

NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COUNCIL MINUTES

September 3, 2014

The Nursing Supply and Demand Council (Council) met on September 3, 2014, in the Board Conference of the Louisiana Board of Regents, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Fontenot called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Lynn Ansardi, LSBPNE
Jennifer Badeaux, LANA
Cynthia Bienemy, LSBN
Cindy Cobb, LANP
Lisa Deaton, LSNA
Laurie Fontenot, LCTCS
Laurie Hinrichs, LNHA
Clair Millet, OPH
Cheryl Taylor, LBNO
Mary Pat Thevenot, Designee, LHA
Larry Tremblay, Board of Regents

COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS ABSENT

LAICU
LACANE
LANO
LONE
SUBR

GUESTS

Kathy Hoyt, Board of Regents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 10, 2014, meeting were reviewed.

On motion of Cindy Cobb, seconded by Nathalie Walker, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fontenot announced that Marjorie Everson has rotated off the NSDC. Jennifer Badeaux will now represent LANA, both on the Council and on the Executive Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Fontenot presented the Consent Agenda for the Council's review.

On motion of Nathalie Walker, seconded by Lynn Ansardi, the council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Deaton announced that the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners posted their intent on August 20, 2014, to make changes to the regulations for physicians who are serving in a collaborative physician role with a nurse practitioner. LSNA, LANP, and perhaps others have sent letters requesting a public hearing.

Cindy Cobb outlined the issue, stating that currently, the Louisiana Board of Nurses instructs nurse practitioners regarding collaboration with a physician, which includes having the physician available electronically, phone, and email, for consulting. The Board of Medical Examiners has proposed requiring physicians to physically come in and review records, to be present in the clinic a certain number of hours per month, within a physical proximity of the practice and to have admitting privileges at a hospital.

An extensive discussion followed, of possible responses and follow-up from member organizations, collection of appropriate and useful data, with concern that compliance with the proposed regulations would most likely cause a number of nurse-practitioner-operated clinics to close, thus adversely affecting patient access and safety.

Lisa Deaton raised the issue of the Annual Report, to be discussed at the next NSDC meeting on December 3, 2014. Members were requested to be prepared to participate in the discussion. As well, a review and consideration of data submitted to the NSDC will be considered in this process.

The group agreed that a nurse residency program was a recurring issue worthy of further study.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MEETING DATES

Dates for upcoming meetings were announced: Wednesday, April 1, 2015; Wednesday, July 01, 2015, and Wednesday, October 07, 2015. Locations will be established for each meeting.

On motion of Claire Millet and seconded by Laurie Hinrichs, the NSDC adjourned at 10:51 a.m.