

**SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29210**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES –JANUARY 27, 2005

A regular meeting of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina was held on Thursday, January 27, 2005 in Room 108, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Public meeting notice was properly posted at the Board of Nursing Offices, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

PLACE OF
MEETING
& FOIA
COMPLIANCE

Sylvia A. Whiting, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2005. The mission of the Board was announced as follows: *The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.*

CALL TO ORDER

Sylvia Whiting, RN, PhD, CS, President Congressional District 1.....	Present
Suzanne White, RN, MN, FAAN, FCCM, CNAA, Vice- President Congressional District 4.....	Present
Brenda Martin, RNC, MN, CNAA. Secretary Congressional District 5.....	Absent
Carrie Houser James, RN, MSN Congressional District 6.....	Present
Mattie Jenkins, LPN Region I, Congressional District 1.....	Present
Rose Kearney-Nunnery, RN, PhD Congressional District 2.....	Absent
C. Lynn Lewis, RN, EdD, MHS Congressional District 3.....	Present
Debra Doria, LPN Region II, Congressional District 4	Present
James Rogers, Esquire Public Member.....	Present

BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT &
VOTING

Martha Summer Bursinger, RN, MSN, Administrator
Maggie S. Johnson, RN, Program Nurse Consultant-Practice
Nancy G. Murphy, RN, MSN, Program Nurse Consultant-Education
Judy C. Moore, Administrative Specialist - Education
David Christian, III, Program Coordinator – Licensure
Annette M. Disher, Program Coordinator – Licensure
Theresa Richardson, Administrative Assistant – Licensure
John W. Mayer, Administrative Assistant – Licensure
Michael L. Rowland, Administrative Assistant – Licensure
Dottie M. Buchanan, Administrative Assistant
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel

BOARD & LLR
STAFF PRESENT
FOR CERTAIN
AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda for the January 27, 2005 Board Meeting was presented to the Board for review and approval.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the January 27, 2005 Board Meeting agenda as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The following items were adopted on the consent agenda:

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA

- C1.1 School Nurse
- C1.2 Wall Street Journal Article--Medication Safety
- C1.3 Legislation
- C4.1 University of S.C. Upstate Associate Degree Nursing Program Closing
- C4.2 Correspondence from MUSC to NCSBN - 2004 NCLEX-RN Test Plan
- C4.3 Aiken Technical College - Proposal for Establishing an ADN Program
- C4.4 Francis Marion University - Proposal for Establishing a BSN Program
- C4.5 AACN -Clinical Nurse Leader Role -Draft Curriculum Framework & Comparison with Clinical Nurse Specialist Role
- C5.2 November 5, 2004 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Minutes
- C5.4 Waiver Submitted to Board of Medical Examiners
- C6.1 December 2, 2004 Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) Minutes
- C6.2 November 8, 2004 Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Minutes
- C6.3 Unlicensed Practice (Not Appearing)
- C6.4 Compliance Statistics
- C7.2 Ratification: Licensure Recommendations

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Agenda with the removal of items C3.1 Recovering Professionals Program Minutes; C5.1 Summary Statistics on Advanced Practice; C5.3 Nursing Practice and Standards Committee Minutes, and C7.1 Information-Licensure Statistics. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

MOTION

The minutes of the December 20, 2004 Conference Call Board Meeting were presented to the Board for review and approval. The minutes of the November 18, 2004 Board Meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

A motion was made to defer approval the November 18, 2004 Board Meeting minutes to the March 2005 meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to approve the December 20, 2004 Conference Call Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Two licensees appeared before the Board per policy to answer questions from the Board and to discuss their unlicensed practice. Both licensees signed agreements and paid civil fines in accordance with policy. The Board reminded both licensees of the importance of renewing their licenses in a timely manner each renewal period and of their responsibility for maintaining current license records.

UNLICENSED
PRACTICE
APPEARANCES

The Board reviewed cases and recommendations from the hearing panel. Respondents appeared before the Board.

FINAL ORDER
HEARINGS

Although properly notified, Respondent did not appear before the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Section 40-33-935(G). The panel recommended that Respondent's license be indefinitely suspended; the suspension may be stayed and the license reinstated provided that prior to reinstatement Respondent must re-enroll in the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) and the RPP should provide the Board with a letter clearing the Respondent to resume practice, and upon reinstatement Respondent must adhere strictly to the conditions of the 2003 final order.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent's license be indefinitely suspended; the suspension may be stayed and the license reinstated provided that prior to reinstatement Respondent must re-enroll in the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) and the RPP should provide the Board with a letter clearing the Respondent to resume practice, and upon reinstatement Respondent must adhere strictly to the conditions of the 2003 final order. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Although properly notified, Respondent did not appear before the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Section 40-33-935(g) and Regulation 91-19(c)(3)(j). The panel recommended that Respondent be required to complete a medication administration and documentation course and submit quarterly employer reports for one year.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent be required to complete a medication administration and documentation course and submit quarterly employer reports for one year. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one abstention.

MOTION

Although properly notified, Respondent did not appear before the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-33-935(a), 44-53-390(4), 40-33-110(A)(3), (10), and (13). The panel recommended that Respondent's license be actively suspended for a period of not less than three years, license may be reinstated in a probationary status of not less than five years, requiring continued participation in the RPP; practice will be restricted to an approved employment setting registered nurse on-site, on-shift supervision, with no home health or agency work, and quarterly employer reports.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent's license be actively suspended for a period of not less than three years, license may be reinstated in a probationary status of not less than five years, requiring continued participation in the RPP; practice will be restricted to an approved employment setting registered nurse on-site, on-shift supervision, with no home health or agency work, and quarterly employer reports. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Although properly notified, Respondent did not appear before the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-33-935(d) and (f). The panel recommended that Respondent's license be suspended for not less than five years and that Respondent be required to appear before the Board prior to reinstatement of license.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent's license be suspended for not less than five years and that Respondent be required to appear before the Board prior to reinstatement of license and amended the recommendation to include a \$750 civil penalty. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Respondent appeared before the Board without counsel. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-33-935 (b) and (g) as well as Regulation 91-19(c)(3)(b). The panel recommended that Respondent's license be actively suspended for a period of not less than three years, license may be reinstated in a probationary status of not less than five years, requiring continued participation in the RPP; practice will be restricted to an approved employment setting registered nurse on-site, on-shift supervision, with no home health or agency work, and quarterly employer reports.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent's license be actively suspended for a period of not less than three years, license may be reinstated in a probationary status of not less than five years, requiring continued participation in the RPP; practice will be restricted to an approved employment setting registered nurse on-site, on-shift supervision, with no home health or agency work, and quarterly employer reports and amended the recommendation to include that Respondent could not administer controlled substances but could administer other medications. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one nay.

MOTION

Respondent signed a Memorandum of Agreement stipulating to certain facts and admitting to violation of the Nurse Practice Act. Respondent appeared before the Board without counsel to request reinstatement of license.

A motion was made to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The Board asked Respondent questions regarding paper work submitted for Board consideration.

A motion was made to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to deny reinstatement of Respondent's license at this time; however, Respondent may request reinstatement in one year if Respondent continues therapy and recommends that therapist accompany Respondent when requesting reinstatement. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one abstention.

MOTION

Current language in orders states there will be no home health, agency, on-site on-shift supervision but does not state that the nurse cannot supervise. This allows a nurse under a

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SANCTIONED

Board ordered probation from to supervise other nurses. Mr. Wilson will work on a regulation and will meet with Investigative Review Committee to add language stating no supervision while on probation.

NURSES

Applicants for licensure by examination as registered nurses and licensed practical nurses appeared before the Board to respond to questions regarding reported criminal and/or disciplinary records.

APPEARANCES-
LICENSURE

NCLEX Candidate for Registered Nurse – Candidate appeared before the Board without counsel to respond to questions.

A motion was made to allow the Candidate to sit for examination after remediation and upon successful completion be licensed as a Registered Nurse in the State of South Carolina. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

NCLEX Candidate for Registered Nurse – Candidate appeared before the Board without counsel to respond to questions.

A motion was made to allow Candidate to sit for examination and upon successful completion be licensed as a Registered Nurse in the State of South Carolina. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

NCLEX Candidate for Licensed Practical Nurse - Candidate appeared before the Board without counsel to respond to questions.

A motion was made to allow Candidate to sit for examination and upon successful completion be licensed as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of South Carolina. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

NCLEX Candidate for Licensed Practical Nurse – Candidate appeared before the Board with spouse but without counsel to respond to questions.

A motion was made to allow Candidate to sit for examination and upon successful completion be licensed as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of South Carolina. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one nay.

MOTION

Pete Bailey, Beth Corley and Angela Douglas of the Office of Research and Statistics, Budget and Control Board appeared to present statistical data on the nursing workforce. The Board reviewed statistical information on nursing throughout the state. Mr. Bailey stressed the importance of renewing at the same time each year to be able to compare numbers accurately. He was also concerned about the lack of data on nurses working in South Carolina if the state joins the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact. This will be a problem with statistical information on the nursing workforce.

RESEARCH &
STATISTICS

Jim Farrell, Acting Dean and Angelise Davis, Associate Dean of the School of Nursing at University of South Carolina Upstate (formerly USC – Spartanburg) appeared before the Board to request approval of curriculum changes to their baccalaureate nursing program. These changes were initially discussed in the report submitted to the Board in 2002 and then expanded in the annual report submitted in 2004. The proposal reorganizes and expands course content, increases adult health content, increases clinical content as well as changes in philosophy, use of

UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH
CAROLINA
UPSTATE -
REQUEST FOR
CURRICULUM

current terminology in nursing, adds current topics course and the addition of a culminating practicum course with heavy concentration of clinical hours at the end of the program.

CHANGE

A motion was made to approve curriculum change at the University of South Carolina Upstate as presented and as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Nursing. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Horry Georgetown Technical College Department of Nursing Chair Donna F. Richards, RN, PhD appeared before the Board. In June 2005, the Conway School of Practical Nursing will graduate its final class. Administrators from the Conway School of Practical Nursing and Horry Georgetown Technical College have met. It is proposed that Horry Georgetown Technical College assume the responsibility of offering a practical nursing education program in Horry County. They would accept a total of 32 students each fall semester on the Conway Campus beginning in Fall 2005.

HORRY-
GEORGETOWN
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE -
REQUEST TO
INCREASE ADN &
PN PROGRAM
ENROLLMENTS

To meet the needs of the community, Horry Georgetown Technical College is also requesting to increase the annual student Associate Degree Nursing program enrollment by 32 students (24 generic ADN students and 8 LPN to ADN transition students) on the Georgetown Campus.

At the December 2004 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Nursing voted to recommend approval of the proposal as presented with the addition of a concern regarding the administrative support for the newly established program being offered.

A motion was made to approve the request for increased enrollment in associate degree nursing and practical nursing programs as presented and recommended by the Advisory Committee on Nursing with the recommendation that an administrative/clerk person be dedicated for the newly established practical nurse program. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one abstention due to the addition of the recommendation regarding a dedicated administrative/clerk person to the motion.

MOTION

Spartanburg Technical College Department of Nursing Head Sue Cherry Casey, RN, MN appeared before the Board. At the December 2004 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Nursing voted to recommend approval of the request to curriculum changes to comply with the percentage of nursing and non-nursing courses as submitted. The State Technical System has a cap of 68 total credit hours. Ms. Casey reported that currently they are over that cap. The two options suggested were to 1) not require the transferable elective humanities course (3 hours) for students who enter the program in the Fall of 2004, which would bring them to 67 total credit hours or 2) with advisement from the Board of Nursing, allow Fall 2004 semester students to maintain one credit hour over the 68 hour cap.

SPARTANBURG
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE -
REQUEST FOR
CURRICULUM
CHANGE

A motion was made approve Spartanburg Technical College not requiring a transferable humanities course resulting in a total of 67 hours, which adheres to the State Technical System cap of 68 hours. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to approve curriculum changes for the fall and spring classes at the Spartanburg Technical College as presented and as recommended by Advisory Committee on Nursing. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Bob Jones University Division of Nursing Chair Kathleen M. Crispin, RN, EdD appeared before the Board to request an exemption to Regulation 91-29(F)(1)(d), which states that

BOB JONES
UNIVERSITY -

PRECEPTORED
EXPERIENCE
REQUEST

preceptored clinical experiences can only be set up with senior level nursing students. Dr. Crispin requested that junior level nursing students be allowed to do preceptored clinical experiences during their pediatric clinical rotations, which occur during the spring semester. Junior level nursing students at Bob Jones University have three full years of clinical experience because they start their clinicals at the sophomore level and have already completed the fundamentals course as well as three semesters of medical-surgical nursing. Only six to seven students would be rotating through both inpatient and outpatient clinical facilities each week. She further explained that in the upstate, there are a number of nursing schools who are competing for a limited number of pediatric clinical sites. Some smaller pediatric clinical sites are only able to accommodate one or two students. It would not be feasible to send an instructor for that few students. The pediatric sites that are being considered are currently used for senior level.

A motion was made to go into executive session to receive legal advice. The motion received a second. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to grant a trial exception for preceptor regulations for one semester and that Bob Jones University provide a report at the end of that semester. The motion received a second. The motion carried with four ayes and three nays.

MOTION

Cherokee Technology Center Practical Nursing Coordinator Candace P. Transou, RN, BSN, MA and Page B. McCraw appeared before the Board to request approval of changes to their practical nursing curriculum. During the November 9, 2004 site survey visit, it was noted that the curriculum display was different from the display listed in the report submitted at the September 1998 Board Meeting. Changes in program length and a rearrangement of content were noted. These changes were made prior to Ms. Transou joining the program in 2001. Ms. Transou presented a detailed plan of the changes and the rationale for how the program will implement the changes if approved. Changes include decreasing hours of anatomy and physiology, incorporating a personal and vocational relationships course into the fundamentals of nursing course, combining lab hours in with theory hours in basic fundamentals of nursing, decreasing clinical house in basic fundamentals of nursing, sequencing phase one courses, combining medical-surgical nursing and pharmacology courses, and combining maternity nursing and pediatrics into one course. Ms. Murphy reported that the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) rates for the school have been very good.

CHEROKEE
TECHNOLOGY
CENTER

A motion was made to approve curriculum changes as presented. The motion received a second. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

The Board also reviewed the Site Survey Report. All recommendations from the site survey have been addressed.

A motion was made to accept the site survey and approve the program for five years. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one abstention.

MOTION

Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) Chair Marilyn Brady appeared before the Board to provide an annual report. Ms. Brady reported that the biggest change for ACON this year was the change from being a committee that reacted to requests from the Board to a committee that

ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON
NURSING REPORT

proactively gathers and reviews information and makes recommendations to the Board as requested by the Board. Currently, the composition of ACON is being reviewed and revisions will be presented to ACON at the February 2005 meeting and recommendations forwarded to the Board for approval. ACON continues to work on filling all current vacancies.

Additional activities of ACON during 2004 included:

- Reactivation of the School Nurse Task Force
- Formation of Education Regulation Revision Task Force. This task force has revised the regulations. As part of this work, the group has carefully examined the jurisdiction of the SCBON over out-of-state programs who wish to offer either precepted or faculty supervised clinical experiences for initial licensure in SC. In addition to the charge of revising the regulations, this group also formulated policies for Board approval on: SC Registered Nursing Education Programs Employing BSN Faculty Enrolled in Master's Nursing Programs and Faculty Requirements for SC Nursing Education Program Distance Courses
- Site teams were formed for visits to Francis Marion University and Aiken Technical College regarding their new nursing programs proposals.
- Recommended approval of "Procedures for Review & Approval of New Programs in Nursing Education."
- Recommended approval of "Practical Nurse Education Equivalency"
- Recommended approval of the Site Survey Report for Spartanburg Technical College.

Gloria Prevost, Executive Director, Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc and Beth Hawkins-Bradley, RN, MSN appeared before the Board to propose that language regarding "attendant care services" be restored to the language prior to the recent rewrite of the Nurse Practice Act. Changes to language were inadvertently made during the re-write. Ms. Prevost is asking for the Board's support of the following proposed language to be introduced in the legislature:

ATTENDANT
CARE SERVICES

SECTION 2. Section 40-33-20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"(11) 'Attendant care services' means those basic and ancillary services that enable an individual in need of in-home care to live in the individual's home and community rather than in an institution and to carry out functions of daily living, self-care, and mobility ~~that do not require a specialized knowledge base or the judgment and skill as defined as the practice of nursing.~~

(30) 'Health maintenance activities' include, but are not limited to, catheter irrigation, administration of medications, enemas and suppositories, and wound care, ~~if in the opinion of the attending physician, physician assistant, APRN, or RN may~~ if these activities could be performed by an individual if the individual were physically capable and the procedure may be safely performed in the home."

SECTION 2. Section 40-33-30 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"(9) a person not licensed under this chapter from providing attendant care services ~~limited by directed by~~ directed by or on behalf of an individual in need of in-home care ~~as long as the care provided is not the practice of nursing or medicine; and~~"

They report that they are aware of no healthcare problems since the original language was changed in 2002 with input from the Board. These attendants are for people with disabilities

who are able to direct others to assist them. These would be tasks that the person would be able to do if they were not impaired. The Board would like for item 40-33-20(3) to read: 'Health maintenance activities' include, but are not limited to, catheter irrigation, administration of medications, enemas and suppositories, and wound care, ~~if in the opinion of the attending physician, physician assistant, APRN, or RN may if these activities could be performed by an individual if the individual were physically and mentally capable and the procedure may be safely performed in the home.~~'

A motion was made to support the bill if “and mentally” is added to item 30 between physically and capable. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Bursinger reported that Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) is now requiring primary source verifications for healthcare professionals. Many states are now requiring a criminal background check prior to licensure.

JCAHO
STANDARDS

Ms. Bursinger reported that at her Institute of Regulatory Excellence meeting, she found through networking that many states are not recouping the costs of investigations. Some cost of investigation and discipline are recouped through fines but not all costs. Mr. Wilson explained that recoupment of costs could be added to orders.

INSTITUTE OF
REGULATORY
EXCELLENCE

A motion was made to have investigation costs be borne by respondents with the method to be determined by staff. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Licensing boards are revisiting fine amounts. Some boards have in their statute that recoup costs are borne by respondents. Mr. Wilson will explore adding recoupment into all orders and agreements.

Ms. Bursinger presented a survey of other state boards of nursing. The survey asked which states regulated unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) and if so, what type of training is required as well as what tasks can be performed by UAPs in their states. This information will be shared with the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON).

UAP SURVEY

The Compact bill passed through the House Medical, Military, Public & Municipal Affairs Committee. An amendment was made to have the act take affect licenses issued after September 2006. There were fiscal impact questions raised at the meeting. There would be no impact to appropriated funds because these funds are generated through revenue. Approximately, \$46,000 of revenue will be lost from endorsements. The Board will need a year to implement the Compact. If the Compact passes, it will take a couple of years to fully see the fiscal impact to endorsement and verifications. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has requested a study on the cost of implementation and revenue change.

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The 2005 National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Mid-Year Meeting will be held March 3-6, 2004 in Chicago, IL. Discussion will include foreign nurses, regulatory tools, Nursys and Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) updates, APRN-CNS, passing standards, and other issues facing our board. Dr. Whiting, Ms. James and Dr. Lewis volunteered to attend with Ms. Bursinger and will confirm after checking their schedules.

2005 NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF
STATE BOARDS
OF NURING MID
YEAR MEETING

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is now accepting nominations for the following positions: Director for Areas I, II, III and IV, which have two-year terms as well as two director at large positions, which have one year terms. The Committee on Nominations is looking for representatives for Areas I and II. The Board encouraged members and staff who are interested to submit their nominations so that South Carolina will be represented.

NCSBN
NOMINATIONS

REPORTS/UPDATES

Ms. White reported on the State Magnet Conference. The magnet certification is offered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Organizations searching for strategies to attract and retain nurses, decrease costs, and increase quality of care are growing interested in this certification process. This certification assists consumers. The State Magnet Conference Committee is asking the Board to endorse and support this concept. The State Magnet Conference requires no funding by the Board. Ms. White will draft a “white paper” on this issue for the Board’s review.

STATE MAGNET
CONFERENCE

A motion was made to partner with the State Magnet Conference. The motion received a second. The motion carried with four ayes and two abstentions.

MOTION

PRACTICE

Ms. Johnson reported that new advanced practice nurse licenses (APN) are being issued to those currently holding a registered nurse license and official recognition. Approximately 300 new advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licenses have been issued with another 1,800 to be issued in the next two weeks.

EDUCATION

The Board requested the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) review and provide recommendations regarding faculty licensure requirements for South Carolina nursing education program distance courses. At its December 14, 1004 meeting, ACON recommended the following draft policy be considered for approval.

DRAFT POLICY -
LICENSURE
REQUIREMENTS
FOR FACULTY
TEACHING IN
DISTANCE ED.
NURSING
PROGRAM
ORIGINATING IN
SC

*Licensure Requirements For Faculty Teaching In Distance Education
Nursing Program Originating In South Carolina Policy*

Any faculty member delivering more than 50% of the content in a course that is part of a distance education nursing program originating in South Carolina that prepares students for initial licensure must be licensed as a registered nurse in South Carolina.

Motion to approve *Licensure Requirements For Faculty Teaching In Distance Education Nursing Program Originating In South Carolina Policy*. The motion received a second. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

The Board requested the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) review and provide recommendations regarding bachelors degree in nursing (BSN) prepared faculty enrolled in a master’s in nursing (MSN) programs. Current regulation requires that faculty teaching in

DRAFT POLICY -
EMPLOYING BSN
PREPARED

registered nurse education program must have a minimum of a master's degree in nursing. ACON provided the following draft policy.

FACULTY
ENROLLED IN
MSN PROGRAM

Employing BSN Prepared Faculty Enrolled in Master's of Nursing Education Programs

Nursing program preparing registered nurses may hire BSN faculty enrolled in master's nursing education programs for full-time faculty positions without requesting Board approval if there are no qualified master's prepared applicants and the BSN prepared faculty member:

- *Is currently enrolled in a master's nursing education program*
- *Has successfully completed a minimum of 50 percent of the courses in the master's nursing program that is accredited by a national nursing organization*
- *Must make consistent progress toward the master's degree*

Faculty members hired under this policy may be hired for a period not to exceed three years from date of hire. Employment beyond this period will be contingent upon completion of the master's degree. The BSN full-time faculty member will represent no more than 20% of the total number of full-time faculty.

A program that wishes to hire an applicant with a BSN degree for a full-time faculty position who does not meet these requirements must seek Board approval.

The Board discussed whether BSN prepared faculty should be teaching in a BSN program or whether the teacher should have a higher degree than the one they are teaching. It was suggested that "associate degree nursing" could be added to the beginning of the policy.

A motion was made to send the policy back to the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) for their review, consideration of differentiating between associate degree and bachelors degree programs and that they review bachelor's program requests for exception to this regulation over the past two years. The motion received a second. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. on January 27, 2005. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,
Dottie Buchanan, Administrative Assistant