23/13-4/25/13. SUBR School of Nursing met all standards and there are no recommendations from LSBN staff.

Ms. Dufrene recommended that the Board accepts the LSBN Site Visit report on Southern University Baton Rouge School of Nursing Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Degree Program and continue Full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports

And also that the Board accepts the LSBN Site Visit report on Southern University Baton Rouge School of Nursing Masters of Science in Nursing Degree and continue full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board accepts the LSBN Site Visit report on Southern University Baton Rouge School of Nursing Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Degree Program and continue Full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports

And that the Board accepts the LSBN Site Visit report on Southern University Baton Rouge School of Nursing Masters of Science in Nursing Degree and continue Full approval status to be reviewed annually with annual reports

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.5

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF ACADIANA REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL AS AN APPROVED PROVIDER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

In April 8, 2013, LSBN staff received and reviewed application for reapproval of CE provider status from Regional Medical Center of Acadiana

Application reviewed – and it was noted that program 3 reflected a co-provider. Packet did not contain the co-provider policy. LSBN staff contacted RMCA and verified the co-provider role, relationship, and policy. RMCA sent documentation so proposal would meet all requirements.

On May 1, 2013, LSBN staff received requested documentation to move forth with reapproval.

Ms. Dufrene asked that the Board grant continued approval status of Regional Medical Center of Acadiana as an approved provider of continuing education effective July 13, 2013 through July 13, 2015.

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board grant continued approval status of Regional Medical Center of Acadiana as an approved provider of continuing education effective July 13, 2013 through July 13, 2015.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.6

PANOLA COLLEGE REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

On 4/1/13, LSBN staff received the proposal for reapproval to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana. Panola was approved in 2011 for offering Maternal/Newborn/Women's Health Nursing Clinical in LA. The proposal requests reapproval for this course and addition of Mental Health Nursing Course which is a precepted course.

School of Nursing has been submitting required student and graduate information according to rules and regulations. LSBN Staff correspondence with School of Nursing received for correction of deficiencies to create completed packet as outlined on LSBN Staff Checklist. Deficiencies identified by LSBN staff included:

- Clarification of Clinical Site and Faculty for Mental Health Nursing
- Clarification of student faculty ratio
- Correspondence with Louisiana approved programs outlined on clinical facility schedule

School of Nursing is currently working on endorsement of Mental Health faculty and will submit faculty qualification form when endorsed. Dean verbalized awareness of need to occur before admission of students in the Fall.

Ms. Dufrene asks that the Board reapprove Panola College to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana though July 31, 2015 for Associate Degree Nursing students enrolled in

- N2261 Maternal, Newborn, Women's Health Nursing
- N2262 Mental Health Nursing

Ms. Dufrene reported they should have that faculty before they have the mental health students and she will be monitoring. Students are not expected to start until sometime in the fall.

Discussion ensued

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board reapproves Panola College to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana though July 31, 2015 for Associate Degree Nursing students enrolled in:

- N2261 Maternal, Newborn, Women's Health Nursing
- N2262 Mental Health Nursing considering completion of the endorsement process of a qualified faculty in Louisiana prior to enrollment of students in the fall.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-

yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.7

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

Pearl River Community College was approved by the Board in 2011 for clinical experiences in Womans Health/ Newborn Nursing, Care of Children and Med Surg in their ADN Program.

On 3/28/13, LSBN Staff received letter of a request for renewal. School of Nursing notified of need to be reapproved by Board at a Board meeting and were referred to website and rules for preparation of documents.

On 4/8/13, LSBN staff received proposal requesting reapproval to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana for Womans Health/Newborn Nursing, Care of Children and Med Surg (preceptorship).

School of Nursing has been submitting required student and graduate information as per rules and regulations.

LSBN Staff correspondence with School of Nursing occurred for correction of deficiencies to create completed packet as outlined on the LSBN Staff Checklist. Deficiencies identified by the staff included

Clarification of Clinical Site Utilization (Courses and Role of Student)
Correspondence with Louisiana approved programs utilizing same agencies

On 5/10/13, LSBN staff received clarification of utilization of clinical sites in Louisiana

On 5/13/13, LSBN Staff received evidence of correspondence with LA Schools of Nursing utilizing same clinical agencies

Ms. Dufrene recommended that the Board reapprove Pearl River Community College to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana though July 31, 2015 for Associate Degree Nursing students enrolled in

N2104 Women's Health/Newborn Nursing
N2115 Care of Children
N2209- Medical Surgical Nursing
N2209- Medical Surgical Nursing Preceptor Experience

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board reapproves Pearl River Community College to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana though July 31, 2015 for Associate Degree Nursing students enrolled in

N2104 Women's Health/Newborn Nursing
N2115 Care of Children
N2209- Medical Surgical Nursing
N2209- Medical Surgical Nursing Preceptor Experience

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.8

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAMS TO OFFER CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia was approved by the Board in 2011 for clinical experiences, Womans Health/Care of Neonate, / Pediatrics and Med Surg for their ADN Program. In 2012, they were approved for Foundations, Community, Womans Health/Care of Neonate, Pediatrics, and Leadership/Management of their BSN program.

On 4/11/13, LSBN staff received proposal requesting reapproval to offer these clinical experiences in Louisiana.

School of Nursing has been submitting required student and graduate information.

