

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
17373 PERKINS ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70810**

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2014 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by D. Porche, President, on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD, FNP, President
Jolie Harris, MSN, RN, Vice-President
Patricia Prechter, ED, MSN, RN, Alternate Officer
Lucie Agosta, PhD, RNC,
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE
Nancy Davis, MN, RN, NE-BC
Patricia Johnson, MN, RN, CNA, DNP
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN
Juzar Ali, M.D., Ex-Officio Member
William LaCorte, M.D., Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, NEA-BC, Executive Director
Jennifer Alleman, APRN, FNP-BC, Director, Advanced Practice
Cynthia York, MSN, CGRN, RN, Director, RN Practice and
Credentialing
Cynthia T. Bienemy, Ph.D, RN, Director of Nursing Workforce Center
E. Wade Shows, JD, Board Attorney
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Administrative Program Director
Marcia Carter, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: by N. Davis, seconded, to adopt the Agenda with the privilege of rearranging items for efficiency.

Dr. Lyon requested that the Compact Task Force be added to the Agenda under Unfinished Business. And the Election of Officers for 2015 be added to the Agenda under Other Business

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr . Porche reported that there are no formal bylaws for officers of the Board, nor are there any defined roles and responsibilities. The Executive Director and the President are presently addressing the matter.

Forms were passed out to Board members on which they could nominate someone for office. A vote will be taken for the respective officers. Three Board members need to be identified for President, Vice President, and Alternate Officer.

Dr. Agosta asked for clarity regarding defining eligibility. Dr. Porche stated that since there are no bylaws, there is no defining eligibility.

Dr. Johnson is rotating off the Board without the ability to be reappointed, as she has served two terms so she and the two ex officio MD members are the only Board members not eligible for nomination to an officer position.

EDUCATION/EXAMINATION ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 1.1

NCLEX Report – January to October

Dr. Lyon presented the Education Items

The summary and background are attached

The following programs reflect less than 80% pass rate for first time takers.

Dillard University, 62.54%

Grambling University, 75 .93%

McNeese State University, 77.08%

Our Lady of the Lake College, Associates Science in Nursing (program is being phased out), 43.64%

Southern University Shreveport, 75.51%

Southern University Baton Rouge, 75.45%

Discussion ensued

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the NCLEX Pass Rate Report for the first through third quarters for 2013

Voice Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-

yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 1.2

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGE – ADDITION OF ADULT GERONTOLOGY PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

A summary and background were made available to Board members

Dr. Dana Clawson, Connie Mott, and Theresa Kevel were present for comments

Jennifer Alleman brought forth the Agenda Item

Summary/Background was made available to Board members on Mindtouch

Northwestern is applying for a major curriculum change to add a role and population to their APRN Program currently being offered. The program is Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP).

LSBN staff instructed Dr. Clawson that the addition of role/population is a major curriculum change to be approved by the Board four months prior to initiation of the program.

Ms. Alleman emphasized that, initially, Northwestern didn't have all the faculty qualifications, but have been very cooperative and expeditious in providing all information needed.

Staff has reviewed the curriculum plans and everything required. The packet is complete.

Ms. Kevel reported what her students are doing as Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners, at the Martin Luther King Nurse Practitioner Managed Clinic.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board approve the major curriculum change at Northwestern State University to include the role and population of Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP).

Dr. Lyon thanked Dr. Clawson for making the Board aware of the situation and requesting the matter go before the Board, and then sending all documentation necessary to Board staff in an expeditious manner.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 1.3

Dillard University - Unplanned Substantive Change Report Follow Up

Dr. Lyon brought forth this Agenda Item

The Summary and Background information is attached

At the February 2014 Board Meeting, Dillard University was placed on conditional approval for failure to meet 80% benchmark for NCLEX scores, first time testers.

At the August 2014 Board meeting, NCLEX scores were presented and a response was put forth by Dillard University Administration. Response included results of Unplanned Substantive Change Report required by ACEN after the conditional approval was granted. Substantive Change Report response reflected in the following areas of concern for ACEN:

1. NCLEX pass rates mean for 3 years is 73.5% and therefore out of compliance with Standard 6
2. Reduced number of full time faculty
3. Curriculum revisions to be implemented in Fall 2014
4. Systematic Evaluation Plan does not include outcomes and graduate competencies, no specific measures of achievement identified, no specific frequencies of assessment, and a minimum of three years' data for each component not provided
5. Change in Administration Planned Substantive Report not sent per policy #14

Follow-up report from August 17, 2014 is attached as follows:

1. Currently 8 full time faculty and 9 full time adjunct. No exceptions.
2. Curriculum changes were identified in letter as minor. A CORE course was deleted and a Nursing Course on Informatics was the substitute. No information was provided to LSBN for acknowledgement of minor changes.
3. Systematic Plan of evaluation has data that cannot be interpreted and trended. Course Evaluations revised to capture data.

