

Dr. Redding was present and informed the Board that both individuals have had teaching experiences at the diploma school level and at the baccalaureate level. She shared with the Board the recommendation from Villa Maria College, Erie, Pa.

Motion

by Mrs. Blankenbaker seconded and carried that the educational credentials of Miss Desai and Miss Patel be considered commensurate with the Masters in Nursing for the purpose of compliance with R.N. 2.073 (2), (b).

RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 12 NOON

RECONVENED AT 12:55 P.M.

Opinion Re: Execution
of Order of a
Podiatrist

Information relative to this agenda item was mailed to Board Members on August 20 and August 26, 1982.

Sister Lucie reported on the three phone calls, two of them from Board Members, received relative to this issue.

The Board's file on this matter was reviewed. Among the comments and observations made were the following:

1. Act 347 of the 1982 legislature provides for the admission of podiatric physicians to medical staff.
2. The 1982, J.C.A.H. standard relative to podiatrists remains essentially the same as the 1980, which standard provides dual responsibility for the care rendered, that is the attending podiatrist and a physician member of the medical staff.
3. Pharmacists fill prescriptions issued by podiatrists.
4. The Louisiana Podiatry Act provides that "in any podiatry surgery requiring general or spinal anesthesia, the anesthetic shall be administered by a physician anesthesiologist.
5. The recent action of the legislature to provide for staff privileges to the podiatrist is a clear indication that the Board must reconsider its interpretation of R.S. 37:913 (3), which authorizes registered nurses to execute "medical regimes as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist."
6. The intent of the Louisiana legislature is that podiatrists be allowed to practice within the scope of their education.
7. The Attorney General in his opinion 78-56 holds that "licensed podiatric physicians and surgeons" are "physicians" as that word is used in Section 13:03 of Bossier City's City Charter.
8. An individual or agency which obstructs the practice of the podiatrists is subject to being held liable for monetary damages or awards to said podiatrists.
9. Podiatrists have the legal right to prescribe medications.

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Motion

by Mrs. Blankenbaker seconded and carried that the Louisiana Board of Nursing recognize that executing medical regimes of podiatric physicians, licensed to practice in the State of Louisiana, is in keeping with R.S. 37:913 (3), (a).