

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

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2015 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 N. Davis, President, on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
Nancy Davis, MN, RN, NE-BC, President  
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, Vice President  
Patricia Prechter, ED, MSN, RN, Alternate Officer  
Lucie Agosta, PhD, RNC,  
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE  
Jolie Harris, MSN, RN  
Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD, FNP  
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN

The following Board member was not present:  
Patricia Johnson, MN, RN, CNA, DNP

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, Practice and Credentialing  
Cynthia T. Bienemy, Ph.D, RN, Director of Nursing Workforce Center  
Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education and Licensure  
Isonel Brown, Director of Operations  
Karen Haith, JD, General Counsel  
E. Wade Shows, JD, Board Attorney  
Marcia Carter, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director  
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Ms. Davis reported that a new process is being implemented today for some of the items on the agenda called the Consent Agenda. This information has been sent out to Board members in advance.

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 11.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Agosta recused herself from voting on Items 1.6.13 and 1.6.18

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

Motion Carried

Dr. Bonanno was appointed to read the Minutes of the February Board Meeting

**EDUCATION ISSUES**

**Agenda Item 2.1**

**University of Alabama Birmingham's Request for Major Curriculum Change**

P. Dufrene presented the Education Items.

The summary and background were presented

This program has come forth to have the Adult/Gerontology Dual Women's Health Nurse Practitioner role and population be added to their approval. The University of Alabama Birmingham was asked to return to respond to questions related to the geriatric curriculum. Ms. Dufrene received an email that they will not be present today due to the weather conditions.

It was verified that they do not have any students in line and have not admitted Louisiana students for that role and population until the approval is made.

**Motion:** by D. Porche, seconded, that this matter be deferred

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

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.2**

**Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing - Major Curriculum Change**

The summary and background were presented

**Motion:** by D. Porche, seconded, that the Board approve the major curriculum changes for the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing Program.

S. Westbrook and L. Agosta were recused

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

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.3**

**Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Louisiana Lafayette - BSN to DNP Major Curriculum Change**

The summary and background were presented

P. Dufrene recommended approval

Dr. Poirrier was present for comments

**Motion:** by D. Porche, seconded, that the Board approve the major curriculum change request from Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Louisiana Lafayette to collaboratively offer a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing to Doctorate of Nursing Practice for existing approved roles and populations.

Discussion ensued

L. Agosta was recused

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

Motion Carried

## **SCHOOLS OF NURSING 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **AGENDA ITEM 2.4.1**

#### **Dillard University's 2013 – 2014 Undergraduate Annual Report – BSN**

The summary and background were presented

The primary issue remains to be the NCLEX pass rate. This will be Dillard's second year of being placed on conditional approval.

Ms. Dufrene recommended approval.

**Motion:** by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Dillard University and continue on conditional approval for noncompliance with LAC46XIVII.3523B.

Discussion ensued

Dr. Prechter requested that Board staff assures that the approval status is clear on the website.

Sharon Hutchinson, Chair of Nursing, and Yolanda Page, Vice President for Academic Affairs, were present for comments and to any answer questions by the Board.

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

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.4.2**

**Fletcher Technical Community College – ASN**

The summary and background were presented

Ms. Dufrene expressed concerns that Fletcher has not yet received accreditation. A confirmed site visit is set for October 12 - 14, 2015 with ACEN.

Additional concerns were expressed by Ms. Dufrene concerning Fletcher's faculty. They have no full time faculty who are 100% dedicated to the program. Faculty were identified as having 25% of responsibility to the PN and 75% responsibility to the ASN. According to the rules, when a school initiates new program approval, they are to hire four full time faculty that are dedicated to the program. Ms. Dufrene has concerns regarding faculty designated as full time for the RN program who also are assigned to the LPN program.

Sonia Clark, Dean of Nursing, was present to address concerns.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Dufrene's recommendation would be to either defer to the April Board Meeting or to place them on conditional approval because of the faculty issue.

Discussion ensued.

