

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



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JULY 22-23, 2004**

A meeting of the South Carolina Board of Nursing was held on July 22 - 23, 2004 in Room 108 of 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 Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

**PLACE OF MEETING AND FOIA COMPLIANCE**

Sylvia Whiting, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on July 22, 2004 and at 8:50 a.m. on July 23, 2004. 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 ..... Present  
Carrie Houser James, RN, MSN,  
Congressional District 6 ..... *Excused Absence*  
Mattie Jenkins, LPN, Region I,  
Congressional District 1 ..... Present  
Rose Kearney-Nunnery, RN, PhD,  
Congressional District 2 ..... *Excused Absence*  
C. Lynn Lewis, RN, EdD, MHS,  
Congressional District 3 ..... Present  
Debra Newton, LPN, Region II,  
Congressional District 4 ..... Present  
James Rogers, Esquire  
Public Member ..... Present

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING**

Martha Summer Bursinger, RN, MSN, Administrator  
Maggie Johnson, RN, MSN, Program Nurse Consultant-Practice  
Nancy Murphy, RN, MSN, Program Nurse Consultant-Education  
Judy Moore, Administrative Specialist - Education  
David Christian, Program Coordinator – Licensing  
Janet Scheper, Program Assistant - Licensing  
Ruby B. McClain, Esq., Assistant Deputy Director-Health & Medically Related Professions  
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel  
Dottie Buchanan, Administrative Assistant

**BOARD AND LLR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR CERTAIN AGENDA ITEMS**

The July 22-23, 2004 Board Meeting agenda was presented for their review and approval.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the July 22-23, 2004 Board of Nursing Meeting agenda as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

The following items were adopted by the Board on the consent agenda:

**APPROVAL OF**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

- 1.1 Legislation
- 1.3 Information: International Testing Sites
- 1.6 Information: Correspondence - CGFNS Regarding VAPI
- 4.1 Information: Correspondence-Northeastern Technical College-ADN Program Feasibility
- 4.2 Information: North Greenville College -Letter of Intent to Offer BSN Program Fall 2006
- 4.4 Information: ND Nurses Association Cont. Nursing Ed. Network - RN Refresher Course
- 4.7 Information: Excelsior College Information
- 4.8 Information: NLN Communication-Review of 2004 Accreditation Standards & Criteria
- 5.1 Summary Statistics on Advanced Practice
- 5.2 May 2004 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Minutes
- 5.3 June 2004 Nursing Practice and Standards Meeting Minutes
- 6.1 June 2004 Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) Minutes
- 6.2 May 2004 Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Minutes
- 6.3 Unlicensed Practice (*Not Appearing*)
- 6.4 Compliance Statistics
- 7.1 For Information: Licensure Statistics

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

The minutes of the May 20, 2004 Board Meeting were presented to the Board for review and approval.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

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

**MOTION**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bursinger is developing an unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) medication curriculum as her National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NSCBN) Annual Institute of Regulatory Excellence project. She received many comments with many noting that UAPs currently administer or assist with medication. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) allows UAPs to administer medication in assisted living facilities. Others commented that it would be best for nurses to administer medications because they are more familiar with side effects. Many UAPs are not aware of all that is involved with the administration of medications. Nurses are concerned about patient safety and care but are also concerned about jeopardizing their licenses by teaching this skill. The law does not prohibit teaching this skill but does prohibit delegating this task. In physicians' offices, the physician may delegate certain tasks. Concern was expressed that many administering medications are referred to as nurses even if they are certified nursing assistants or UAPs. The title "nurse" is protected by law and may be used only by someone actively licensed as a nurse in this state. Board representatives attending the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Delegate Assembly will speak with other states on this issue.

**UAP  
CURRICULUM**

Ms. Johnson reported that the Pharmacy Board administrator asked her to review information they will be providing at a conference for detention centers. In detention centers, law enforcement officers are allowed to provide medication if no health care professional is available.

The Governor signed House Bill 3987 on July 6, 2004. This new act requires facilities to do a criminal record check prior to employing or contracting with a direct caregiver. This bill states that faculty and students in educational programs in direct care facilities are not direct caregivers.

