

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2004
LSBN COMMITTEE ON NURSING PRACTICE**

**Call to
Order:**

Frankie Rosenthal, Chairperson, called the meeting of the LSBN Committee on Practice to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 in Suite 601 Board Room of the Board's office.

Roll Call:

Present:

Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA Chairperson
Tommie J. Ashby, RN, BSN, Committee Member
Deborah Olds, MS, RN, Committee Member
Patsy McClanahan, Committee Member

Board Members:

Deborah A. Ford, MSN, RN, CNA LSBN President
Nora F. Steele, DNS, RNC, PNP

Absent:

Alan Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member
William LaCorte, MD, Ex-Officio Member

Staff:

Pat Ladner, MN, RN, Nursing Consultant for Practice
Helen Forrest, Compliance Supervisor, Recorder

Guest:

Karen Ford, Sabine Medical Center
Pat Gandy, Sabine Medical Center
Cathryn Wright, FNP
Joni Nickens, LANP
LaVonne Smith, LSUHSC/DOE
Christine Langer, LANA
Connie Brown, LA State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
Sammi J. Lawson, Orleans Parish Schools/LSNO
Christy Mitchell, Baton Rouge General, School of Nursing

Minutes:

The minutes of the July 27, 2004 Practice Committee meeting was distributed for review prior to the September 2004 Board meeting.

Motions:

by T. Ashby, seconded by D. Olds that in reference to agenda item 3, to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2004 Practice Committee meeting: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

**Nurse Practice
Opinions:**

Staff reported the results of a conference call with the Board's legal counsel regarding the placement of practice opinions on the website. Legal counsel advised the Board to cite the specific Law {e.g. R.S. 37:913(14) (l)} and the Board's rules (LAC 46:XVLII.3703) when rendering opinions. It was noted that the Louisiana Board of Ethics cites the appropriate section of the Law and places the entire opinion on their website. The Office of the Attorney General provides a listing of all rendered opinions and a phone number to call to request the specific opinion. Both state agencies provide copies of the entire opinion as rendered; samples of these opinions were share with the Committee members.

Staff will proceed with the placement of all opinions on the website. Those opinions rendered in 1995 forward will be placed on the website first, then 1995 to 1976. Disclaimers will have to address changes in the Law, rules, or the evolution of nursing practice such as pain management. Links will be established to provide access to previous or similar opinions.

Motion:

by T. Ashby, seconded by D. Olds to cite the appropriate section of the Law (R.S. 37: 911 et seq.) and the Board's rules when rendering an opinion: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; D. Ford, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

**Rectal Diastat,
School Setting:**

In July the Practice Committee directed a group of school nurses, community/hospital based nurses, a physician and the Epilepsy Foundation staff to develop and submit for Committee review a Diastat Protocol. The Protocol and written comments from LaVonne Smith, R.N., Nursing Consultant, Department of Education was distributed To the Committee for review (see Attachment #1). Sammi Lawson, RN, school nurse, Louisiana School Nurses Organization gave testimony regarding the difficulty in teaching unlicensed school personnel how to identify seizure clusters and reported that school nurses across the state are still split on the issue of delegating the administration of rectal Diastat to trained unlicensed school personnel. L. Smith spoke to her written comments and agreed to conduct a survey regarding the number of students in Louisiana schools receiving Diastat and cost factors of LPN versus paraprofessionals.

Motion:

by P. McClanahan, seconded by D. Olds to table agenda item 5.3 until the next Practice Committee meeting where the Committee can hear from representatives of the Epilepsy Foundation, and also receive more information regarding how services will be rendered regarding Diastat administration: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; D. Ford, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

**APRN Scope
of Practice:**

In July 2005 the Committee initiated discussion regarding an alternative process to determining an APRN's scope of practice. The current method is

driven by CPT code requests from DHH. Discussion focused on the need for the scope of practice to be defined by the Board and that the scope is specific to the APRN's category and area of specialization. Staff reported that if the Board ceases to determine scope of practice relative to CPT codes that DHH has indicated that they will no longer reimburse APRNs. It was suggested that staff survey other Board's to determine scope of practice based on areas of specialization or how APRNs are reimbursed by Medicaid agencies.

Motion: by T. Ashby, seconded by D. Olds that staff conduct a survey to determine how other states process Medicaid reimbursement to APRNs: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; D. Ford, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

CPT Codes: DHH submitted a request regarding the scope of practice of licensed certified nurse practitioner performing certain CPT codes. A description of the following codes was distributed for review:

Incision and Drainage:

- 10061 – complicated or multiple
- 10080 – pilonidal cyst; simple
- 10081 - complicated
- 10121 – complicated
- 10140 – hematoma, seroma or fluid collection
- 10180 – complex, postoperative wound infection

- 28190 – Removal of foreign body, foot, subcutaneous
- 36415 – Collection of venous blood by venipuncture
- 46600 – Anoscopy; diagnostic, with or without collection of specimen(s) by brushing or washing
- 82670 – Estradiiol
- 83001 – Gonadotropin; follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)
- 84443 – Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)
- 84460 – alanine amino
- 84702 – Gonadotropin, chronic (hCG); quantitative
- 85651 – Sedimentation rate, erythrocyte; non-automated
- 86308 – Heterophile antibodies; screening
- 87177 – Ova and parasites; direct smears, concentration and identification
- 88150 – Cytopathology, slides, cervical or vaginal; manual screening under physician supervision
- 93230 – Electrocardiographic monitoring for 24 hours by continuous original ECG waveform recording and storage without superimposition scanning utilizing a device capable of producing a full miniaturized printout; includes recording, microprocessor-based analysis with report, physician review and interpretation
- J2175 – Meperidine injection

The Committee reviewed each CPT code description and requested additional information regarding 88150 to clarify if the code refers to specimen collection versus slide interpretation.

Motion: by P. McClanahan, seconded by T. Ashby to approve the following CPT codes for APRNs: 10061, 10080, 10081, 10121, 10140, 10180, 28190, 36415, 46600, 82670, 83001, 84443, 84460, 84702, 85651, 86308, 87177, 93230, J2175 and to defer action on 88150 until the Committee receives additional information regarding this code: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; D. Ford, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

**Haloperidol
(Haldol) IV:**

The Risk Manager/Quality Coordinator, Sabine Medical Center petitioned the Board regarding registered nurses administering medications by a route not approved by the FDA, specifically IV Haloperidol to treat delirium in the critical care patients. The research articles submitted by the petitioner were reviewed and discussed. Staff reported on information obtained from the FDA website regarding the off-labeled use of drugs, “Because people would like to receive all the latest information about a drug from the manufacturer, there has been a lot of debate about uses that are considered ‘off-label’ – not approved by CDER. Obviously, medical science doesn’t happen in spurts, but continuously. After a drug is put on the market, health professionals continuously experiment with new uses. We think that is appropriate and don’t want to restrict that kind of drug usage. But we don’t want manufacturers to promote these uses to consumers until they are proven safe and effective”. Staff also discussed off-label use of drugs with the Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; since there are no rules regarding off-label use of drugs, professional judgment must determine if there is enough evidence to administer a drug that is not in accordance with the manufacturers label. Information obtained from the *American Hospital Formulary Service*, 2004 regarding IV dosage of Haloperidol to treat delirium was distributed for review.

P. Gandy and K. Ford provided testimony to the Committee regarding physicians prescribing IV Haloperidol to treat delirium in critical care units. The Committee discussed the role and responsibility of the institution, specifically the hospital’s Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee to determine which off-label drugs would be approved in their institution. Registered nurses should be informed of the actions taken by the P&T Committee.

Motion: by T. Ashby, seconded by D. Olds that in accordance with R.S. 37:913(14)(e) it is within the authorized scope of practice for registered nurses to execute health care regimens as prescribed by licensed physicians, dentist, optometrists, or other authorized prescribers: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; D. Ford, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

Declaratory Statement:

4.2 Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of practice of the Registered Nurse in the Administration of Medication and Monitoring of Patients During the Levels of Sedation (Minimal, Moderate, Deep, and Anesthesia) as Defined Herein

Staff provided an update and reported that this agenda item will be considered by the Board at their meeting on October 27, 2004.

Analgesic Doses of Anesthetic Agents (SB 387):

5.2 A draft copy of the proposed changes to amend the Board's rules on Nursing Practice, LAC 46:XLVII.3703, was discussed; this item is on the agenda for the October 27, 2004 Board of Nursing meeting. It is the intent of staff to request the Board to approve the draft copy for distribution to the members of the Pain Management Task Force to elicit their comment(s). If there are no major changes in the content, the Board would go forth with promulgating the rules.

Radio Frequency Machine:

The Operating Room Manager, P & S Surgical Hospital petitioned the Board regarding the scope of practice of an RN delegating to a Radiologic Technologists the operation of a radio frequency machine. The petitioner was advised to attend the meeting and to provide additional information for review. The Committee had questions for the petitioner who was not in attendance.

Motion:

by T. Ashby, seconded by P. McClanahan to table the request until the petitioner can be present and provide additional information: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; D. Ford, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

On-Q Soaker Catheter:

The Clinical Educator, GYN/Oncology, Woman's Hospital petitioned the Board regarding an RN removing an On-Q Soaker Catheter. The petitioner was advised to attend the meeting and to provide additional information for review. The Committee had questions for the petitioner who was not in attendance.

Motion:

by T. Ashby, seconded by P. McClanahan to table the request until the petitioner can be present and provide additional information: T. Ashby, Yes; D. Olds, Yes; P. McClanahan, Yes; D. Ford, Yes; F. Rosenthal, Yes.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting of the Nursing Practice Committee adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Submitted: Pat Ladner, MN, RN Date:

Approved: Date:

