

Louisiana State Board of Nursing
APRN Task Force Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2010

Call to Order The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Task Force to establish a position paper on the NCSBN Consensus Model for APRN regulation, and revision of Chapter 45 of L.A.C. 46:XLVII, was called to order by Dr. Lucie Agosta, co-chair at 10:05 am in Salon A of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call

Task Force Members Present

Co-chair: Lucie Agosta, PhD, APRN

LA CANE private sector representative:

- Ann Cary, RN, PhD, Loyola University

LA CANE public sector representatives (Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education):

- Sandra Brown, APRN, PhD, Southern University
- Valarie Waldmeier, APRN, PhD, McNeese University

LANA representative (Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists):

- Marjorie Geisz Everson, APRN, CRNA

LANP representative (Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners):

- Sophia Thomas, APRN, FNP

LONE representative (Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives):

- Leslie Shaw Norman, PhD, RN, NEA-BC

LSNA representative (Louisiana State Nurses Association):

- Joe Ann Keeley Clark, Retired RN

CNS representative (Clinical Nurse Specialist):

- Florencetta Gibson, APRN, PhD

CNM representative (Certified Nurse Midwife):

- Gretchen Deeves, MSN, APRN

Task Force Member Excused

Co-chair: Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD

Non-voting Task Force Member Excused

Robert Bass, M.D., LSBN Ex-Officio Board member

Staff Present

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director

Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director of Credentialing & Practice

Ivon Blaine Sharp, RN Compliance Officer, Credentialing & Practice Dept.

Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education/Exam Licensure

Patrick Cantin, IT Analyst

Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst, Recorder

Laura Guillory, Licensing Analyst, Back-up Recorder

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Guests Present

Betty Richelle Smart, RN
James Michael Whittington, RN
Sherrie Tilley Eakin, RN
Elaina Suzanne Weil (Schexnayder), RN
Adrienne Diffey Vercher, RN
Deavon Cormier Peterson, RN

Review of Minutes The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 9, 2010 meeting.

Motion by F. Gibson, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 9, 2010 APRN Task Force minutes.

Vote Agosta – yes, Brown – yes, Cary – yes, Gibson – yes, Thomas – yes, Waldmeier – yes. Motion carried.

10:10 am Gretchen Deeves joined the meeting.

Reorder Agenda Lucie Agosta, Committee Chair, reordered the agenda.

Motion by A. Cary, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda.

Vote Agosta – yes, Brown – yes, Cary – yes, Gibson – yes, Thomas – yes, Waldmeier – yes. Motion carried.

New Business Presentation of Research Reports

LA CANE private sector representative (A. Cary) presented information from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) and research obtained regarding Nurse Practitioner (NP) programs.

LA CANE public sector representative (V. Waldmeier) presented information from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

LANP representative (S. Thomas) presented information from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB).

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LANA representative (D. Hardy) prepared the research report on the Council on Certification/Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (CCNA/AANA). The report was distributed during the committee meeting and presented by M. Everson who attended today's meeting for LANA. Executive Director (B. Morvant) asked if the LANA representative(s) could review the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) section §930. Anesthetics and provide feedback to the co-chairs on changes toward the APRN Consensus Model.

Old Business

Status of Research Assignments

Reports Pending Posting to Sharepoint Site & Presentation

Denise Danna – LSNA representative:

- **Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC)**

Status: Report pending

Report Updates Requested for Sharepoint Site

Denise Danna – LSNA representative:

- **American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Corporation (AACN)**

Committee requested an update of the report posted on Sharepoint. Please rename the last column 'Implications to Chapter 45', add curriculum hour requirements on the 3 P's where applicable, and provide information on the AACN position on 'Comprehensive Care' exam.

- **American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)**

Status AACN & ANCC:

Committee requested an update of the report posted on Sharepoint. Please rename the last column 'Implications to Chapter 45' and add curriculum hour requirements on the 3 P's where applicable.

Research Assignments

Completed, Presented and Available on Sharepoint Site

Ann Cary – LA CANE private sector representative:

- **National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF)**

Status: Report presented and posted to Sharepoint.

Valarie Waldmeier – LA CANE public sector representative:

- **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)**

Status: Report presented and posted to Sharepoint.

Sophia Thomas – LANP representative and Co-Chair Lucie Agosta:

- **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)**
Status: Report presented and posted to Sharepoint.
- **Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)**
Status: Report presented and posted to Sharepoint.

Darlene Hardy – LANA representative:

- **Council on Certification/Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (CCNA/AANA)**
Status: Ms. Hardy's research report was distributed and presented to committee by Ms. Marjorie Everson. Report posted to Sharepoint.

Sandra Brown – LA CANE public sector representative:

- **Masters and DNP Documents (AACN documents)**
Status: Completed and report posted to Sharepoint.

Deborah Ford – LONE representative:

- **DHH, CMS, Joint Commission, Magnet accreditation, Baldrige criteria**
Status: Completed and report posted to Sharepoint.

Florencetta Gibson, CNS representative:

- **National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS)**
Status: Research articles posted to Sharepoint. Chart/report provided by G. Deeves covered similar topics, separate report not needed.

Gretchen Deeves, CNM representative:

- **American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)**
Status: Completed and report posted to Sharepoint.
- **National Certification Corporation (NCC)**
Status: Completed and report posted to Sharepoint.

Demetrius Porche – Co-chair:

- **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**
Status: Completed and report posted to Sharepoint.
- **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)**
Status: Completed and report posted to Sharepoint.

On-going / Deferred Reports

NCSBN Position Paper – deferred until research is complete

Ann Cary – LA CANE private sector representative

Valarie Waldmeier – LA CANE public sector representative

Denise Danna – LSNA representative

Demetrius Porche – Co-chair

Lucie Agosta – Co-chair

Chapter 45 revision – deferred until research is complete

Demetrius Porche – Co-chair

Lucie Agosta – Co-chair

Margaret (Peggy) Griener – LSBN Director of Credentialing and Practice

Other Reports

NCSBN Consensus Model document

Co-chairs: Demetrius Porche and Lucie Agosta

Status: Initial Consensus Analysis report completed and posted to Sharepoint for consideration of Chapter 45 revisions.

New Business

Report on APRN Roundtable

Committee co-chair (L. Agosta) stated she attended the NCSBN APRN Roundtable meeting held on May 19, 2010 and reported the following:

- LSBN is further ahead than most States in pursuing the initiative regarding the NCSBN Consensus Document.
- Approximately eight (8) States have established Task Forces.
- Hawaii has already passed legislation following the Consensus Document recommendations.
- Report by the J. Macy foundation entitled *'Who Will Provide Primary Care and How Will They Be Trained'* was discussed and is supportive of the initiative for APRNs.
- Another report was reviewed which explained that all healthcare providers had a legally defined 'scope of practice' except physicians who tend to develop skills as necessary. The report stated that the AMA considers 'collaboration' as equaling supervision which is in contrast to the position that collaboration is a dynamic and overlapping function performed by all healthcare providers as a norm of regular practice.
- That APRN education programs in the 3 P's (Advanced Physical Health Assessment, Advanced Pharmacology, and Advanced Pathophysiology) not be limited to a specific population focus (such as pediatric or adult), but across patient lifespan.
- The following suggestions were offered for State BONs to consider during their planning for effecting changes toward the NCSBN Consensus Model for APRNs:
 - Have a consistent message.
 - Do not further confuse the consumer. The definition of a 'nurse' is already somewhat confusing to the public. BONs are still working on nursing education needed to prepare a registered nurse. They stressed that BONs should be on the same page.
 - Develop a 'White Paper' that is simple and short with bullet points.

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- In providing information to the public, the ‘White Paper’ should be provided as the official BON response and avoid providing individual interpretations.
 - Know the opposition. In developing a position on the Consensus Model initiative, it’s unavoidable that some opposition will arise. They stressed that progress will be incremental and on some issues many take several years to accomplish.
 - Develop a grass roots effort to support the BONs initiatives. This may take several years and involve the support and participation of many of our nursing organizations and other healthcare organizations.
- AARP is in support of APRN education and could provide assistance to the grass roots effort to support the initiative.

Co-chairs (L. Agosta and D. Porche) plan to meet with the Ex-officio Board Members (W. LaCorte and R. Bass) who are both licensed physicians and discuss the issues related to the APRN Consensus Model and on-going Task Force for feedback.

Co-chair (L. Agosta) stated that APRNs with collaborating physicians feel they have the support of their physicians regarding making changes to Chapter 45 to do away with the current prescriptive authority application process and that they also consider the paperwork tedious. Co-chairs are planning on working with the Nursing Research Center to develop a survey for collaborating physicians so that feedback can be obtained from them directly. Once the data from the survey has been collected, co-chairs plan to have various meetings and/or discussions with representatives from several sectors/organizations to review the survey findings and proposed APRN changes, such as:

- Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
- Louisiana Medical Society
- Legislative sponsors and lobbyists
- Non-nursing organizations/groups such as: LAMMICO, Louisiana Nursing Home Association, Podiatrists organization, AARP, etc that could offer support to the grass roots effort of the initiative.

Teleconference with NCSBN

A teleconference was held at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing office with NCSBN representative (Nancy Chornick) to review the comparison of the APRN Consensus Model to the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act (NPA) and Chapter 45 of the Rules and Regulations for LSBN. Present for the teleconference was:

Deborah D. Olds, MS, RN, LSBN President
Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD, FNP, Committee Co-chair
Lucie J. Agosta, PhD, APRN, CNS, ANP, FNP, Committee Co-chair
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A summary of the recommendations of the NCSBN representative (N. Chornick) during the teleconference was distributed. Some of the recommendations would require a change of statutes and/or rules and regulations, including:

- Remove specialty APRN licensure (such as oncology) and limit APRN licensures to one of the four (4) AP roles and population focus.
- Remove non-certified mechanisms for licensure, such as commensurate requirements.
- Eliminate temporary permits for initial AP licensure.
- Eliminate the 6 CE hours of pharmacology requirement for annual renewal.
- Educational programs for advance practice would be approved by appropriate accreditation body instead of the Board and require pre-approval before acceptance of students.
- Independent and non-supervised collaborative practice.

Update of NCSBN Comparison Chart

Chart showing NCSBN Model Rules and a comparison to current LSBN Nurse Practice Act (NPA) and Chapter 45 rules and regulations is available for viewing by committee members at Sharepoint. A decision is pending on how each committee member's recommendation to either NPA and/or Chapter 45 will be recorded. To avoid duplicity, it was suggested at a prior meeting that committee members would route their recommendations to the task force co-chairs who would consolidate feedback and have an updated chart posted to the Sharepoint site for committee members to review of further suggestions.

Next Meeting

The Task Force meeting tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2010 was cancelled. Co-chairs will be working to consolidate the various research documentation obtained by the members in order to start preparing drafts. Committee members will be contacted when another meeting is scheduled in the future.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Barbara L. Morvant, M.N., R.N.

Submitted by:

Barbara L. Morvant, Executive Director

Approved 8/25/2010