The Board accepted the Substantive Change Report. The Board further instructed Dillard University to submit the ACEN letter requesting clarification and to present a response at the October Board Meeting.

At the October 2014 Board meeting, the ACEN letter requesting clarification and subsequent response by Dillard University was presented and reviewed. Dillard University had not received notification of acceptance of clarifications. The Board deferred acceptance of addendum of clarifications until such time that ACEN had provided Dillard University with the acceptance of clarification and movement to Board of Commissions for review.

On November 20, 2014, LSBN staff contacted Dillard University regarding status of report.

Dillard University received notification from ACEN regarding clarification submitted. Dillard University mailed copy to LSBN on November 19, 2014. Staff requested and received electronic copy.

ACEN identified the following:

Faculty numbers and credentials

- 7 full time faculty (all mastered prepared, 4 hold doctorate degrees)
- 1 nurse administrator not included in FT faculty by ACEN
- 4 part time faculty (all have doctoral degrees)

Curriculum Changes were determined minor

3 credit foreign language requirement was eliminated and replaced by a Nursing Informatics class (N376)

Length of program not impacted

Systematic Plan of Evaluation

Faculty verifying congruency of the assessment methods and expected levels of achievement to ensure the assessment methods provide meaningful data to improve decision-making.

Organization structure proposed changes

Not implemented until October 2014
School of Nursing is within the Colleges of Arts and Sciences

RN-BSN Program

Will be modified in Summer 2014
Substantive report will be submitted (required to be 4 months prior to implementation)

The Addendum of clarification was included with original report to the ACEN Board of Commissioners Subcommittee on Substantive Changes at their meeting in October 2014. On December 3, 2014, LSBN staff received ACEN Board of Commissioner Report identifying the need for a Site Visit in Spring 2015.

Dr. Hutchinson reported she had spoken to Dr. Georgia Vest, who requested that she email three possible dates to ACEN. They have not sent out their final date as of yet. Dr. Hutchinson stated once she receives written notification, she will forward that to the Board.

Discussion ensued

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Addendum Report submitted by Dillard University and that the Board will expect further information regarding the focus visit.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

AGENDA ITEM 1.4

Education Announcements

Dr. Lyon stated these announcements were administrative changes and were made available to Board members

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 1.5

Request to Reconsider Nurse Practice Opinion NPOP 94.15 Rendered September 1, 1994 and upheld on October 6, 2009 (NPOP 09.04)

Ms. York received a practice petition from Dr. Anna Cazes, Vice President of Patient Care Services, and Chief Nursing Officer at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center, requesting that the Board revisit a couple of old practice opinions. They are currently available online and they are related to RN scope of practice in inserting Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter lines into the external jugular vein.

In the current practice opinions, the Board indicated it was in the scope of practice for an RN to insert an external jugular catheter into a vein, but it requires an x-ray prior to use.

It's the petitioner's position that waiting for an x-ray of a peripheral line in an emergency situation is not the best standard of practice.

In conducting research, it was noted that the Infusion Nurses Society standards actually define two types of PICC lines: an External Jugular Peripheral Intravenous Catheter (EJ PIV) and an External Jugular Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (EJ PICC).

Ms. York stated she thinks the confusion is with the current practice opinions, in that the opinions state it's within the scope of practice to insert an external jugular catheter, but that an x-ray is needed prior to use. The opinions do not clarify which EJ catheter insertion requires an x-ray, EJ PIV versus EJ PICC.

Board staff is proposing that the board issue a new advisory opinion that separates out EJ PIV versus EJ PICC to provide clarification. Ms. York provided Board members with a recommendation and an alternate recommendation.

Discussion ensued

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept Recommendation Number 1:

That it within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse (in a life threatening situation) to insert an External Jugular Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (EJ PICC). A radiographic verification of the placement is required prior to initiation of therapy via EJ PICCs. Said Registered Nurse must have successfully completed a minimum of eight (8) contact hours of formalized education and practice in the technique.

The educational program shall be approved by the LSBN and/or ANCC. EJ PICCs are defined as catheters placed through the external jugular vein and advanced into position where the distal tip dwells in the lower one-third of the superior vena cava to the junction of the superior vena cava and the right atrium.

Additionally, it is within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse (in a life threatening situation) to insert an External Jugular Peripheral Intravenous Catheters (EJ PIVs). Said Registered Nurse must have successfully completed a minimum of eight (8) contact hours of formalized education and practice in the technique. EJ PIV catheters are defined as peripheral catheters placed in the external jugular vein.

That the prior nursing opinions NPOP 94.15 and NPOP 09.04 dated September 1, 1994 and October 6, 2009 respectively, be removed from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing website.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 5.2

Request for Rule Change: To Allow Unlicensed Personnel to Administer Vaccines

Ms. Alleman stated this was a request for an advisory opinion from the Board which was received September 1, 2014.

Clinical Transformation and Informatics with Ochsner Health System are requesting a rule change. Ochsner Health System has clinics where they would like for unlicensed assisted personnel, specifically credentialed medical assistants, to administer vaccines to pediatric patients. LSBN rules specifically prohibit medication administration by unlicensed personnel. §3703 considers it a complex task.

Ann Lockhart, Assistant Vice President of Nursing Ochsner Health Care System, and Dawn Pevey, Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Operating Officer Ochsner Health Care System, Baton Rouge, were present for comment

Discussion ensued

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board defer action regarding the petitioner's request for a rule change; and create and authorize an ad hoc committee consisting of select LSBN's Board members and LSBN staff to discuss and review matters related to the delegation of medication administration to unlicensed personnel with consideration to engage other stakeholders if needed.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

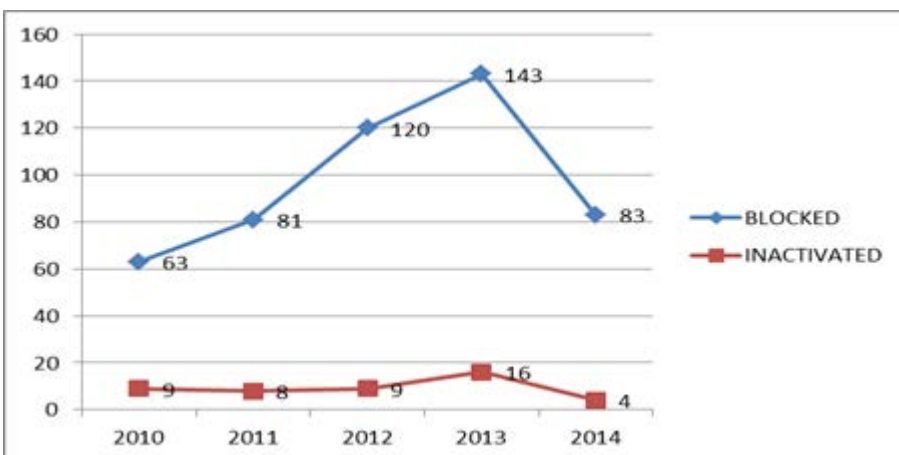
N. Davis, L. Agosta, and J. Harris requested to be on that ad hoc committee

AGENDA ITEM 6.1

Credentialing Department Report – Block of License Renewal Due to Student Loan Default

During the October 15, 2014 meeting, Board members requested trending information relative to Louisiana R.S. 38:2951 which requires LSBN to block any nurse from renewing their Louisiana RN license(s) if they are in student loan default.

Board staff reviewed and analyzed data retrieved from LSBN’s annual report for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 relative to licensees with defaulted student loans. Ms. York reported the following information:



Ms. York reported the data will be available mid February for the 2015 renewal season.

Dr. Prechter requested this report be made available once a year to Board members

Discussion ensued

ITEM 12.1

RNs Work Hours and Safety Issues

Dr. Porche expressed some concerns regarding safety issues and shift work with nurses. There have been some phone calls to the Board regarding primarily neonatal nurse practitioners and other nurse practitioners who are working extended hours in the hospital, basically working 24 hours and going to another place of employment. There is no one regulating these nurses. Each institution respectively does not know that that individual just worked a 16 or 24 hour shift in another institution. Dr. Porche asked Board members whether or not this is something that they should address regarding these concerns.

Discussion ensued

Motion: P. Prechter, seconded, to direct Board staff to begin doing an investigation and provide that information to the Board so they can begin formulating a draft declaratory statement for the Board to react to.

Discussion ensued

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 7.1
FY 2015 Amended Budget and FY 2016 Annual Budget

Ms. Brown reported that the proposed amended FY2015 budget reflects a 20.32% increase in the originally budgeted revenues and a 20.41% decrease in originally budgeted expenditures. The principle changes in anticipated revenue are primarily due to fee increases that just have passed for the nurses and the APRNs. The anticipated expenditures reflect decreases in the building addition/renovation capital outlay project and insurance expenses, with slight increases in payroll expenses due to LSBN pro-rata share of funding the operations of State Civil Service and the CPTP program. Another large expenditure is in the retirement area, contributing 37% into each employee's retirement.

The proposed amended FY2015 budget reflects an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$303,976 compared to the original budget which reflected a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$2,823,102.

Discussion ensued

Motion: by N. Davis, seconded, that the Board approve the FY2015 Amended Annual Budget.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

FYE 6/30/16

In preparing the proposed FY2016 annual budget, management took into consideration LSBN's year-to-date actual revenues and expenses through 10/31/2014. Key assumptions for revenue and expenditures are provided in the following:

Most revenue line items reflect no change from the FY 2015 budget. However, proposed

revenues from RN and APRN renewal processes reflect a 3% increase due to an anticipated increase in the number of nurses that will renew.

Most expense line items reflect no change from the FY 2015 budget. Payroll and payroll related expenditures assume that all vacancies will be filled. Payroll expenditures also include a 4% merit increase for eligible staff.

It is anticipated that LSBN will expend \$150,000 in FY 2015 for the building addition. The difference of the \$2,050,000 has been placed into the FY 2016 budget in anticipation of the construction phase of the project.

Discussion ensued

Ms. Harris expressed concerns regarding approving a negative budget for 2016. Ms. Brown stated she could modify how they present the financial statements. They are not going to collect enough to cover the deficit, but in an overall balance sheet for the entire agency, the Board will see the movement of the assets to cover this component. The difference is that the construction project is a capital improvement and not part of the regular annual operations budget. As LSBN draws down from investment funds for the capital improvement project, the funds are transferred in to the operations budget to cover those costs so, in reality, there is no actual deficit.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to approve the proposed FY2016 Annual Budget with revisions.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 7.2
Act 796 of the 2014 Regular Session

Ms. Brown and Dr. Lyon have reviewed three candidates to fill the position vacated by Celia Cangelosi. Based on those interviews, Dr. Lyon has selected Mr. Rutledge with Rutledge Law Firm, LCC.

Based on the requirements of Act 796, this requires a Board resolution to be able to move forward with the contract.

Discussion ensued

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept and approve LSBN Board Resolution for contract with Rutledge Law Firm, LLC

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director's Report was made available to Board members

Dr. Lyon introduced their newest staff member, Janell Soileau, RN, BSN. Ms. Soileau has over five years of experience in mental health and the substance abuse field. She will be a compliance officer in the RNP and Monitoring Department.

It was announced that Jennifer Alleman will be the new Director of the Advanced Practice Department.

Dr. Lyon reported that Ms. Karen Haith has accepted the position of General Counsel.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

A letter was distributed to Board members addressed to Dr. Porche on SEDASYS stationary, and also a guidance report from an ad hoc committee on SEDASYS for the Board's review.

Dr. Porche met with individuals to discuss Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing. A representative from SEDASYS was also present and wanted to educate Dr. Porche on SEDASYS and the new equipment to assist with monitoring mild to moderate sedation. SEDASYS would like for the Board to revisit all their positions on the scope of practice around monitoring mild to moderate sedation using this particular SEDASYS system.

Dr. Lyon has met with these individuals and referred them to LANA and are waiting for LANA's official opinion.

Ms. York reported they have been in contact with individuals who are representatives of the company that manufactures the SEDASYS equipment. For clarification, one of the big components is that it's not a typical sedation that a Registered Nurse would administer for moderate or deep sedation. It is the administration of an anesthetic agent which is in direct conflict with the Nurse Practice Act. Board staff are waiting for an official opinion from LANA. Ms. York further stated that utilization of the equipment is not a scope of practice question, but rather a topic that should be addressed by institutional policy.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Porche, Dr. Lyon, and Dr. Agosta were invited to meet with the LSBME to discuss the rules and regulations that they were in the process of promulgating. After promulgation of the rules and a Public Hearing, LSBN was invited to a subsequent meeting.

The meeting consisted of them wanting to further hear explanations regarding LSBN's stance on where there are concerns. They agreed to work on a joint position statement on collaboration, and what collaboration actually means for the collaborating physician agreement with APRNs, and one on opiates and amphetamine usage in relationship to the huge concern of

the over-prescription of controlled substances in the state and where they can work together with both physicians and APRNs on a prescribing pattern.