**LEGISLATION**

It was reported that Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) requires criminal background checks. Dr. Lewis explained that schools cannot stop students with criminal records from enrolling; however, they do advise students that the record may become a problem when it is time to do clinicals and possibly with their licensure.

James Walker, S.C. Hospital Association said that this is becoming a problem and affirmed that JCAHO does require criminal background checks. Mr. Walker explained that a task force was being formed to look at this matter. The task force would include schools. S.C. Organization of Nurse Executives is looking into this issue. He reported that in Tennessee nursing students are charged for the background checks and that like here in our state, students cannot be prohibited from attending school but many have to stop when it comes to the clinical portion of their program if they have a criminal background.

House Bill 3891 has been ratified but not yet signed by the Governor. The bill places an advisory board for acupuncture under the Board of Medical Examiners.

House Bill 4472 regarding reimbursement and medical malpractice is expected to be reintroduced in the next legislative session.

House Bill 4786 would allow long term care facilities to administer immunizations. This bill would have to be reintroduced in the next legislative session.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **COMPACT ANALYSIS**

The Board has received letters from Senator Michael Fair and Dr. Kathleen Crispin regarding the Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact). Senator Fair stated in a letter that he may change his mind, but that he wanted other avenues to speed up the endorsement process looked at first. Over the past year, Ms. Bursinger reported that she and Mr. Christian have been discussing the feasibility of increasing to three “walk-in” endorsement days each week. The Board currently processes endorsement applications on a walk-in basis every Wednesday. The South Carolina Board of Nursing is one of only a few states that process endorsements on a walk-in basis. The delay in issuing temporary permits and permanent licenses is due to required documents not being received promptly. Agencies are not reading the instructions and requirements that are part of the endorsement application. The restructuring of the licensure departments of the Boards of Nursing and Medical Examiners may assist with increasing these days.

Ms. Martin stated that she was in favor of the Compact but that the endorsement process has been streamlined and that it is much easier to get a temporary permit. She wants to make sure that discipline is promptly reported. Ms. Martin asked why Georgia had voted against the Compact. Ms. Bursinger explained that she had spoken with the administrator for the Georgia Board of Registered Nursing (Georgia has separate boards for registered and licensed practical nurses). The Georgia Board of Registered Nursing administrator explained that there was not enough support in their legislature and that there were financial concerns.

A representative of the S.C. Organization of Nurse Executives (SCONE) reported that they are very much in favor of the Compact and will work to get the legislation passed. They currently use a lot of agency and travel nurses. She also explained that perhaps some fees should be increased if there is a negative financial impact. There were concerns about nurses moving from state to state to avoid discipline.

Ms. White fees that if the Compact works correctly, we will have better access to discipline data. She explained that as more states join the Compact and if we do not, it would be difficult to bring nurses into our state. Ms. White was noted that the Board voted to support the Compact

and reviewed and accepted the proposed legislation drafted by the S.C. Hospital Association. She feels that the Board needs to speak to those who are opposed to the bill and continue their support. Ms. White wanted to know why it was being discussed again.

Mr. Wilson stated that he understood that the Board approved the Compact in concept in July 2002 and reviewed the bill for the S.C. Hospital Association; however, this is not the Board of Nursing's bill. The bill will be reintroduced this legislative session. The S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs has asked the boards to review upcoming legislation.

Ms. Bursinger explained that she represents the Board and S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. She noted that the bill states there is no fiscal impact. That fiscal impact relates to appropriated funds. The Board of Nursing is revenue based and does not receive any appropriated funds. She explained that although it is not all about money, many states that have joined the Compact have lost money and many have raised their fees. She has spoken with states that report that discipline is not always reported promptly.

The Florida Board of Nursing is considering joining the Compact. The Florida Board of Nursing is now accepting schools in Puerto Rico. Ms. Newton is concerned about foreign schools accepted in other states and how this would work with the Compact.

Dr. Whiting and Ms. Bursinger will gather more information on the Compact at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Delegate Assembly.