Correspondence with School of Nursing occurred for correction of deficiencies to create completed packet as outlined on LSBN Staff Checklist. Deficiencies included:

LSBN Staff correspondence with the LA approved programs utilizing same agencies
Submission of faculty exception for 3rd year in 2013 and 4th year in 2014

NCLEX results:
ASN BSN (only one graduating class to date)
2011 – 97% 2011- NA
2012 84.38% 2012 91.66%

Ms. Dufrene recommended that the Board reapprove Southern Arkansas University to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana though July 31, 2015 for Associate Degree Nursing students enrolled in

N1208 Care of the Non-acute Individual
N1217 Women's Health and care of Neonate

And for Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Students enrolled in:

N3206 Nursing Care I Foundations
N4105- Intro Community Based Nursing

N4207- Nursing Care III- Childbearing/ Pediatrics
N4205- Leadership and Management

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board reapprove Southern Arkansas University to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana through July 31, 2015 for Associate Degree Nursing students enrolled in

N1208 Care of the Non-acute Individual
N1217 Women's Health and care of Neonate

And for Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Students enrolled in:

N3206 - Nursing Care I Foundations
N4105- Intro Community Based Nursing
N4205- Leadership and Management
N4207- Nursing Care III – Childbearing/ Pediatrics

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.9

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL FOR OUT OF STATE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER APRN CLINICAL/PRECEPTOR EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

On April 12, 2013, LSN staff received proposal by University of South Alabama requesting reapproval to offer Graduate Clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following Specialty/Concentrations:

MSN, BSN- DNP and MSN-DNP and Graduate Certificate Programs
Family Nurse Practitioner/Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Dual Role)
Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Family Nurse Practitioner
Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner
Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

DNP
BSN-DNP
MSN-DNP

LSBN staff discussed discrepancies with the School of Nursing including no faculty qualification forms for NNP, AGNP, and AGCNS.

On 5/22/13, LSBN staff received the following updates from the school

1. Faculty qualification form for PNP and NNP Faculty. School of Nursing will continue to work on faculty endorsement for AGNP/CNS acute care
2. Request for addendum for approval. USA is requesting the concentrations to include Graduate Certificate programs.

All curriculum plans were received and reviewed.

Ms. Dufrene recommends that the Board approves the request of the University of South Alabama to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana through September 14, 2015 for the following Specialty/Concentrations

MSN, BSN- DNP and MSN-DNP in

Family Nurse Practitioner/Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Dual Role)
Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Family Nurse Practitioner
Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Ms. Dufrene asks that Board defers action on the request for reapprove until submission of evidence of compliance with LSBN faculty qualification requirements for the Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Dr. Porche expressed concerns whether the curriculum matches the title for the Family Nurse Practitioner/Adult Acute care Nurse Practitioner(Dual Role), and that the Board clearly knows what certification exam they are going to be completing and that they are clear as to what they are being licensed as.

Ms. Alleman reported that the program is accredited, but there is not a clear understanding of and clinical experience in the ACNP role when further information including clinical logs are requested from APRN applicants. ANCC is accepting it and allowing them to sit for exam.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding concerns

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that Board defer the request of the University of South Alabama for reapprove for clinical experiences in Louisiana, and further request the University of South Alabama to appear at the August 2013 Board Meeting for clarification of program concerns.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.10

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL FOR OUT OF STATE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER APRN CLINICAL/PRECEPTOR EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

Previously approved in 2011 to offer clinical in

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Certified Nurse Midwife/Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner (CNM/WHNP)
Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP)
Adult Acute and Critical Care CNS (CCNS)
Blended ACNP/CCNS
Nursing Education (non APRN)

4/24/13, LSBN staff received proposal by Georgetown University requesting reapproval to offer Graduate Clinical experiences in Louisiana through for the following :

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Certified Nurse Midwife/Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner (CNM/WHNP)
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner / CNS (AGNP/CNS)
Nursing Education (non APRN)

The reapproval request includes a Major Curriculum change

ACNP, CCNS and blended role changed to AGNP/CNS- acute care

Concerns included

Faculty for FNP – need current CV
CNM/WHNP and AGNP/CNS – no evidence of endorsed faculty
No correspondence with LA Graduate Schools

On 5/13/13, LSBN staff shared concern of deficiencies with the School of Nursing.

On 5/17/13, LSBN staff received current CV for FNP faculty

On 5/22/13, LSBN staff received documentation of correspondence with LA Graduate Programs - LSBN staff requested –submission of any responses received

On 5/22/13- The School of Nursing acknowledged need for faculty to be endorsed prior to approval of a concentration. School of Nursing will work on endorsement and bring future request when requirements are met.

Ms. Dufrene recommended that the Board reapproves the request of Georgetown University to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana through December 14, 2015 for

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Nursing Education (non APRN)

And further that the Board defers action on the request of Georgetown University until evidence of compliance with Faculty qualifications requirements of LSBN have been demonstrated for

Certified Nurse Midwife/Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner (CNM/WHNP)
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner / CNS (AGNP/CNS)

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board reapproves the request of Georgetown University to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana through December 14, 2015 for the Specialties/Concentrations of:

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Nursing Education (non APRN)

And further that the Board defers action on the request of Georgetown University until evidence of compliance with Faculty qualifications requirements of LSBN have been demonstrated for the

Certified Nurse Midwife/Woman's Health Nurse
Practitioner(CNM/WHNP)
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner / CNS
(AGNP/CNS)

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.11

OHIO UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR OUT OF STATE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER APRN CLINICAL/PRECEPTOR EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

On 4/12/13, LSBN staff received proposal by Ohio University requesting approval to offer Graduate Clinical experiences in Louisiana through for Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). Proposal discussed one student in process.

Proposal reviewed and noted to have several areas incomplete:

Ohio Board of Nursing Approval

-Did not provide evidence of accreditation status

-LSBN Staff verified that Ohio BON does not regulate Graduate programs

Louisiana Board of Regents approval

-Proposal reflects plans to appear at April 24, 2013 meeting.

-School of Nursing instructed to send verification of approval when received

Regional Accreditation

-Did not provide evidence of accreditation status.

The Ohio University School of Nursing provided faculty qualifications for two faculty. Neither holds RN or APRN licensure in LA. Proposal states this is in process however, neither have submitted endorsement applications.

Correspondence with LA Schools of Nursing

No evidence provided

On 5/14/13, LSBN staff received supplemental information:

Ohio BON information

Regional Accreditation

LA BOR approval

Ms. Dufrene stated that the concerns still focuses on that the program does not meet the faculty requirements.

Ms. Dufrene asking that the Board defers action on the request of Ohio University to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until evidence of compliance with Faculty Qualification requirements of LSBN have been demonstrated for Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and correspondence with Louisiana Schools of Nursing

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board defers action on the request of Ohio University to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until evidence of compliance with Faculty Qualification requirements of LSBN have been demonstrated for Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and correspondence with Louisiana Schools of Nursing

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.12

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR OUT OF STATE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER APRN CLINICAL/PRECEPTOR EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

On 4/15/13, LSBN staff receive proposal from Alcorn State University to offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in LA for FNP and Nurse Educator (non APRN) roles.

Proposal reflected they had expired NLNAC accreditation. Staff requested School of Nursing provide current document for file

The School of Nursing did not provide information related to correspondence with LA Nursing Programs. LSBN Staff requested that the School of Nursing send email notification and copy LSBN staff on email to attach to records.

LSBN staff received current NLNAC updated letter from Visit Fall of 2012. School of Nursing had letter when submitted proposal to LSBN. 2012 visit reflected deficiencies in Standard 4 (Curriculum). Next evaluation 2020 with a follow up report due in Spring 2015.

LSBN staff also found evidence of CCNE on website of Consortium approval. Clarification with School of Nursing reflected that LA students are not part of the consortium program.

LSBN Staff received copy of email to LA APRN schools.

Ms. Dufrene asks that the Board approves the request of Alcorn State University to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana June 12, 2013 through June 12, 2015 for

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Nursing Education (non APRN)

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board approves the request of Alcorn State University to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana June 12, 2013 through June 12, 2015 for the Specialties/Concentrations of:

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Nursing Education (non APRN)

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 4.13

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

I. Accreditation Actions Fall 2012 Reviews

National League of Nursing (March 2013)

1. Baton Rouge General Medical Center SON (Diploma)
Follow up report reviewed
Accreditation affirmed
Next visit fall 2018
2. Southern University Shreveport (ASN)

Reaccreditation visit
Reaccredited until fall 2020 with conditions
2015 follow up report

3. Our Lady of the Lake College (BSN)

Focused visit was performed by NLNAC. The School of Nursing accreditation was extended continuation with monitoring of Standard 2 (faculty and Staff and Standard 6-(Outcomes)

Ms. Dufrene relayed to the Board that the school failed to provide LSBN notification of the need for a focused visit due to the requiring monitoring of the standards. It was recommended that the Board requests Our Lady of the Lake to appear at the August Board Meeting for clarification.

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that Our Lady of the Lake appear at the August 2013 meeting for clarification and discussion of the focused visit.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (April 2013)

- 1 Louisiana College (BSN)
Reaccreditation Visit
Reaccredited
Next Visit fall 2022

Sothern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges

1. SACS Meeting June 2012

Southern University Shreveport

Denied reaffirmation, continued warning for 12 months
Deficiencies:

Core requirement 2.11.1- Financial Resources
Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1- Institutional Effectiveness
Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 – Financial Stability

Next review June 2013

Discussion ensured regarding the requirement of Regional Accreditation by LSBN for approval of programs

Motion: by Dr. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board requests Southern University Shreveport to appear before the Board at the August 2013 meeting for clarification and discussion of the recent action and recommendations by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

2. SACS Meeting December 2012

Louisiana College

Denied reaffirmation, continued warning for 12 months

Deficiencies:

Core Requirement 2.5 Institutional Effectiveness
Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1- Institutional Effectiveness
Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2- Institutional Effectiveness/
Administrative Support Service
Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3- Institutional Effectiveness/
Academic and student support service
Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1- General Education
Competencies
Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 Faculty Competencies
Next Review- Onsite prior to December 2013 report

Discussion ensued regarding the regional accreditation requirement and the number of deficiencies identified for Louisiana College

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that Louisiana College appear before the Board at the August 2013 meeting for discussion and clarification of the SACS recommendations.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

Grambling State University removed from warning

Southern University Baton Rouge and A&M College Baton Rouge - Placed on probation for 6 months after exhausting 2 year monitoring period.

Deficiencies:

Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1- Institutional Effectiveness

Just had their SACS review, did a report in 2013 which they submitted. They are awaiting an answer. Felt positive that they had corrected that.