Dr. Lyon read an email from Dr. Dawson to Board members.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

October 2014 Financial Report

The October 2014 Financial Report was made available to Board members

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, to accept the President, Vice President and Executive Director's Report.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ED Evaluation Process

Ms. Harris reported that the subgroup had a conference call and reviewed the documents provided by Dr. Lyon. A draft for the document to be considered was submitted to Board members yesterday for their review.

Bylaws Revision Task Force: Tentative Chair: Nancy Davis, Dr. Laura Bonanno and Tim Cotita LSBN Staff: Isonel Brown and Jennifer Alleman

Ms. Davis reported she has agreed to chair the Task Force. They will have their first meeting after Christmas.

3331 Revisions: Chair: Dr. Sue Westbrook, Dr. Demetrius Porche and Dr. Patricia Prechter LSBN Staff Dr. Karen Lyon and Rickie Callegan, Legal Counsel: Wade Shows

Dr. Westbrook has agreed to chair this Task Force. They will meet after the 1st of the year.

Chapter 35 Task Force completed their work on October 31, 2014. Patricia Dufrene will present to the Board

Dr. Prechter requested the committee see the final draft before coming before the Board.

Compact Task Force - Dr. Demetrius Porche-chair, Dr. Patricia Pletcher, Ms. Nancy Davis and Mr. Tim Cotita LSBN Staff: Dr. Karen Lyon, Ms. Cynthia York and Ms. Barbara McGill

Dr. Porche has agreed to chair this Task Force. They will be meeting after the 1st of the year.

Regarding the Executive Director's Evaluation, Dr. Lyon requested, in terms of the 360, that at least some of the other staff also be identified and asked for their feedback. Also, if there are changes in compensation, that it would be made retroactive to her anniversary date of December 16th.

CENTER FOR NURSING

An update for the Center for Nursing was submitted to Board members. There is no action being requested from the Board.

The Center for Nursing staff are continuing work on the 2014 Employer's Survey.

The LCN staff is also working closely with P. Dufrene in Education in terms of extracting data from the Schools of Nursing annual reports. They recently reviewed all of the annual reports from the Schools of Nursing and participated in requesting clarification on terms that are needed for the Nursing Education Capacity Report.

The Louisiana Action Coalition is sponsoring The Future of Healthcare in Louisiana Summit which will be held on January 21st at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center in Baton Rouge. The Summit is being funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Rapides Foundation and will bring together APRNs, physicians, physician assistants, RNs, policy makers, and other interested stakeholders to discuss how they can work together on common issues to improve health care. Dr. Lyon is serving as the lead for the LAC Summit workgroup.

Dr. Prechter commented that the annual reports for the Schools of Nursing need to be reworked and offered her assistance.

Dr. Bienemy stated that she would share Dr. Prechter's concerns with Ms. Dufrene and she also stated that there had been discussions a few years ago related to placing the School of Nursing annual report online and perhaps now may be a good time to renew those discussions.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion: N. Davis, seconded, that the Board accept the Minutes from the October 15, 2014 Board Meeting

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

Reading of the Minutes:

P. Prechter was appointed for the reading of the December 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA ITEM 4.1

Travel /Regulations for the State of Louisiana

All state agencies are now required to use the state’s Travel Reservation System. Dr. Lyon stated that some of the hotels which are listed would not be appropriate for Board members.

The Board has to comply with the Department of Administration and is making every effort to do so. Boards and Commissions are different from state agencies which receive funding. The Board is a completely self-funded Board and does not receive state money. Dr. Lyon is drafting a letter asking for an exemption to having to use that Reservation System and to be able to continue to make reservations within the policy of using state hotel rates.

Additionally, travel for the Board has been moved back into the Office of the Executive Director. M. Carter will be directly working with the Board going forward.

Discussion ensued

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2015

The President for 2015 will be Ms. N. Davis
The Vice President for 2015 will be Dr. Bonanno
The Alternate Officer for 2015 will be Dr. Prechter

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Johnson was recognized in appreciation for her service and contribution to the Nursing Profession and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for 2011 to 2014.

Dr. LaCorte was recognized in appreciation for his service and contribution to the Nursing Profession and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing as an Ex Officio Officer.

After completing her first term, Ms. Davis was recognized for her service and contribution to the nursing profession and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for 2011-2014.

AGENDA ITEM 13.1

Report on Litigation

Motion: by N. Davis, seconded, to go into Executive Session to hear the report on Litigation.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(The Board went into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.)

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to come out of Executive Session and go into Open

Session

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(The Board came out of Executive Session into Open Session at 11:15 a.m.)

Motion: by N. Davis, seconded, to adjourn

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; P. Johnson-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



DEMETRIUS PORCHE, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING