

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2007
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 9:07 a.m. on October 23, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Select located at 4728 Constitution Avenue, 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 (arrived at 9:16 a.m.)
Bonnie Johnson, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN (arrived at 10:32 a.m.)
Executive Director
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Crystal B. Patterson
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Stacey Pleasant
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Guests:** Marcie Guidry, MSN, RN (L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College)
Donnie Booth, PhD, RN (Southeastern Louisiana University)
Kay Lopez, DSN, RN (LSU Health Sciences Center)
Patricia Egers, MS, RN (Delgado Community College)
Dianne Thames, DNS, APRN (Delgado Community College)
Marilyn Cooksey, PhD, RN (William Carey University)
Myra Vizier, RN (L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College)
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN (North Oaks)
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)
Diane Webb, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)
Afua Arhin, PhD, RN (Grambling State University)
Karin Jones, PhD, RN (Grambling State University)

Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CRRN (Southern University-Baton Rouge)
Anita Hansberry, MS, RN (Southern University-Baton Rouge)
Carol Tingle, MSN, RN (Baton Rouge General Medical Center)
Cheryl Myers, RN, MN (Delgado Community College)
Rose Schaubhut, RN (LSU Health Sciences Center)
Marianne Fisher-Giorlando (Grambling State University)
by Bonnie Johnson to reorder the agenda

Motion:

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

**Review and Approval
of Previous Minutes:**

by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of July 24, 2007 with a correction.

Motion:

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

New Business:

**William Carey
University School of
Nursing-Proposal for
an Externship Nursing
Elective:**

Presentation of the specifics of the proposal by Dr. Cooksey.
The students would be paid to work as “CNAs” or “nurse techs” and
would get college credit for it under a preceptorship type program.

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the proposal for an externship elective as
presented by William Carey University School of Nursing

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Delgado Community
College/ Charity School
of Nursing- Request for
approval of an RN
Refresher Course:**

(Dr. Steele-recused)
(Dr. Poirrier assumed chair)

Ms. Myers addressed the proposal stating that the course is divided
into theory and clinical components, which addresses the needs of the
nurse who either needs a number of hours to reinstate licensure or for

the nurse who may need to just obtain the knowledge and skills.

Discussion ensued at length.

An 80% passing standard was recommended as opposed to the 77% presented in the syllabus.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to approve the request by Delgado Community College for an RN Refresher course with an addendum that the grading criteria be reviewed along with the theory passing standard and the text.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson
Motion carried .

Nursing Shortage :

Dr. Poirrier suggested that the committee begin looking at reassessing the articulation model and to move forward with LPN Exit Option and look at developing a mentoring program to go along with it. Dr. Steele suggested that the committee's recommendations be added to the joint meetings between LSBN and LSBPNE agenda.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend that the current sub-committee that is meeting to facilitate communication between the LPN Board and the LSBN Board bring this motion forward to examine the possibility of an LPN Exit Option for students currently enrolled in RN programs for discussion and approval.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; MacMillan-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried .
The recommendation will be forwarded to the Board.

Second recommendation:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend to enhance the articulation model by reducing the length of time it takes for an LPN to obtain an associate degree to become an RN (LPN to RN).

Discussion ensued.

A sub-committee task force will be established.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier that the Board establish a task force to examine the accessibility of general education courses across Louisiana nursing

programs to promote faster completion for LPN to RN tracks.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Steele will defer the mentoring program component and highlight at the next committee meeting.

**Old Business:
Reports from Schools
on Conditional
Approval:**

**Dillard University-
NCLEX-RN Results:**

Staff stated that she has visited Dillard and at this point, they have 100% pass rate but eight students still have to take the NCLEX exam.

Action deferred until the next report.

**Grambling State
University-Site Visit
Summary Report and
NCLEX-RN Results:**

Staff stated that she visited Grambling. Their NCLEX pass rate is currently 72.73%, which is their complete report.

Dr. Arhin gave a presentation on the problems and solutions of achieving the required 80% pass rate of the NCLEX exam.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

Action deferred until the report of the pass rates of the December 2007 graduates.

(10:41 a.m.-break)

(10:56 a.m.-reconvened)

**Southern University-
Focused Report Site
Visit Summary Report,
and NCLEX-RN**

Staff stated that a site visit was done at Southern and that all graduates have taken the NCLEX exam with a pass rate of 84.1%.

Results: Southern is requesting to have full approval status restored.

Motion: by Dr. Poirrier that Southern University be removed from conditional approval status to that of full approval status by the Board.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Implementation of
Criminal Background
Checks for Students:**

Chairman deferred item until the next committee meeting; as there are no changes that need to be recommended at this time.

Discussion ensued.

**Louisiana State
University at Eunice
Request for a Pilot
Study on the Use of
Preceptors:**

(Ms. Johnson-recused)

Information on the proposal presented by Ms. Johnson.

The pilot program is requested for the Spring of 2008.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan to accept the proposed preceptor pilot project at LSU-Eunice for a one semester time frame and that exceptions for the Board rule for the pilot project be approved as revised.

**Revision to #2, page 2 of the project booklet to read as follows:
Allow the preceptor to be an ADN graduate with at least five
years of practice experience and at least one year on the current
unit.**

Voice vote: Dr. Poirrier –yes; Ms. MacMillan –yes. Motion carried.

**Site Visit Summary
Report-Fletcher
Technical Community
College Proposal to
Initiate an Associate
Degree in Nursing
Program:**

Staff made a site visit to the school. It was reported that Fletcher has begun to screen applicants. Nursing courses will begin in January 2008.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to grant initial approval to Fletcher Technical Community College for the Associate of Science in Nursing Program and approve admission of students for January 2008 with the following recommendation and one suggestion:

Recommend:

1. That Fletcher Technical Community College acquire on-site secretarial support staff for the Division of Nursing and Allied Health.

Suggestions:

1. That Fletcher Technical Community College acquire a skills laboratory coordinator in the near future.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Update on Revision of
the LSBN School
Annual Report Form:**

Chairman stated there was a sub-committee that reviewed the annual report form and made recommendations and suggestions. Some revisions to be recommended to the Board will be to change the reporting period from October to October to July 1st to June 30th. Another revision made was in regard to reporting numbers related to the accelerated programs making the data more specific so that they could be tracked. Also the pages of the report that describe the course and clinical agencies were deleted. The revised form will be presented to the Board in March 2008.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to present the report to LACANE and circulate to schools of nursing across the state for additional comment.

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

**Request to consider the
ADN to MSN (MSN
Bridge Programs)
From the University of
Phoenix as Equivalent
to Having the BSN:**

Item deferred because the information is still not available for review of the Education Committee.

FYI:

Resignation of Dr. Mary Ann Franklin as Head, Division of Nursing and Allied at Louisiana State University at Eunice and appointment of Mr. Rob McLaughlin, MA, RT(R), Program Director of the Radiologic Technology Program as Interim Head, Division of Nursing and Allied Health

Appointment of Dr. Vernon Miles as Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs At Our Lady of Holy Cross College

Academic structural changes at Our Lady of Holy Cross College that includes the creation of two Divisions: the Division of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Division of Professional Studies. The Department of Nursing and Allied Health is part of the Division of Professional Studies. Dr. Patricia Prechter has been appointed Associate Dean of the Division of Professional Studies and Chair of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health.

Notification from Our Lady of Holy Cross College on intent to begin an RN to BSN online program in January 2008

The Nursing Education and Research Department at Ochsner Medical Center (LSBN CE Provider #7) has changed its name to Nursing Professional Development and Jan Simoneaux, MN, RN has been named Department Director.

Melanie Green, MN, RN has resumed her position as Dean of the Undergraduate School of Nursing at Our Lady of the Lake College replacing Francine Thomas, who was serving as Interim Dean.

Resignation of Idena Carroll-Perez as Program Director of the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesiology Program at Our Lady of the Lake College and appointment of Phyllis Pederson, CRNA, MS as Acting Program Director.

Appointment of Dr. Jane Savage as the New Orleans Campus Director for Our Lady of the Lake College replacing Kathy Martin as Interim Campus Director.

Appointment of Dr. Toni Manogin as Dean for Nursing and Allied Health at Baton Rouge Community College.

Notification from Louisiana Delta Community College confirming their attainment of candidacy status from the Southern Association of

Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges.

Appointment of Dr. Hilda Brown as Division Chair of Nursing at Louisiana Delta Community College.

Motion: by Ms. Macmillan that the Education Committee adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

Adjournment: 12:15 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by: _____

**Elaine C. Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure**

Approved: January 22, 2008