

**Credentialing Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2003**

- Call to Order** The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Credentialing Committee was called to order by Karen Moody, Chair, at 9:12 a.m. on October 15, 2003, in the Board meeting room, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Ste 601, Metairie, LA.
- Roll Call**
- Committee Members Excused**  
Tommie Ashby, BSN, RN
- Committee Members Present**  
Karen Moody, PhD, RNC, Chair  
Deborah Olds, RN
- Board Members Present**  
Patsy McClanahan, MSN, RDMS, RNCNP (Board President)  
Deborah Ford, RN, CNA
- Staff Present**  
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director (arrived 9:30 a.m.)  
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Credentialing Director  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, Credentialing Manager  
Charlann Kable, BSBA, Licensing Analyst
- Guests** Gwendolyn George, LANP  
Brenda Owens
- Motion** by D. Olds, seconded, that the chair be allowed to reorder the agenda, moving item 5.2 (Executive Session) to last on the agenda.
- Vote** Ford – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.
- Review of September 10, 2003 Minutes** The Committee reviewed the September 10, 2003 Credentialing Committee minutes.
- Motion** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the September 10, 2003 Credentialing Committee.
- Vote** Ford – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.
- Proposed Controlled Substances Guidelines** The Committee reviewed the proposed Controlled Substances Guidelines. P. McClanahan commended Margaret Griener for having the guidelines ready for this meeting. The Committee approved the guidelines for submission to the full Board. Upon approval by the full Board, M. Griener will be able to use these guidelines to grant approval to two individuals whose requests were previously deferred by the committee.
- Motion** by D. Olds, seconded, that the Committee accept the proposed controlled substances guidelines and forward to the full Board of approval.
- Vote** Ford – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.

**Review of  
Credentialing for  
Community Health  
Clinic Specialists**

The individual who initially requested the review was not prepared to come before the committee at this time so M. Griener gave a general report on the situation. The RN staff reviewed the credentials of all Clinical Health Specialists (CNS) with prescriptive authority to assure they met the criteria. The Committee discussed what the CNS's in Community Health Nursing are prepared as APRN's to do and if granting prescriptive authority is appropriate. B. Morvant gave the Committee some historical perspective on why the prescriptive authority rules were written as they were. The Committee determined there were three things that needed to be done relative to this discussion.

- 1) The Board should look into educating the schools as to what is required from their master's programs to make their graduates eligible for prescriptive authority.
- 2) Rules need to be more detailed as to what is required to be granted prescriptive authority.
- 3) Rules for educational programs as to what they need to cover so new students will know if a program meets the requirements before entering the program.

It was noted that while the Board may grant an APRN prescriptive authority, the Federal government regulations (Medicare, DEA, etc) grant no flexibility in that in some settings, e.g. Rural Health Clinics, only Nurse Practitioners may be allowed to practice

The Committee suggested that E. Tate, Credentialing Director, might want to schedule visits during 2004 with master's programs to educate them about this issue. D. Ford also suggested a panel consisting of deans from nursing schools that offer CNS masters programs should be involved in a review of the rules.

**Motion**

by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Committee go into Executive Session to review a request regarding an exception to the Prescriptive Authority rules. It was requested by Brenda Owens that staff and guest, Gwendolyn George be allowed to stay.

**Vote**

Ford – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.

Brenda Owens addressed the Committee. Upon completion of her presentation, staff and guests were asked to leave the room so the Committee could deliberate in Executive Session.

**Motion**

by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Committee come out of Executive Session.

**Vote**

Ford – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.

**Motion**

by D. Olds, seconded, that the Committee uphold the denial for exception to LAC 46:XLVII.4513.C.5.i(c). Furthermore, upon completion of 500 hours with her present collaborative physician, Brenda Owens be granted prescriptive authority for CS schedules II, IV & V and further direct staff when drafting the new rules for

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prescriptive authority for controlled substance, consider possible changes in the requirements of 500 additional hours for controlled substances.

**Vote** Ford – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.

Ms. Owens requested an explanation of the denial. K. Moody explained that the Committee had to follow the rules as they are currently written but that the Committee would be reviewing the rules for possible changes in the future.

**Announcements** M. Greiner distributed handouts related to controlled substances. She also advised that she has begun research on the Prescriptive Authority rules and regulations in other states.

**Motion** by D. Olds to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote** Ford – yes, McClanahan – yes, Olds – yes; Motion carried.

**Adjournment** The Committee adjourned

**Submitted by:**

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**Margaret Griener, Credentialing Manager**