

NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 16, 2016

The Nursing Supply and Demand Council (NSDC) met on March 16, 2016, in Suite A-6 of the Louisiana State Nurses Association. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Fontenot called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Badeaux, LANA
Cynthia Bienemy, LSBN
Cindy Cobb, LANP
Lisa Deaton, LSNA
Andrea Ferguson, LSNO
Laurie Fontenot, LCTCS
Claire Millet, OPH
Cheryl Taylor, LBNO
Mike Thompson, LHA
Larry Tremblay, BoR
Ann Warner, LACANE

COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONS ABSENT

APRN
LAICU
LCPRN
LNHA
LONE
SUBR

GUESTS

Kathy Hoyt, BoR

Julie Prange, LSBPNE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed. There was a discussion of edits to the minutes. On motion of Claire Millet, seconded by Larry Tremblay, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes with the indicated edits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fontenot welcomed new member Andrea Ferguson, Louisiana School Nurses Organization, and asked her to please introduce herself to the Council.

Chair Fontenot announced her retirement and acceptance of another job with ATI (Assessment Technologies), serving as a Nurse Educator Integration Specialist. Council members extended their best wishes as well as regrets that she no longer would be serving as chair.

Cynthia Bienemy announced the March 29th Health Summit at Pennington and relayed meeting details. She also discussed the Louisiana Action Coalition and distributed handouts. Among the items discussed was finding a method of tracking of minority male students from enrollment to graduation. The data is fragmented and in different places, so organization of same is needed. Dr. Tremblay asked about how Louisiana compares with other states; Dr. Bienemy responded that Louisiana, while differing in various areas, was comparable with other states. Dr. Tremblay offered Board of Regents' assistance with data. A discussion followed regarding the tracking of trends and possible uses for data. Andrea Ferguson indicated the role of school nurses in advising students. Dr. Bienemy also expressed the desire for the continuation of the tuition reimbursement for minority students in nurse practitioner programs, presuming that funds would be available. Dr. Tremblay recommended planning as if funding would be available and see what transpires.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Cynthia Bienemy initiated a lengthy discussion regarding the updates to the annual report. There was review of CNA status, the changes in ASN and baccalaureate enrollment, nursing supply input from the state economist, and other items of interest. Dr. Bienemy recommended using the annual report as a basis for action planning. Dr. Tremblay said that if the nursing pipeline had leaks that could be examined, that would be helpful in addressing the issue. Cindy Cobb moved that the annual report be accepted; Claire Millet seconded, and the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Tremblay reiterated the information that Chair Fontenot would be taking a new position outside public education and thus leaving the Council. Chair Fontenot suggested that Vice Chair Cynthia Bienemy would step into the chair's position which concludes at the end of June, 2016. Dr. Tremblay moved that the current vice chair, Cynthia Bienemy, be appointed as chair on an interim basis for the balance of Laurie Fontenot's term which is scheduled to expire in June. The motion was seconded by Clair Millet and passed.

Cheryl Taylor shared that she was glad to see the Louisiana School Nurses Association representative there at the NSDC meeting. That organization has a grassroots involvement in so many areas, and thus the organization's input is so important.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING DATES

There will be a Doodle poll sent out to schedule the next meeting and a meeting place to be determined. Rita Finn at Louisiana Nursing Home Association volunteered that there was meeting space available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Larry Tremblay and seconded by Cindy Dobb, the meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.