

# **NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COUNCIL MINUTES**

**June 6, 2014**

The Nursing Supply and Demand Council (Council) met on June 6, 2014, in the Board Conference of the Louisiana Board of Regents, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Fontenot called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cynthia Bienemy, LSBN  
Cindy Cobb, LANP  
Lisa Deaton, LSNA  
Rebecca Dowdy, LHA  
Marjorie Everson, LANA  
Laurie Fontenot, LCTCS  
Debbie Ford, LONE  
Laurie Hinrichs, LNHA  
Kiana Laugard, designee for LSBPNE  
Clair Millet, OPH  
Larry Tremblay, Board of Regents  
Ann Warner, designee for LACANE

## **COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS ABSENT**

Jennifer Beck, LAICU  
Rita Finn, LANO  
René Lewis, LSNO  
Margie Monroe, LPNA  
Janet Rami, SUBR  
Nathalie Walker, AORN

## **GUESTS**

Sharon Bate, Representing LBNO

Minutes from the March 6, 2014, meetings were reviewed. On motion of Clair Millet, seconded by Lisa Deaton, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes with editorial changes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Laurie Fontenot announced that she has been appointed chair of the Health Works Commission (HWC), and discussion ensued. In summary, the two chair positions are separate and apart, having no conflict. She will bring up the dual chairmanship at the next HWC meeting.

Laurie opened the discussion on the proper appointment of and communication with NSDC member designees. After discussion, it was concluded that, for purposes of continuity of meeting discussions and council actions, each member will appoint one designee. To update records, designee forms will be sent with the meeting minutes for member completion and emailed to Kathy Hoyt. It is the member's responsibility to forward all meeting information to the designee as well as inform the Chair of the designee's participation at the next meeting. Should neither the member nor the designee be able to attend a meeting, the member may send a representative for informational purposes, who will not be able to make motions or vote on the member's behalf.

Laurie reminded the council that, while council members are free to forward emails from other entities, emails should not be forwarded by the NSDC to prevent the appearance of either endorsement or opposition to any subject matter.

### **ACTION PLAN STRATEGIES 2013-2015**

This was tabled for later discussion.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

It was proposed by Marjorie Everson that the NSDC move to a consent agenda. Committee reports would be submitted to the council in advance of the meeting, with members responsible for reviewing the reports and being prepared to ask questions or raise issues. On motion of Marjorie Everson and seconded by Laurie Fontenot, this was passed.

Discussion followed regarding the adaptation of the roles and structures of the committees to better accommodate the changing issues and increased focus of the efforts of the NSDC. Discussion ensued on a variety of topics, including the shortage of nurse educators, varying financial support and contract options, Action Plan updating, and requesting funding from the HWC. Chair Fontenot will coordinate with Dr. Warner/LACANE regarding NSDC funding requests and administration, then report back to the Council. Dr. Warner can make the LACANE membership aware of the NSDC's interest in proposals for faculty tuition reimbursement and discussion of a standardized LPN-to-RN transition course. Chair Fontenot will also make available information regarding the current and successful structure of the LCTCS tuition reimbursement program.

To plan for requesting funding from the next HWC meeting, now scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the NSDC will have a special meeting on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the Board of Regents.

Lisa Deaton suggested that the following committee chairs and members have a conference call to review how to move forward with committee updates: Debra Ford, Marjorie Everson, Lisa Deaton, Kiana Laugard and Jennifer Beck.

### **Legislative Update**

Lisa Deaton reported on HB 396 / Act 238 which corrects the name of the Louisiana Council of periOperative Registered Nurses and removes the following defunct organizations from the membership of the NSDC: the Louisiana Alliance of Nursing Organizations and the Louisiana Practical Nurses Association, effective on the governor's signature.

At the request of NSDC member Nathalie Walker, AORN, Chair Fontenot announced that Jun 11<sup>th</sup> is National Time Out Day, where anyone involved in surgical procedures was reminded to take a “time out” for a safety check.

**Meeting Dates**

To allow preparation time for funding proposals to the HWC, the NSDC will have a special meeting on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the Board of Regents.

After discussion, it was agreed that a regular meeting schedule would be implemented, with the Council meeting on the first Wednesday of the first month of the quarter. Thus, the next meetings after July 10<sup>th</sup> will be on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Board of Regents, and Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Board of Nursing.

Lisa Deaton offered additional remarks regarding HB 1215 and the difficulties this could present nurse practitioners in the performance of their patient care and duties.

On motion of Marjorie Everson and seconded by Clair Millet, the NSDC adjourned at 12:15 p.m.