

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
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BATON ROUGE, LA 70809

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 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 9:12 a.m. on October 24, 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  
(11:25 a.m.)
- Crystal Berry  
Licensing Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN (Baton Rouge Community College)  
Anna Cazes (Baton Rouge Community College)  
Jennifer Vautiat  
Tina Englade  
Misty Allred  
Shari Moreau (University of Louisiana Monroe)  
Celia Laird (University of Louisiana Monroe)  
Gary Hidalgo (LSU/Earl K. Long)  
Mary L. Johnson (LSU/Earl K. Long)  
Tawna Pounders (BRCC)  
Carol Backstedt (BRCC)  
Patricia Egers, MS, RN (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)  
Deborah Lea (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)  
Richard Crouse (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)  
Dianne Thames (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)  
Deborah B. Evers (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)  
Donita Qualey (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)  
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (Northwestern)  
Norann Planchock, PhD, RN, CS, FNP (Northwestern)

Luke Robins (Louisiana Delta Community College)  
Cherie Moore (ULM)  
Joann Clark (LSNA)  
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CRRN (Southern University, Baton Rouge)  
Nicole Decuir, RN (Woman's Hospital)  
Kay Lopez, DSN, RN (LSUHSC)

**Review and Approval  
of Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of July 25, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

**Motion:**

by Ms. MacMillan that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of July 25, 2006.

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

(The minutes were approved with two editorial corrections)

**Old Business:**

**Reports from  
Programs on LSBN  
Recommendation for  
Our Lady of the Lake  
College and  
Southeastern  
Louisiana University:**

Staff reported on the correspondence from Our Lady of the Lake College in response to Board recommendations.

Staff stated that correspondence from Southeastern reported 100 percent masters in nursing prepared faculty as of July 10, 2006 in response to the Board recommendation regarding faculty preparation.

**Motion:**

By Ms. Johnson that we recommend acceptance of the response from Southeastern regarding their achievement of 100 percent masters level faculty.

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

**Baton Rouge  
Community College-  
Proposal for New  
Program  
Documenting Step II**

Staff stated that Baton Rouge Community College has not received authorization from the Board of Regents to initiate the program but that the Board of Regents is aware that the program is being planned but they have not acted on it yet.

**of Program**

Qualified faculty is in place and they have submitted the curriculum in accordance with the Board's guidelines.

**Development and Request For Site Visit for Step III:**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the concerns surrounding approval of the program by the Spring 2007 semester.

**Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson that we recommend acknowledgement of documentation for Step II §3533.B, and authorize a site visit to be made by Board staff prior to the December Board meeting to facilitate action by the Board on initial approval of the program to authorize admission of students as early as Spring 2007. Initial approval will be based on authorization to initiate the program by the Board of Regents and on information gathered by a site visit to verify that the standards of the Board in §3533 are documented.

The motion was not seconded.

Dr. Poirrier made an amendment to the motion with Ms. Johnson's approval to read:

**Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson that we recommend acknowledgement of documentation for Step II §3533.B, and authorize a site visit to be made by Board staff prior to the December Board meeting to facilitate action by the Board on initial approval of the program to authorize admission of students as early as Spring 2007. Initial approval will be based on authorization to initiate the program by the Board of Regents and on information gathered by a site visit to verify that the standards of the Board in §3533 are documented; further, once the Board takes action, a draft of the letter to the students is to be submitted for staff approval to assure compliance with Board rules and regulations.

**New Business:**

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**University of Louisiana at Monroe Continuing Education Provider Application:**

Staff stated that ULM meets all criteria and have planned and delivered approved continuing education programs under approval

status from the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

**Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to approve the University of Louisiana at Monroe as an LSBN approved provider of continuing education, LSBN provider number 44, for two years, January 1, 2007 through December 30, 2009.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Motion carried.

The question of whether the contact hour will be changed to sixty minutes as opposed to the current fifty minutes. Staff answered that the ANCC is changing the contact hour to sixty minutes. According to current Board rules, a contact hour is still fifty minutes.

**Faculty Exception for  
Amy Bell and For  
Lucy Blunk:**

Staff brought these exceptions before the Committee for guidance as the rules are “silent” in regard to these two situations.

A discussion ensued.

**Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to approve the request of Amy Bell for a faculty exception to accept employment at Delgado/Charity School of Nursing based on ten years of experience as a registered nurse and based on completion of 25 credit hours in a masters in nursing program.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Motion:**

(Dr. Steele recused)

by Ms. Johnson to approve the request of Pamela Moore, LA Tech, for a faculty exception for Lucy Blunk based on eight years of experience as a registered nurse and based on completion of twenty two credit hours in a masters in nursing program.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

**Request of East Texas Baptist University for the Use of Brentwood Hospital in Shreveport for Student Clinical Teaching:**

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

Staff reported that they are duly licensed by the Board of Regents to be in the state to offer instruction and that LSBN has approved them. This request is to add a clinical site.

**Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to recommend approval of the request of East Texas Baptist University for the use of Brentwood Hospital in Shreveport for student clinical teaching pending coordination of the clinical site with other schools of nursing using the facility.

**Request From Earl K. Long Hospital For Recognition of Their Program on Interventions and Management in Aggressive Behavior (IMAB) for Continuing Education for Registered Nurses:**

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Staff stated that Earl K. Long does not have a nursing continuing education providership. They require this course, which is based on a course that was organized in Texas, and would like for it to have LSBN approval for continuing education.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to approve the request of Earl K. Long for recognition of the program on Interventions and Management in Aggressive Behavior, (IMAB), Communication and Protection Skills for Nurses, for eight (8) nursing continuing education contact hours and grant permission for Earl K. Long to issue a certificate that states LSBN approved continuing education, number 1-A.

The motion was amended by Ms. MacMillan to add:

This offering is approved only for employees of Earl K. Long.

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

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

carried.

(Dr. Steele recused)

A lengthy discussion ensued with Ms. Egers providing information on the issue.

**Motion:**

by Ms. MacMillan to recommend approval of the request of Delgado/Charity School of Nursing to proceed with implementation of the distant education initiative of offering their program in the Monroe area when the following stipulations are met:

1. Verification of employment of qualified faculty for the Monroe area
2. Written evidence of cooperation and collaboration with other programs using the clinical facilities
3. Provide copies of contractual agreements with clinical facilities
4. Host an on-site visit by an LSBN representative to verify resources

Further, if stipulations are met and the program is offered, it is recommended that Delgado/Charity School of Nursing provide evaluation data to the LSBN on the program outcomes once the first cohort of students completes the program and have taken the NCLEX-RN examination.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Ms. Johnson verbalized concern of qualified faculty being in place.

**FYI:**

Staff suggested that agenda item 5.6 be held until the end of the meeting so that guests who had to leave prior to adjournment be allowed to hear the announcements.

Permission from the group was given to reorder the agenda.

Grambling announced that Dr. Betty Smith has been named Dean, College of Professional Studies and that Dr. Rhonda Hensley has been named Acting Associate Dean, School of Nursing.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette and LSU at Eunice are the recipients of a gratus faculty by Doctors' Hospital in Opelousas.

Southern University-Baton Rouge announced that Dr. Jacqueline Hill has been named Interim Chair of the Baccalaureate Program replacing Mrs. Mary Abadie.

Our Lady of the Lake College announced that their accelerated program is being offered in New Orleans and in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Steele stated that she would like the Board staff to investigate a new website that the National Council State Boards of Nursing has prepared for education because she thinks that there may be some resources that the Board staff, Board members and the community to access.

**Discussion of Criteria  
for Students to Enroll  
in Clinical Nursing  
Courses:**

(break at 10:30 a.m.)  
(meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.)

Staff stated that it was discussed that a section be added to Chapter 33 of the Rules and Regulations that is expressly related to the permission of students to enroll in clinical nursing. A draft was shared for discussion.

**Chairman's Privilege-  
Faculty to Student  
Ratio in a Clinical  
Environment:**

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding background checks, criminal incidents, and requirements for admission to clinicals. No action.

**Adjournment:**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding current information related to the multiple factors influencing the clinical environment, student outcomes, faculty satisfaction, patient safety, and clinical facility resources. It was suggested that data be gathered on this issue.

12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN**  
**Nurse Consultant for Education/Research**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_