Discussion ensued regarding the requirement of regional accreditation by LSBN for approval of programs

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that Southern University Shreveport appears before the Board at the August 2013 meeting for clarification and discussion of SACS recommendations.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that Southern University Baton Rouge appears before Board at the August 2013 meeting for clarification and discussion of SACS recommendations.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

2. Louisiana Hospital Association new Director of Education

On 5/16/2013, LSBN staff received notification of hiring of Mary Pat Thevenot MSN, RN as the Director of Education Services at Louisiana Hospital Association. Ms. Thevenot replaces Ms. Tevora Tabor as she retires.

3. NLNAC name changed to ACEN

On 5/19/2013, notification was sent announcing the formal name change of the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission to the Accrediting Commission for Education of Nurses.

4. Fletcher Technical Community College relocation

On 5/28/2013, LSBN staff received announcement of relocation of FTCC to the old main campus which is currently unoccupied (310 St Charles Ave. Houma, LA). The move will allow for expansion of the existing square footage thereby allowing for growth of the program. The move is effective 8/ 5/13.

5. Southeastern Louisiana University Minor Curriculum Change

On 5/28/13, LSBN staff received notification reflecting minor curriculum changes involving editorial changes to the mission statement to include the words "graduate". This need was identified when writing CCNE self-study for post masters DNP.

(BREAK)

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 6.1

WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A REGISTERED NURSE TO PERFORM SOFT CHAMBER/MILD/LOW PRESSURE HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

Ms. York reported that after a thorough review of the literature and the national standards regarding hyperbaric therapy, Board staff has the following concerns:

1. Failure to establish safe utilization of soft chambers

The National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Medical Technology has published several position statements regarding the use of soft, portable, chambers indicating:

- a) They are inconsistent with recognized and prevailing safety codes/standards
- b) In-home hyperbaric oxygen therapy is inherently unsafe and cannot be condoned
- c) They do not meet hyperbaric engineering safety codes
- d) And complications from hyperbaric therapy are: sinus pain or bleeding, tooth pain, chest pain, decreased vital capacity, immediate deafness, cataracts and seizures.

2. Proposed use of soft chambers outside guidelines published by the FDA

- a) Chambers are only approved for treatment of altitude sickness. However, the proposal is to utilize soft chambers for the treatment of conditions such as post-concussion syndrome.
- b) Petitioner proposes to utilize an oxygen concentrator; however, the FDA warns against use of soft chambers with oxygen concentrators

3. The lack of physician oversight

The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society recommends that a physician be immediately available throughout the administration of hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Petitioner wishes to provide the service in a private, independent setting without direct onsite supervision.

4. Lack of support from national organizations

- a) National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Medical Technology states that portable, fabric, low-pressure chambers be limited in their use to the treatment of acute altitude sickness and they be compressed only with air.

b) The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society recommends compliance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineer's Safety Standards for Pressure Vessels for Human Occupancy and applicable chapters in the National Fire Protection Association's Safety Standards for Health Care Facilities. Soft chambers do not meet the requirements set by either of these two standards

Ms. Rhonda Guidry presented her petition before the Board, explaining that hyperbarics is a therapy that uses an increased atmosphere pressure to allow the body to incorporate more oxygen into blood cells, blood plasma, cerebral spinal fluid and other body fluids. Mrs. Guidry presented the following information

" Low pressure is described as pressures of 1.5 atmospheres absolute and lower. There are several types of portable chambers which are used in home treatments as well as clinic settings. These are usually referred to as mild personal hyperbaric chambers. In the U.S., these chambers are classified by the FDA as a Class 2 medical device and require a prescription in order to purchase one or receive treatments. The soft chambers are only FDA approved to reach 1.3 atmospheres. While the hyperbaric chambers and manufacturers cannot supply a chamber in the U.S. with any form of elevated oxygen delivery system, a physician can write a prescription to combine the two modalities: A hyperbaric chamber and an oxygen concentrator.

The most common options patients choose is to acquire an oxygen concentrator that typically delivers 85 to 96% oxygen as the breathing gas. Due to the high circulation of ambient air in the chamber, the total concentration of oxygen in the chamber never exceeds 25% as any higher could increase the risk of fire. Oxygen is never feed directly into the soft chambers but introduced via a line or a mask directly to the patient.

A hard chamber is available as a multiple placed chamber or a mono placed chamber in which a patient breathes 100% oxygen intermittently while inside the treatment chamber at a pressure higher than sea level. Mono placed chambers are typically compressed with 100% oxygen with intermittent breaks of ambient air. A multi placed chamber is compressed with ambient air and the individual uses a hood to provide 100% oxygen.

Current information indicates that pressurization should be at 1.4 atmospheres or higher.

In researching hyperbaric therapy, a hard chamber dive in a hospital setting can cost \$1000 to \$1200 per dive and in need people need more than 40 dives and there is limited reimbursement.

New facilities do not offer off label hyperbarics due to the lack of reimbursement. Research has shown benefits, but very few people can afford the therapy. Research is becoming more available regarding the benefits of low pressure hyperbarics in regards to autism, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injuries as well as other chronic conditions. Patients and family members are educating themselves and are seeking this therapy but realize it's often unattainable for various reasons, including accessibility and affordability.

As previously stated, hard chamber hyperbarics is often unattainable due to the high cost and limited insurance reimbursement. Mild, low pressure hyperbaric therapy is

currently available for home use and clinics. However, many individuals cannot obtain the equipment due to the cost of the chamber.

Ms. Guidry would like to be able to offer this service to individuals who wish to experience this therapy as an option in addition to their current therapeutic regimens at a more affordable rate.

Hyperbarics therapy in general, soft or hard chambers, are not a replacement for other therapies. Hyperbarics is an adjunct therapy used in combination with an individual's other therapies including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech, and medication among other treatment methods.

Ms. Guidry would like to incorporate this therapy as an adjunct for individuals who seek mild hyperbarics as a part of an overall plan of care or a part of a whole person therapy to meet nursing and patient goals such as comfort, relaxation, improved coping mechanisms, reduction in moderation of stress, sense of wellbeing from chronic conditions. It is reasonable to say that if the overall wellbeing of the patient improves, it would result in an ease of the burden on the caregiver.

Ms. Guidry has just completed a course on hyperbaric and undersea medicine approved by the UHMS and International Board of Undersea Medicine and is aware of their opposition to soft chambers. The instructor was a past president of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the UHMS, which is the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society and did not discrete her pursuits. Ms. Guidry respects their beliefs but difficult to dispute the evidence based outcomes.

Research is becoming more readily available on the benefits of low pressure hyperbarics as well as utilizing soft chambers for chronic conditions. Ms. Guidry has provided some case studies regarding mild hyperbarics within her petition.

Standards are difficult to find. The only standards in regard to this device is that a mild personal hyperbaric chamber is classified as a Class 2 medical device and requires a prescription to purchase the device as well as a prescription for those receiving this therapy. Technically, anyone can offer and operate the soft chamber. There are no licensing requirements with minimal training. Anyone can open a soft chamber clinic. Ms. Guidry would like to offer this service as a licensed medical professional, not an individual without a license.

Mild hyperbaric therapy will only be administered under a physician's order of a soft chamber, low pressure hyperbaric therapy, an order for the oxygen concentrator as well as medical clearance. Ms. Guidry is seeking a medical director. "

Ms. Harris asked Ms. Guidry to address staff's concerns

In response, Ms. Guidry reported that the National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Medical Technology does not govern this and will not support it at this time. People are using them in their homes and are in clinics. They are not advertized and cannot be advertised. Ms. Guidry feels a lot of this is politics and are keeping it quiet.

Altitude Sickness: Ms. Guidry provided the Board with the FDA guidelines. Her understanding is that a physician can prescribe anything that he feels is safe. Ms. Guidry provided the Board with documentation that these can be offered.

Lack of Physician onsite. That is also dealing with hard chambers. Because you are dealing with patients that may go as low as 60 feet, they may go two atmospheres below pressure and there are risks there. Ms. Guidry is seeking a medical director.

Ms. Guidry stated she will provide information regarding Mechanical Engineering Safety, National Pressure for Human Occupancy.

Discussion ensued

Ms. York stated she had a conversation with Dr. Cave who stated she is performing soft chamber hyperbarics in her office in Baton Rouge. Dr. Cave further stated that she is there onsite, has an LPN that is performing the procedure and is not aware of this procedure being performed anywhere without a physician present.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to perform soft chamber/mild/low pressure hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris- yes; D. Porche-yes;
S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.2

R.S. 17:436.3 STUDENTS WITH DIABETES; MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT PLANS; PROVISION OF CARE; UNLICENSED DIABETES CARE ASSISTANTS; STUDENT SELF-MONITORING AND TREATMENT (REVISIONS TO DOCUMENT APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 20, 2013 BOARD MEETING)

Ms. York reported that the rules and regulations were prepared and approved by LSBN at the February 20, 2013 Board Meeting and subsequently approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Public comment from the American Diabetes Association was submitted to the Department of Education and forwarded to LSBN staff for review. Both the DOE and the LSBN staff are in agreement with the proposed changes as well as the LA School Nurses Association.

The changes stem from confusion over terminology utilized in the first set of rules. The Individualized Health Plan (IHP) referred to in the document is actually a classroom plan of care and not a nursing plan of care. The rules originally stated that the parent must care for the child until certain requirements are met, including the development and implementation of the IHP. The ADA wishes to have this language modified as it may present an undue hardship on the parents. In speaking with the school nurses' representative, Ms. York was able to confirm that a nursing plan of care would be in place on the first day of school and there would simply

not be any delegation to unlicensed personnel until the IHP is in place. This requirement is covered elsewhere in the proposed rules.

In the revised agenda sheet, the words “nurse” was added at the end of the proposed new paragraph per the request of the school nurses.

The school nurses association and staff at the Department of Education is in agreement with the proposed changes which will read:

“ The parent or legal guardian shall be responsible for all care related to the student’s diabetes management and treatment plan until all authorized physicians’ orders, parent authorization, and all medical supplies deemed necessary to care for the student in the school setting have been received by the school nurse”.

Once the new language is approved by both boards, the DOE will resubmit the document to the registry and hopefully the rules will be promulgated in time for the next school year.

BESE board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2013

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, approve the following change to Bulletin 135 – Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, §307: Diabetes Management and Treatment based on public comment received from the American Diabetes Association:

Change Section 307.A.6 to read:

“The parent or legal guardian shall be responsible for all care related to the student’s diabetes management and treatment plan until all authorized physicians’ orders, parent authorization, and all medical supplies deemed necessary to care for the student in the school setting have been received by the school nurse”.