A motion was made to reaffirm the Board of Nursing's 2002 recommendation in favor of the Compact contingent upon any new information received at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Delegate Assembly. The motion received a second. The motion passed with four ayes and three nays.

#### **MOTION**

An issue has arisen on terminology regarding the difference between abuse and dependence or addiction. There is concern about a licensee who may have had an abuse situation that should be handled by discipline rather than being required to participate in the Recovering Professionals Program.

#### **RPP PARTICIPANT CONTRACT**

Frank Sheheen of the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) stated that the referral services that they use for diagnosis of addiction versus dependence are well versed in the differences. He explained that the criteria for abuse is one or more of the following: 1) recurrent use resulting in failure to fulfill responsibilities; 2) recurrent in hazardous situation; 3) recurrent legal problems because of the substance; or 4) continued use despite persistent social or other problems related to the continued use. Mr. Sheheen that these situations should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Not all abuse diagnosis situations need to be monitored. RPP could release participants, with the approval of the Board, who no longer need monitoring. The participant form could be carefully reworded. The RPP is beginning the process of reviewing the agreement and will make these changes. Mr. Wilson will review the agreement and provide it to the Board.

#### **REPORTS/UPDATES**

Dr. Lewis serves as Ex Officio member of the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) representing the Board of Nursing. Dr. Lewis reported that she conveyed the Board's concerns regarding ACON being reactive rather than proactive. She also expressed concern about member attendance at the meetings. Dr. Lewis shared the types of issues the Board would like for them to review and submit with recommendations. This review will lengthen the process at first but should even out as we go through the transition. The purpose and bylaws of ACON as well as their goals and the Board's expectations were reviewed.

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NURSING**

Current Chair Catherine (Kay) Malone has resigned her position with ACON due to her acceptance of a position out of state. The current vice-chair is unable to accept the responsibility of chair at this time due to other work and personal commitments. An election will be held at the next meeting for someone to chair ACON until regular elections can be held in December for 2005 officers.

When the Board receives an application for new nursing education program, a site survey team visits, assesses the program and reports to ACON. That committee then reviews the report and makes a recommendation to the Board regarding approval of the program. One of the purposes of ACON is to “. . . make recommendations regarding basic nursing education to include quality, adequate distribution of nursing programs, articulation and cost- effectiveness of programs within the state and make recommendations to appropriate agencies.” The Board cannot control the competition in any area of the state.

Ms. Murphy will notify the Deans and Directors Council as well as the Practical Nurse Educators that education will now go to the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) for recommendation prior to coming to the Board. Requestors may appear before the Board when the recommendation is presented. Many may feel it unnecessary to attend the Board meeting when ACON has given a favorable recommendation.

Ms. Murphy reported that they are looking at the nursing education program regulations and considering requesting that proposal be submitted shortly after the letter of intent.

Ms. White reported that she has approximately 300 requests for preceptors in her hospital system. The law does not require the instructor to be on site – only available by telephone. Nurses who are already burdened with patients are being asked to add working with students to that workload.

### PRACTICE

Kim Gilmore, Adult Nurse Practitioner, appeared before the Board to request an exemption of the 45-mile requirement for her alternate preceptor. Ms. Gilmore explained to the Board that in addition to telephones, their facilities have audio-visual capabilities, which allow the two offices to communicate easily.

**45 MILE  
REQUIREMENT  
EXEMPTION  
REQUEST**

A motion was made to approve the request from Kim Gilmore, Adult Nurse Practitioner, for exemption of the 45-mile requirement for her alternate preceptor. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

### REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

The Board reviewed cases and recommendations from the hearing panel.

**CERTIFIED  
PANEL REPORTS**

(B) Respondent was properly notified and appeared with Stevens B. Elliott, Esquire to respond to questions from 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)(a). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent be issued a public reprimand and attend a legal aspects course.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and that Respondent be issued a private reprimand and attend a legal aspects course. The motion received a second. The motion carried with four ayes and two nays.

**MOTION**

(C) Respondent was properly notified and appeared before the Board with Donald Coggins, Jr., Esquire. Board Member Suzanne White recused herself for this case. The Notice of Complaint alleges that Respondent committed misconduct in violation of Section 40-33-935 (a) and (g) as well as Regulations 91-19(c)(3)(b) and 91-19(c)(3)(c). Respondent signed a Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations in which the Respondent stipulates and admits to certain facts, agreed that these acts are in violation of Section 40-33-935 and to appear before the Board to answer questions and present mitigating testimony.

A motion was made to go into executive session to receive 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 accept the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations and to issue a public reprimand, assess a \$250 civil penalty and to complete a Board approved Legal Aspects course. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

(D) Respondent was properly notified and appeared without legal counsel to respond to questions from the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-33-936(a), (b) and (g) as well as Regulation 91-19(c)(3)(f). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent re-enroll in the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) who will assist in locating an intensive out-patient treatment program due to Respondent's financial status, that Respondent's license remain on suspended status until the Board receives a written recommendation that Respondent is safe to resume practice, and upon reinstatement of license, that Respondent's practice be restricted to a setting approved by the Board with no home health or agency, practice must be under the supervision of a registered nurse present at all times, that Respondent be required to provide a copy of the Board's final order to all employers and that employers provide quarterly reports to include assessment of Respondent's professional competency an integrity, commitment to professionalism and applicable standards of practice and adherence to the terms of the final order.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent re-enroll in the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) who will assist Respondent in locating an intensive out-patient treatment program due to financial status, that Respondent's license remain on suspended status until the Board receives a written recommendation that Respondent is safe to resume practice, and upon reinstatement of license, that Respondent's practice be restricted to a setting approved by the Board with no home health or agency, practice must be under the supervision of a registered nurse present at all times, that Respondent be required to provide a copy of the Board's final order to all employers and that employers provide quarterly reports to include assessment of Respondent's professional competency an integrity, commitment to professionalism and applicable standards of practice and adherence to the terms of the final order. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

(E) Respondent was properly notified but did not attend to respond to questions by the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Section 40-33-935 (g) as well as Regulations 91-19(c)(3)(h) and 91-19(c)(3)(j). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license be immediately suspended but may be stayed upon Respondent undergoing a Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) evaluation to address whether Respondent suffers from drug/alcohol addiction and that Respondent is safe to practice nursing; upon reinstatement, Respondent's license be placed on probation for not less than one year probation from

reinstatement date or until further notice of the Board; participate in RPP, Respondent's practice be restricted with no home health, no agency, Respondent is to provide employers with a copy of the final order and employers provide quarterly reports to include assessment of professional competency and integrity, commitment to professionalism and practice standards, and adherence to the final order.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent's license be immediately suspended but may be stayed upon Respondent undergoing a Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) evaluation to address whether Respondent suffers from drug/alcohol addiction and that Respondent is safe to practice nursing; upon reinstatement, Respondent's license be placed on probation for not less than one year probation from reinstatement date or until further notice of the Board; participate in RPP, Respondent's practice be restricted with no home health, no agency, Respondent is to provide employers with a copy of the final order and employers provide quarterly reports to include assessment of professional competency and integrity, commitment to professionalism and practice standards, and adherence to the final order and add that Respondent complete a Legal Aspects course. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

(F) Respondent was properly notified and appeared without legal counsel to respond to questions from 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 Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license be indefinitely suspended, that the suspension may be immediately stayed and Respondent's license reinstated provided Respondent undergoes a Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) evaluation, the Board receives written recommendation from the RPP stating Respondent is safe to practice nursing and demonstration of strict compliance with the monitoring agreement.

**MOTION**

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, that the suspension may be immediately stayed and Respondent's license reinstated provided that Respondent undergo a Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) evaluation, the Board receives written recommendation from the RPP stating Respondent is safe to practice nursing and demonstration of strict compliance with the monitoring agreement and to also require Respondent attend a Legal Aspects course within six months of the Board's final order. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

(G) Respondent was properly notified but did not appear to respond to questions by the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. 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 Regulations 91-19(c)(3)(c) and 91-19(c)(3)(f). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license be immediately suspended but may be stayed upon Respondent undergoing a Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) evaluation to address whether Respondent suffers from drug/alcohol addiction and that Respondent is safe to practice nursing; upon reinstatement, Respondent's license be placed on probation for not less than three years probation from reinstatement date or until further notice of the Board; participate in RPP, Respondent's practice be restricted with no home health, no agency, Respondent is to provide employers with a copy of the final order and employers provide quarterly reports to include assessment of professional competency and integrity, commitment to professionalism and practice standards, and adherence to the final order.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Respondent's license be immediately suspended but may be stayed upon Respondent undergoing a Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) evaluation to address whether Respondent suffers from drug/alcohol addiction and that Respondent is safe to practice nursing; upon reinstatement, Respondent's license be placed on probation for not less than three

years probation from reinstatement date or until further notice of the Board; participate in RPP, Respondent's practice be restricted with no home health, no agency, Respondent is to provide employers with a copy of the final order and employers provide quarterly reports to include assessment of professional competency and integrity, commitment to professionalism and practice standards, and adherence to the final order and add that Respondent complete a Legal Aspects course. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

(H) Respondent was properly notified but did not appear to respond to questions by the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. 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)(2). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent be issued a public reprimand, pay a \$500 civil penalty and complete an IV therapy course.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to go into executive session to receive 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 accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, but to immediately suspend Respondent's license and require a Board appearance prior to reinstatement. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

(I) Respondent was properly notified but did not appear to respond to questions by the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-33-935 (a) and (b) as well as Regulations 91-19(c)(3)(b), 91-19(c)(3)(c) and 91-19(c)(3)(f). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license be indefinitely suspended.

**MOTION**

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 motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

(J) Respondent was properly notified but did not appear to respond to questions by the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-33-935(a) and (b) as well as Regulation 91-19(c)(3)(k). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license be indefinitely suspended.

**MOTION**

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 motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

(K) Respondent was properly notified but was unable to attend and requested to be rescheduled to the next meeting. The Board granted continuance to the next meeting.

### **EDUCATION**

Gayle Heller, Dean of the Nursing Division, Greenville Technical College appeared before the Board requesting approval of faculty. Greenville Technical College is requesting approval to hire nursing faculty who currently do not hold master's degrees. In her letter of request, Dean Heller explained that their school currently has six vacancies, three of which are replacement positions and three new positions needed to meet the needs of their enrollment. They also have up to nine faculty members who may retire in the near future. Greenville Technical College is

**GREENVILLE**  
**TECHNICAL**  
**COLLEGE**  
**FACULTY**  
**APPROVAL**

now requesting approval to recruit and hire three full time bachelors prepared faculty. The other three vacant positions will be held for masters prepared faculty. The bachelors prepared faculty would work as teaching assistants on a team with experienced masters prepared faculty and will have experienced faculty as mentors.

It was noted that with the nursing shortage and especially the faculty shortage, the Board would be facing more requests of this nature. Salaries continue to be an issue with recruiting faculty across the state.

A motion was made to approve Greenville Technical College's request to hire three bachelors prepared faculty with the stipulation that they pursue their master's degrees. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Dean Latrell Fowler appeared before the Board to request approval for Florence Darlington Technical College to offer their licensed practical nurse to registered nurse transition curriculum at Northeastern Technical College. Master's prepared faculty from Florence Darlington Technical College will be teaching there. This is not a permanent arrangement. This would be for two years to assess the needs of the area. Marlboro Park Hospital and Chesterfield General have agreed to pay \$24,000 each for the next two years to support Florence Darlington Technical College providing the licensed practical nurse to registered nurse transition curriculum at Northeastern Technical College.

**FLORENCE-  
DARLINGTON –  
LPN TO RN  
TRANSITION AT  
NORTHEASTERN  
TECH**

A motion was made to approve Florence Darlington Technical College's request to provide the licensed practical nurse to registered nurse transition curriculum at Northeastern Tech with a reevaluation at the end of two years. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Richard Chapman, Provost and Sylvia Lufkin, Department of Nursing (Effective August 2004) of Francis Marion University appeared before the Board to discuss changes in the nursing program. There has been a satellite-nursing program from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) on the Francis Marion University (FMU) campus. The presidents of the two schools agreed to transition the nursing program to Francis Marion University and entered into a memorandum of understanding to that effect. Much of the current nursing program framework will remain in place. Mr. Chapman hopes that most of the MUSC faculty will remain at FMU. There has been positive community feedback. Funding has been received to build a nursing facility. They hope to receive financial support from the two large regional medical centers. In compliance with Regulation 91-27A, it was decided that Francis Marion University must comply with Regulation 91-24 regarding new programs.

**FRANCIS  
MARION  
UNIVERSITY  
BSN PROGRAM**

The Board received a request from Indiana State University School of Nursing for approval to offer a bachelor's program through online courses for licensed practical nurses in our state and to utilize bachelors and/or master's prepared registered nurse preceptors in our state to provide and evaluate clinical experiences. A similar request has been sent to other boards of nursing. The Indiana Board of Nursing and National League Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) have approved this course. Students would be required to have met licensure requirements and be licensed as a licensed practical nurse.

**INDIANA STATE  
UNIVERSITY –  
BSN TRACK FOR  
LPNS**

**LETTER OF  
INTENT**

The Deans and Directors Council has expressed their concern that this program may violate several education regulations including those that limit preceptors to the last semester of the senior year. The Deans and Directors Council has initiated a subcommittee to review the current education regulations and make recommendations to the Advisory Committee on Nursing.

It was noted that the responsibility for teaching clinicals would fall on the facilities. There will be a greater demand for clinical sites and preceptors. This will be an increased burden on the facilities.

Dr. Lynne Kelley of the Commission on Higher Education explained that if they recruiting, paying staff here, etc. they must be licensed by the Commission on Higher Education.

In October 2004, Kaplan College will initiate an online registered nurse to bachelors in nursing degree completion program. The program has received interim approval from the Iowa Board of Nursing. The program will accept registered nurses from any state who meet their admission criteria. Students will complete the required clinical experience in the state where they are licensed and reside. They will use a preceptor to guide the clinical rotation and will also be supervised by Kaplan College faculty.

**KAPLAN  
COLLEGE –  
RN TO BSN  
COMPLETION  
PROGRAM**

Board staff will review the information and recommend that they contact the S.C. Commission on Higher Education.

**LICENSING**

The Board reviewed the draft Competency Requirement Criteria, which was reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Nursing at their June 2004 meeting. There was discussion as to whether Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) courses should be added. Staff will check into the acceptability of these courses. It was suggested that “Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)” be changed to “Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)” to avoid confusion as to whether both courses would have to be taken to receive credit.

**DRAFT  
COMPETENCY  
REQUIREMENT  
CRITERIA**

A motion was approve the Competency Requirement Criteria with noted change from “Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)” to “Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)” and addition of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) if review of the courses is favorable. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

**Friday, July 23, 2004**

Applicants for licensure by endorsement as registered and licensed practical nurse and a candidate for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurse appeared before the Board to respond to their questions regarding reported criminal and/or disciplinary records.

**SPECIAL  
APPEARANCES**

(Q) Registered Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to allow endorsement with an agreement that Applicant continues in the Recovering Professional Program. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

(R) Licensed Practical Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to allow endorsement into South Carolina as a licensed practical nurse. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one nay vote.

(S) Clemmons Registered Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified; however, did not appear and was not represented by counsel.

(T) Registered Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared

without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to approve licensure as a registered nurse by endorsement in South Carolina. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one nay vote.

(U) Registered Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

**MOTION**

A motion was made to defer endorsement pending a favorable Recovering Professionals Program evaluation. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular South Carolina Board of Nursing meeting is scheduled for September 23-24, 2004. Meeting dates are published on the Board's web site: [www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/).

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. on July 23, 2004. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dottie Buchanan, Administrative Assistant