

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2009**

Call to Order The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Lucie Agosta, Chair, at 1:03 p.m. on October 20, 2009 in Salon A of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call **Committee Members Present**
Lucie J. Agosta, PhD, APRN, Chair
Larry Haley, MSN, CRNA

Staff Present
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director of Credentialing & Practice
Jennifer C. Gueho, MSN, APRN, ANP-C
Danielle Smith, MSN, RN
Joy Peterson, BSN, RN
Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN
Laura Guillory, Licensing Analyst, Recorder

Guests none

Reorder Agenda Lucie Agosta, Chair, reordered the agenda.

Motion by L. Haley, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.

Vote L. Haley – yes, L. Agosta - yes. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 21, 2009 Credentialing Committee meeting.

Motion by L.Haley seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 Credentialing Committee.

Vote L. Haley – yes, L. Agosta – yes. Motion carried.

**Old Business
Agenda item 4.1**

Report on Criminal Background Checks

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M. Griener) discussed the criminal background check process. Each applicant submits the appropriate application with a criminal background check and the date of 11/11/1911 is entered. This date remains until the Board has received a criminal background check report back from the State Police and FBI. Recently the Board completed an audit for every active nurse who still had the date of 11/11/1911 in the Nurse Trac system.

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Criminal background check status and each nurse received a letter letting them know they need to submit the criminal background check, forms and fee before renewing their 2009 license. She stated that approximately 700 letters were sent out and the Board is in the process of getting those completed.

M. Griener also stated that now the Board has the ability to process the background checks on site with the new equipment that was recently purchased. This equipment allows for a much quicker turnaround with the results without having to wait weeks for the reports

L. Agosta questioned when was the background check started and how far back did the reports come from.

M. Griener stated the rule was passed in FY2000 that each applicant must have a current background check to practice. The audit was pulled for active nurses who were licensed since FY2000 and still had the 11/11/1911 dates on record.

M. Griener discussed that once the report is returned from Louisiana State Police and FBI the 11/11/1911 dates are removed and replaced with the current date. Once the current date is in place the nurse can go online to renew their license for FY2010.

Agenda item 4.2

Licensure Verification (NurSys Information – Date Entry)

M. Griener stated this project is coming to an end and hoping to be finished by the first week of November. The Board still had 2 employees that are inputting the information for the verification system. The Board was granted \$65,000 dollars by National Council for this project and has approximately \$10,000 dollars left to finish.

L. Agosta confirmed there is a fee to be paid to receive this verification for the Louisiana license.

M. Griener stated the fee is paid directly to NurSys and not to the Board in the amount of \$30 per state they want verified. This information is generally received within hours instead of processing thru the mail.

L. Haley questioned how the information is verified for an advanced practice registered nurse with certification.

M. Griener confirmed that advanced practice registered nurses are not verified with NurSys. The registered nurse information can be verified. Many states still only recognize advanced practice registered nurses and do not fully license advanced practice registered nurses, therefore NurSys will only verify the registered nurse information. .

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New Business

Agenda item 5.1

2009 Draft Uniform Licensure Requirements

Ms. Griener stated that LSBN received a letter from the National Council of States Board of Nursing (NCSBN) that is requesting the Uniform Core Licensure Requirements (UCLRs) need to be reviewed and updated. The board of directors with NCSBN has established a committee to:

- Review and recommend revisions to the UCLR's

- Review and recommend actions regarding variances to core requirements.

- Develop strategic plan for assisting member boards to implement the UCLR's

- Recommend solutions for issues identified regarding the interface between the two licensure models.

Ms. Griener explained the NCSBN wants to have the revised UCLR's survey submitted back to National Council by November 13, 2009.. She included a chart that contained the original UCLR's , the revised UCLR's and rationale for revision.

Attached Chart from NCSBN and the LSBN response to the survey(See attached)

Announcements

Agenda item 6.1

Individual Credentialing

Ms. Griener had an RN applicant who has not practiced in many years and has now moved back to Louisiana and wants to endorse her RN license.

Ms. Griener recommended for the applicant to take a refresher course so her RN license can be endorsed but she must have a RN permit to complete the refresher course.

The committee members to allow the applicant to have a 6 month permit to complete the program for RN refresher course.

L. Haley questioned how the nurse will be notified of which refresher course she will need to complete.

Ms. Griener stated she will send the nurse a letter explaining the courses available.

Motion submitted by L. Haley allowing the applicant to have a 6 month permit

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Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was approved and seconded. The Committee adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



Submitted by:

Margaret Griener, Director of Credentialing and Practice

Approved 4/21/2010