S. Westbrook was recused from discussion and voting.

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the Annual Report of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program of Fletcher Technical Community College, and place them on conditional approval related to the lack of required full time faculty devoted 100% to the program.

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

Motion Carried

Dr. Lyon stated that the approval change to conditional must be put on Fletcher's website and advertised to the public.

**AGENDA ITEM 2.4.3**

**Grambling State University's School of Nursing 2013-2014 Undergraduate Annual Report**

The summary and background were presented.

Ms. Dufrene noted the concern with Grambling's NCLEX pass rates. For the Year 2014, it was 75.44%. Past pass rate data was provided to the Board.

The Rule states that a school has to have an 80% pass rate or be placed on conditional approval. A school cannot be on conditional approval for more than 3 consecutive years. The Board cannot grant conditional approval for a school or place on conditional approval for more than 3 consecutive years. After 3 years of Conditional Approval, the Board can restrict the program from admitting students. The next step would be involuntary termination.

Grambling has had three consecutive years of conditional approval. The Board made an exception to the Rule in 2014 by, giving them four years of conditional approval. With the annual results of NCLEX-RN testing for 2014, which became available to LSBN in early 2015, Grambling is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year of non-compliance with the NCLEX-RN passing standards.

Danita Potter, Associate Dean of Nursing, and Jane Guyden, Provost, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, were present for comment and to answer questions by Board members.

Winston Decuir, attorney for Grambling State University, requested that the following comments be put into the record: At the last Show Cause Hearing, there was a lengthy discussion regarding the following regulation: “After three consecutive years on conditional approval, a program shall not admit any students into the nursing sequence until the Board has determined that all standards have been met.” After the Show Cause hearing, an order was issued to Grambling. The Order stated Grambling was refused full approval, that Grambling is ordered/banned from admitting any further students into the Nursing Education Program. And the third order was that, “It is further ordered that the NCLEX pass rates for Grambling State University will continue to be monitored.” No further explanation was given. Mr. Decuir commented that Grambling did not receive a Show Cause Notice for today. Mr. Decuir’s position is that based on the order by the Board, the Board knew last fall that Grambling was not going to make 80%.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Davis stated the process for today is not a Show Cause Hearing but is part of the annual process of reviewing all the Annual Reports from all the schools in the state.

Ms. Dufrene stated that the Board looks at these annually as far as the calendar year for 2014. The pass rate the Board reviewed was through, September 30, 2014, the third quarter. The data for the third quarter was not received until January of 2015. The 2014 graduation class did not test until January 2015. Those results will not be available until the end of the quarter.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** by D. Porche, seconded, that the Board move for an involuntary termination with a Show Cause Order to show why the Board should not continue to move forward with the involuntary termination.

Discussion ensued.

**Revised Motion:**

By D. Porche, seconded, to accept the ANNUAL REPORT of Grambling State

University and to issue a Show Cause Order as to why the Board should not move to initiate involuntary termination of the Grambling University BSN program.

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

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.4.4**

**LSU Alexandria's School of Nursing 2013-2014 Undergraduate Annual Report**

Summary and background were presented.

Ms. Dufrene commented that in the data submitted by Alexandria's School of Nursing, it identified that they are on conditional approval from their accrediting body. This was not noted in the catalog or any information in the report.

Dr. Cormier, LSUA Department Chair, was present for comments and questions by the Board.

Dr. Cormier reported they had a site visit in the spring of 2014. They did receive full approval from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) but have a follow-up Report on Standard 6 related to evaluation.

Discussion ensued

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, that Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria and continue full approval.

P. Prechter stated the Board needs a copy of every report that is received from ACEN and also to clarify on the website they have full approval with conditions.

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

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.4.5**

**McNeese State University's School of Nursing 2013-2014 Undergraduate Annual Report**

Summary and Background were presented.

Ms. Dufrene recommended to accept the Annual Report of McNeese State University School and continue full approval for the Associate Degree but place the baccalaureate on conditional approval for the NCLEX pass rate of 77.08%.

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing programs at

McNeese State University and continue full approval of the associate degree program and place the baccalaureate degree program on conditional approval for non-compliance with LACXLVII.3523.B.

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

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.4.6**

**Our Lady of the Lake College's School of Nursing 2013 – 2014 Undergraduate Annual Report**

Summary and Background were presented.

Ms. Dufrene had no concerns for the baccalaureate but the NCLEX scores for the Associate were 41.94%, but they have officially graduated and tested all of their graduates.

Ms. Dufrene asked for acknowledgement of the former closure of the associate degree in nursing program.

R. Doyle, Academic Director of the Undergraduate Programs, was present for comments.

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORTS of the associate and baccalaureate degree in nursing programs at Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing, and continue full approval for the baccalaureate degree in nursing program and acknowledge closure of the associate degree in nursing program.

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

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.4.7**

**Southern University Baton Rouge's School of Nursing 2013 – 2014 Undergraduate Annual Report.**

Summary and background were presented.

Ms. Dufrene reported that Southern's pass rate was 72.23% for the year 2014 and recommended conditional approval.

J. Hill, Chair of the Undergraduate Nursing Program, was present for comments

Discussion ensued

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Southern University at

Baton Rouge and place them on conditional approval for noncompliance with LAC46XIVII.3523B.

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

Motion Carried

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2.4.8**

##### **Southern University at Shreveport School of Nursing**

Summary and Background were presented.

Ms. Dufrene recommended approval of Annual Report and place them on conditional approval. Their NCLEX pass rate for 2012 was 78.31%, 2013 was 86.8% and 2014 was 74%.

Discussion ensued

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the associate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Shreveport and place them on conditional approval for non-compliance with 3536.B.

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

Motion Carried

Dr. Prechter requested that Ms. Dufrene check their website to ensure that it is correct.

Discussion ensued

Dr. Porche requested that for every Board meeting that the Board have a primary source verification from the accreditation agency of every school in Louisiana related to their accreditation status and also have the notation of what that statement means from that respective accreditation agency.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2.4.9**

##### **William Carey University's School of Nursing 2013 – 2014 Undergraduate Annual Report**

Summary and background were presented.

Ms. Dufrene recommended to approval and to acknowledge the final closure of the program.

**Motion:** by, P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the ANNUAL REPORT of the baccalaureate degree in nursing program at William Carey University and acknowledge closure of Louisiana campus of nursing education program.



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

Motion Carried

(A break was taken at 10:19 a.m.)

**AGENDA ITEM 3.1**

**Walden University**

**Request for Discussion and Motion Regarding Distance Education Programs for APRNs with No Face to Face Faculty Site Visit**

Background and Summary attached

J. Alleman reported they had an applicant who applied for licensure as an APRN. After reviewing the application, it was noted that the transcripts were from an out of state school. After contacting the applicant, it came to light that the clinicals were not done in Louisiana. However, Walden University does not require faculty to perform a face-to-face site visit. In-state APRN programs have a faculty face-to-face visit. The check list which the Board uses for out of state schools does indicate that faculty retain the responsibility for the clinical evaluation to include an on-site evaluation. Staff is requesting that the Board consider the matter and give them some guidance and clarification as to how to address these issues.

The applicant, Jennifer Sterling, was present to request licensure and was queried by the Board.

Discussion ensued

**Motion:** by L. Agosta, seconded, to proceed with the licensure of Ms. Sterling

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

Motion Carried

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.1**

**Public Members on the Board**

Dr. Lyon reported there was discussion by the Bylaws Committee that LSBN is one of the only State Boards that does not have public members on the Board. The committee wanted to get feedback from Board members in regards to their feelings concerning pursuing public members as they rewrite their bylaws.

Discussion ensued

**AGENDA ITEM 4.2**

## **Strategic Objective D2: Conduct Stakeholder Analysis to Assess Alignment with LSBN Strategic Plan**

Dr. Lyon provided Board members a summary of Phase 1 and Phase 2 regarding how the Strategic Plan is progressing. Dr. Lyon is requesting feedback from the Board to conduct a stakeholder analysis to assess alignment of the Strategic Plan with stakeholders in the state.

Discussion ensued

### **AGENDA ITEM 4.3**

#### **Letter from Division of Administration**

Summary and Background were attached

On February 4, 2015, the Division of Administration was contacted regarding the possibility of board members using their personal charge cards to reserve rooms at the hotels of their choice at state rate and not use the HotelPlanner website. A letter from the Division of Administration was received denying the request.

Dr. Lyon stated that the hotel must be within HotelPlanner.com.

Discussion ensued

### **AGENDA ITEM 4.4**

#### **Letter from Grambling University**

Documents were attached for Board's review

Dr. Lyon reported this issue has been decided.

Discussion ensued

Dr. Potter and Dr. Warrick were present for comments

Discussion ensued

## **THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Ms. Davis provided Board members a copy of the book "The Non-Profit Board Answer Book" for their personal development and in order to make the Board more effective.

Ms. Davis commented that during Board hearings it has come to their attention how often respondents have financial issues with finding the money for treatment centers required by the Board. Dr. Lyon and Ms. Davis have discussed some possibilities for helping the nurses that are in that situation. The foundation that LSBN created was created to help nurses in a situation. Ms. Davis feels like this is something the Board can do to serve the nurses better.

Ms. Davis commented it was time for strategic planning. They will try to get this on Board members' calendars soon.

Ms. Davis stated she appreciated the feedback on the Executive Director's performance evaluation.

Ms. Davis also commented on the Bylaws Committee. They have met twice since the last Board meeting. The Committee is working on and developing a Board assessment tool for the Board to use. There was also discussion concerning the need for diversity among Board membership.

### **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

The Report was made available for Board members' review

Dr. Bonanno reported that the increase in revenue reflects the increase in licensure fees.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6.1**

##### **Audit Process Presentation**

Board members were given a folder containing information for the presentation

A verbal presentation was delivered by Isonel Brown, Director of Operations, on the audit process.

(A break was taken at this time)

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The report of the Executive Director was made available for Board members' review.

Dr. Lyon introduced and welcomed Karen Haith, General Counsel

Board members were given information regarding personnel changes as well as the vacancies that are currently in the agency.

Dr. Lyon received a letter from Dr. Mouton dated January 26, 2015 informing Senator Heitmeier and Representative Scott that LSBME is withdrawing their rulemaking effort relative to collaborative practice changes with APRNs. LSBN and LSBME are working together to publish a joint statement on what constitutes collaborative practice. Dr. Lyon and J. Alleman are heading up that team to try to put together some preliminary language and then get back together with LSBME on publicizing that as well as a joint statement on prescriptive practices for both physicians and APRNs in the state related to controlled substances.

Discussion ensued

**Motion:** by P. Prechter, seconded, to approve Agenda Items 4 and 5.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-

yes; J. Harris-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 7.1**

**Proposed Amendment to LSBN's Declaratory Statement (Adopted 1988): On the Registered Nurse Transporting Critically Ill Neonates**

Summary and background was attached

C. York reported that staff received a Petition from Dr. Susan Orlando, Program Director of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) Program at LSU School of Nursing. The petitioner requested that LSBN update their Declaratory Statement on Registered Nurses Transporting Critically Ill Neonates be revised and updated to incorporate current standards of practice from the specialty organization.

The Declaratory Statement was originally adopted in 1988 and last revised in 1996 to address the safety and complex needs of critically ill neonates being transported from one facility to another. Areas of concern were the shortage of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, variances among Louisiana hospitals regarding educational preparation, skills needed during transport, and a definition of the terms "stable" and "unstable." Also defined in the current Declaratory Statement are tasks that may be performed by the RN and the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner . It also outlines the expectations of the physician.

Staff also needs to take a look at that section to make sure that the revisions include information or direction that will allow nurses to practice to their full scope of authority.

Board staff has already reached out to several facilities across the state to garner the expertise needed to properly update the Declaratory Statement.

Ms. York has spoken with Dr. Orlando and she was in agreement with the creation of an ad hoc committee and is willing to participate.

*Board staff recommends that the Board:*

- A. defer action regarding the petitioner's request for revisions to the Declaratory Statement; and*
- B. create and authorize an ad hoc committee consisting of select LSBN Board members and LSBN staff to discuss and revise the Declaratory Statement on the Registered Nurse Transporting Critically Ill Neonates and to engage stakeholders as needed, including the Petitioner, Dr. Susan Orlando, as an expert in neonatal nursing practice.*

**Motion:** by D. Porche, seconded, to defer action regarding the petitioner's request for revisions to the Declaratory statement; and create and authorize an ad hoc committee consisting of select LSBN Board members and LSBN staff to discuss and revise the Declaratory Statement on the Registered Nurse Transporting Critically Ill Neonates and to engage stakeholders as needed, including the Petitioner, Dr. Susan Orlando, as an expert in

neonatal nursing practice.

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

Motion Carried

The ad hoc committee will consist of the following board members and staff: Lucy Agosta, Chair, Tim Cotita, Karen Lyon, Cynthia York and Jennifer Alleman

### **Compact Task Force**

Dr. Lyon reported the Compact Task Force is looking for a date to meet.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Disciplinary Rules Task Force - 3331 Revisions**

Dr. Westbrook will be chairing the 3331 Disciplinary Rules Task Force. There will be a conference call on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chapter 35 Task Force**

Dr. Prechter, Chair reported most of the work done, but Ms. Dufrene has collected additional comments. So they will have to schedule another meeting. The Task Force is trying to have it on the agenda for the April Board meeting.

Discussion ensued

### **COMPACT TASK FORCE**

Dr. Porche reported they are also looking for a date to meet.

Dr. Lyon stated once everyone has responded she will put the information out on behalf of Dr. Porche.

### **RN's WORK HOURS AND SAFETY ISSUES**

Dr. Porche reported they will be writing a Declaratory Statement on this issue. This is also something that was published in the ANA.

Discussion ensued

### **CENTER FOR NURSING**

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

A Summary and Background was provided to Board members

Dr. Bienemy reported that the Center for Nursing is currently working on the LSBN annual report. Their goal is to have it available for the April Board meeting.

The LSBN Center for Nursing serves as one of the co-leads for the Louisiana Action Coalition (LAC) along with AARP-LA and the Louisiana Nurses Foundation. LAC sponsored a summit entitled *The Future of Health Care Delivery in Louisiana* which took place on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza. Funding for the Summit was provided by the LAC SIP 1 grant by way of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Rapides Foundation. Dr. Lyon served as the lead for the summit planning workgroup. SSA Consulting Firm was hired to assist in organizing the Summit. The Summit served as a venue whereby physicians, physician assistants, APRNs, and RNs could begin to dialogue about opportunities for collaboration to improve access to high quality, cost-effective, patient-centered care for all Louisiana citizens. The Summit was a tremendous success. The speakers were phenomenal, attendance was excellent (at one point there were over 500 people on the waiting list).

The Louisiana Action Coalition was successful in acquiring a second State Implementation Program (SIP 3) grant in the amount of \$112,000. The focus of this grant will be on leadership in nursing and also on diversifying the nursing workforce. Out of the first SIP grant (SIP 1), the Louisiana Action Coalition produced the APRN Diversity Workforce Report. The Louisiana Action Coalition is in the process of planning a diversity think tank which should take place in August.

Ms. Davis commented that this year's Summit was excellent.

**AGENDA ITEM 13.1**  
**Report on Litigation**

**Motion:** by L. Bonanno, 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; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(The Board went into Executive Session at 12:46 p.m.)

**Motion:** by L. Agosta, 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; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(The Board came out of Executive Session into Open Session at 1:00 p.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; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



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**NANCY DAVIS, PRESIDENT**  
**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**