Section 307.A.6 currently reads:

“The parent or legal guardian shall be responsible for all care related to the student’s diabetes management and treatment plan until the IHP is developed, the parents or legal guardian have agreed and signed; and the diabetes management and treatment plan is put into place by the school nurse”.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 2.1

2012/2013 Amended Budget

Mr. Hebert reported that in preparing the FY2013 budget amendment, management took into account LSBN's year-to-date actual revenues and expenditures, known anticipated expenditures, and utilized historical trends to project to the total expenditures through year end.

The revenue projections suggest an overall \$200,292 (3.41%) increase over the original budget. The only significant unbudgeted revenue was a contract awarded by the Board of Regents for the Nursing Workforce Forecasting Study.

Expenditure projections represent an overall \$2,721,267 (31.13%) decrease primarily due to expenditures in three categories: payroll and its related expenses, building addition, and equipment, being less than originally budgeted. Professional services and consultant contracts were adjusted to reflect new contracts initiated after adoption of the original budget (Grant Cooper and LSU MBA) and contract amendments to previously budgeted contracts.

The result of the proposed amended budget is a \$60,888 excess of revenues over expenditures instead of a \$2,860,671 deficiency of revenue over expenditures.

Ms. Brown confirmed that funds are budgeted for any pending personnel changes which would be made before the year end of the FY2013 fiscal year and funds are also included in FY 2014 budget.

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to approve FY2013 Proposed Amended Budget

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3.1

REVISE POLICY RELATIVE TO ADVANCED PRACTICE NATIONAL CERTIFYING ORGANIZATIONS AND APPROVED ROLES AND POPULATIONS FOR APRN LICENSURE

Ms. Alleman reported that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approved revisions to the current list of "Advanced National Certifying Organizations" as well as grandfathering language in its December 2012 meeting. The approved recommendation stated:

"Revise the current list of "Advanced National Certifying Organizations" to:

- a. Remove the population foci of Home Health Nursing CNS, Community Health Nursing CNS, and School Nurse Practitioner;
- b. Remove the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC); and

c. Add the population foci acute care adult/gerontological nurse practitioner and primary care adult/gerontological nurse practitioner.

The grandfathering language approved was integrated into sections 4 and 5 of the proposed revision. The purpose of the policy revision is to address the APRN Task Force recommendations and allow for alignment with the Consensus Model. The proposed revisions presented today are a partial reflection of these recommendations. The policy also addresses APRNs currently licensed in roles and populations through certifying examinations that are and will, in the near future, no longer be available for certification and recertification. There are 12 exams that are going to be retiring between now and the end of 2015 and they wanted to address how the board would be willing to address these issues.

The issue is about renewal and reinstatement. If the exam is not being offered, the organizations will allow recertification or renewal. The issue potential is what if the APRN does not meet renewal requirements by CE and clinical hours. The other alternative right now is that they can retest. Once these exams retire, that retesting option is no longer available.

If their certification lapses, they would not meet requirements for commensurate licensure. And so their proposed regulation is to be in alignment with the consensus model and anyone who allowed their certification to lapse and wasn't able to renew, they would no longer be eligible for licensure.

The changes are being proposed as policy rather than regulation

Staff's recommendation:

- Research resources (see section below- "Attachments & Links")
- LA 37:913 Selections from the Definition of an APRN
- APRN Task Force Meeting Minutes
- NCSBN Consensus Model
- ANCC clarification regarding retired/retiring exams

Discussion ensued

Motion: by L. Agosta, to approve the proposed revision to the policy regarding "Advanced Practice National Certifying Organizations" approved for APRN Licensure.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM A.

RULEMAKING: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 45

These rules have been duly published. Notice of Intent was entered into the Louisiana Register with a request for comments provided requested by May 10th.

The Board did receive comments and also a request for a Public Hearing from the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. The Public Hearing was held on May 29th, which was in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to be held within 25 to 30 days following the Notice of Intent.

Board must respond to public comments made and make a determination if the comment will result in leaving the proposed revision or making changes to the proposed revision.

If Board decides to make a substantive change to what was published, then there is a process that the Board has to go through in order to republish those proposed changes and go through the process of inviting public comment again.

Staff will have to prepare a report on what comments were received, what action the Board decided to take, and the justification for that action. That report will go to the Oversight Committee and the Oversight Committee has a period of time to respond to require the Board to have an Oversight hearing before the Joint Health and Welfare Committee if it so chooses.

Ms. Morvant and Ms. Alleman previously met to review comments, and prepared a staff outline to help guide the Board's discussion and gave recommendations for Board members to consider. Summary outline sheet was distributed to Board members.

The Board discussed LANA's suggestions and comments as delineated below:

Comment #1 - LANA requests that the "nationally recognized certifying body" for CRNAs credential should remain specifically the National Board of Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) in all sections of the proposal referring to CRNA certification/recertification;

Discussion ensued regarding Comment 1

Aimee Badeaux, Vice President, LANA, stated they do not want multiple agencies to have the ability to credential certified nurse anesthetists. There was a mistake in LANA's interpretation in that the new name of the certifying body NBCRNA, was not in the current rules.

Discussion ensued regarding Comment #1

Dr. Porche stated if the Board stays with the generic language proposed, and there was another recertification organization, the Board would have to decide whether or not they would recognize them.

The Board selected proposed **Recommendation ii:**

"A proposed policy addresses this and all other certifying bodies, roles, and populations."

This recommendation was acceptable to Ms. Badeaux

Comment#2- in the definition of “role”, CRNAs are referred to as nurse anesthetists. LANA advises this should read “certified registered nurse anesthetists.”

Ms. Alleman stated that the word “certified” not being included in the definition was an oversight. This is required for licensure and renewal.

Discussion ensued regarding Comment #2

The Board selected **Recommendation i**

“None of the roles in this newly proposed definition utilizes the term certified, therefore the proposed revision could be ratified to add “certified” to 3 of the 4 roles as commonly recognized.”

This recommendation was acceptable to Ms. Badeaux

Comment #3- LANA would like a section on page 15 (which is a section that regards national certification) which references population focus to clearly state that the population focus of CRNAs is the family/individual across life span;

Ms. Alleman commented that the referencing page does not delineate the population focus of any of the other roles.

Board selected **Recommendation ii:**

“That the revision and addition of the population focus of CRNAs be added to page one of the strikethrough document in the definition of CRNA which would be commensurate to the definitions of other APRN roles.”

Ms. Badeaux stated this was acceptable

Comment #4- LANA does not agree that CRNAs should be required to include APRN with the title of CRNA. They request that the rule include language that exempts CRNAs from this requirement.

Ms. Alleman stated this was in the current rules, but it was struck in order to align with the Consensus Model.

Discussion ensued regarding Comment #4

After discussion, Board members selected proposed **Recommendation ii:**

“Defer the recommendation to language as currently proposed.”

This recommendation was acceptable to Ms. Badeaux

Ms. Alleman stated the only comment in opposition was given by LSBME which states that the proposed rules don’t address specialty of the APRN

Discussion ensued

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to go forward with rulemaking with editorial changes as accepted.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM B

Addition to Section §3328, Temporary Permits Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, Part LXVII. Nurses, Subpart 2: Registered Nurses

The proposed rules were published in the April 20, 2013 Louisiana Register. Public comments were requested by May 20th. There was one comment received. There were no requests for public hearing.

Ms. York reviewed comments/questions and prepared a staff response for Board's consideration for acceptance.

1) "Do we actually have trouble staffing special health events with our own LA State Registered Nurse Population?" If so, would it not be more beneficial for us to look at the way we recruit for these events?

Staff response: These clinics are typically sponsored by organizations such as The National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFCC) and in Louisiana they are one day free health clinics for the uninsured. These events are staffed with volunteers registered with the NAFCC including RNs from Louisiana. The NAFCC seeks approval from the Department of Health and Hospitals prior to contacting the Board of Nursing (BON) and the BON subsequently obtains confirmation from DHH that said clinic has been approved.

2) "I know that there are questions during the relicensing process that relate to volunteers but that is a very general category request for one agree to. Individual events where the terms of involvement are defined are much more palatable to most individuals."

Staff Response: The RN license renewal application states: "Would you like to register as a volunteer health professional in times of a disaster?" If the RN answers "yes", their contact information is forwarded to the Louisiana Nurses in Action Volunteer Program. This is strictly for times of disaster. The BON does not advertise for specific volunteer events.

3) "My true concern with the clause in the proposal for allowing temporary permits is the broad term of special healthcare events can be applied loosely to almost any healthcare

situation. It allows businesses the ability to utilize out of state nurses for most anything they wish.”

Staff Response: Anyone or any organization applying for a special healthcare event permit would have to gain prior approval from the Department of Health and Hospitals. The rules specifically state that the permit may be issued for gratuitous special healthcare events, thereby preventing their utilization for general purposes.

4) “Time parameters are addressed in this section, but can also be renewed for extended lengths. This type of staffing puts a threat on our local job situation. Out of state nurses could be holding positions that could be filled by our local nursing personnel. This also impacts the families of our nursing personnel as jobs begin to dry up. In my opinion, we are creating loopholes to be utilized by national healthcare corporations and national government. This is potentially damaging to our states citizens.”

Staff Response: The reference in the rules of “extended lengths” refers specifically to disaster permits. Special Healthcare Event Temporary Permits will only be issued for the specific date of the event.

5) “We have the nursing staff and the schools to educate future nursing staff to take care of our own poor population. We should continue to recruit, educate and to pay our own nurses to fill these roles.”

Staff Response: These are volunteer positions for specific events, not long term positions that would prevent Louisiana RNs from obtaining employment.

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to go forward with rulemaking, accepting responses to comments as recommended by Board staff.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 7.1 **CENTER FOR NURSING**

Dr. Bienemy reported that the presentation of Louisiana’s Nursing Supply and Demand Forecasting Models will take place on June 27th at 1:30 p.m. here at the Board of Nursing. We believe that this will be the first multi-regional statewide nursing supply and demand model in the country.

Ms. Ann Jenkins has been hired as the Coordinator for the Louisiana Action Coalition (LAC). She has been meeting with members of the LAC Core Leadership Team and is currently working on timelines and workgroup responsibilities for the LAC State Implementation Program (SIP) Grant.

Dr. Susan Hassmiller visited Louisiana on April 30th. Two activities were planned for her visit: a luncheon meeting with potential funders at the Baptist Community Ministries Foundation in New Orleans and a videotaping of an interview which was focused on

Leadership in Nursing. The meeting with Dr. Sue Hassmiller and New Orleans area funders went well. There were representatives from Baptist Community Ministries, The Greater New Orleans Foundation, New Orleans Works (NOW), Louisiana Public Health Institute, Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, AARP, and the McFarland Institute. Ms. Morvant was in attendance.

Dr. Susan Hassmiller, Senior Nursing Advisor for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Lead for the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action, has requested that the Louisiana Action Coalition participate in a formative evaluation of the National Campaign for Action that is being conducted by TCC Group, an external evaluator. TCC Group will be conducting site visits with eight 'very select states' (Action Coalitions). The purpose of the site visits are to interview people involved with the state Action Coalitions (ACs) regarding progress on AC goals, experiences with technical assistance, needs and lessons learned. TCC will develop a case study for each state that participates in the evaluation which will serve as a valuable tool for strategic planning. The case studies will help inform the overall Campaign about what is working in the way the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Center to Champion Nursing in America are supporting states, rather than focusing on outcomes. The site visit is scheduled for 1.5 days. The visitors will want to speak with AC co-leads, coalition members involved from the beginning, task/project leads, a sampling of coalition members, and any relevant partners such as funders and state associations. According to Dr. Hassmiller, the Louisiana Action Coalition was selected very carefully because there are unique things we are doing in our state that the National Campaign for Action believe that all states can learn from.

Discussion ensued

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARD OF NURSING

AGENDA ITEM 8.1 **DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

Ms. Morvant and Dr. Porche will be delegates. Board members are budgeted to attend. One or two staff members will also attend.

A summary outlining proposed recommendations for adoption by the membership was provided to Board members for their review.

Dr. Porche stated that the Delegate Assembly is at the same time as the next Board meeting in August.

Discussion ensued

Board members will be polled and another date for the Board meeting will be selected

AGENDA ITEM 8.2 **2012 CORE STATE REPORT**

This report is the first of four volumes to present the results of the 2012 CORE Performance Measurement Project conducted by NCSBN. Volume 1 focuses on the discipline function, in addition to overall board of nursing (BON) outcomes. It will be followed by volumes on licensure, education and practice by July 2013.

CORE (Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence) is a comparative performance measurement and benchmarking process for state boards of nursing (BONs). Development of the CORE process was initiated in 1998 by NCSBN's Board of Directors and incorporated surveys of BONs, as well as three external stakeholder groups. Its purpose is to track the effectiveness and efficiency of nursing regulation nationally, as well as on an individual BON level in order to assist BONs with improving program performance and providing accountability to higher levels of authority and the public.

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing has participated in CORE since its inception. C. MacMillan is a member of the CORE committee.

In addition to the Board June agenda, the report and subsequent volumes will be added to the strategic planning wiki.

2012 Core State Report was attached for Board members' review.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

A written report of the Vice-President was submitted for the Board's review.

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, to accept the Vice- President's Report

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A written report of the Executive Director was distributed to Board members for their review

Ms. Morvant thanked the LSBN members and members of the staff who were instrumental in having her years of service recognized through HCR 173, by Representative Willmott.

Motion: By S. Westbrook, seconded, to accept the report of the Executive Director

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Porche reported working with Grant Cooper on their succession planning. After their March 22 meeting, they began the recruitment process, making sure that they are doing everything within state laws and with full transparency. Mr. Shows drafted an opinion regarding the Succession Planning Committee providing them with guidance.

Dr. Porche gave board members an update on progress of the planning. There have been over 1700 prospective candidates that have been identified to meet their criteria. From this, they have identified over 60 meaningful exchanges with people. They have received resumes for 27 individuals. A total of 8 candidates will be presented to the Board today for consideration and review of their character, fitness for the job, and qualifications. This will be done in Executive Session today.

The candidates who applied for the position are:

Ms. Patricia Ann Dufrene
Dr. Karen Lyon
Dr. Pamela Autrey
Dr. Catherine Beldone
Dr. Jacqueline Hill
Ms. Edwina Jones
Dr. Francine Ponetta Thomas

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, to go into executive session to receive the Report on Litigation

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(Executive Session)

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to go into open session

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried.

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to go into executive session with the Board and Executive Director only for hearing a personnel matter regarding the Executive Director

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(Executive Session)

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to go into open session

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that Ms. Morvant receive a 15% merit increase based on a satisfactory evaluation retroactive to July 1, 2012.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION PLANNING

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to go back into executive session to review the character, credentials and fitness of duty for candidates for executive director.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(Executive Session)

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to go into open session

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris- yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, that the salary compensation range for consideration will be \$120,000 to \$180,000.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris- yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, Section 2.1, the executive director serves as the appointing authority for LSBN staff and the president of the board will serve as the appointing authority for the Executive director.

On page 2, IV, the maximum reimbursement for moving and relocation travel expenses provided shall not exceed \$15,000.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

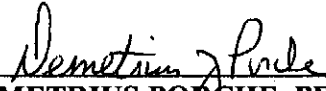
Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to continue the search process with the slated

candidates as presented by Grant Cooper with a target of Board trying to get to the initial interviews by the beginning of July.

Ms. Morvant announced Barbara McGill coming June 24th to assume the position of Director of Recovering Nurse Program

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p. m.



**DEMETRIUS PORCHE, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**