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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Mission Statement: The Board of Health promotes and protects the health and safety of all people in Nebraska by providing expertise and advice on health issues, with input from health care providers and the public, to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and others regarding:

- Regulatory and legislative issues
- Professional boards
- Educational health programs
- Public health assessment, policy development, and assurance
- Communication/coordination

Vision: Healthy people in a healthy Nebraska.

2010 Board of Health Executive Committee



Executive Administrator David Montgomery; Secretary Paul Salansky, OD;
Chair Ed Discoe, MD; and Vice Chair Gary Westerman, DDS
November 17, 2008

Nebraska State Board of Health



(Photo taken September 21, 2009 at Columbus Community Hospital)

Pictured left to right, front row: David Montgomery, Executive Administrator; Luisa Rounds, BSN, RN; Pam List, APRN; Gary Westerman, DDS; Janet Coleman, Public Member; Russell Hopp, DO; Linda Heiden, Public Member; Monica Gissler, Program Manager; and Ted Evans, DVM.

Second row: Roger Reamer, MBA, Hospital Administrator; Paul Salansky, OD; Daryl Wills, DC; Ken Kester, PharmD, JS; Bob Sandstrom PhD, PT; Dan Bizzell, EdD; Dale Michels, MC;

Ed Discoe, MD; John Tennity, DPM; and Rich Robinson, PE.

NEW BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS



Rich Robinson, P.E.

Mr. Robinson is a Civil Engineer with 35+ years of experience in the areas of municipal, civil and environmental engineering. He has worked in municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment, distribution, and collection; and managed operations and resources for the Department of Transportation. Rich worked for the City of Lincoln from 1974-1995, and since 1995 has worked for Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers in Omaha. He is a Distinguished Life Member of the American Water Works Association, and is a member of the American Public Works Association, American Council of Engineering Companies, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Military Engineers, Water Environment Federation, and the Lincoln and Omaha Engineers Clubs. Mr. Robinson graduated from Gibbon H.S. and holds both a B.S. and M.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and obtained his Professional Engineer certification in 1972. He resides in Lincoln with his wife Susan. He retired with the rank of Major from the Nebraska National Guard, where he qualified as a U.S. Army Engineer, working in logistics.

Luisa Rounds, RN

Ms. Rounds was born in Madrid, Spain and graduated from High School in San Antonio, TX, and received her B.S.N. from UNMC in 2007. She is certified in chemotherapy and biotherapy and stable certified. Luisa is a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Nurses Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, American Health Quality Association, and the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. After several years in the private business sector, she has served as the International Healthcare Specialist at the Nebraska Medical Center since 2006. She is also a staff nurse preceptor in oncology and hematology special care unit and solid organ transplant clinic floors. She lives in Omaha with her husband Brian.



Chairman's Report
Nebraska State Board of Health - 2009
Edward Discoe, M.D.

In 2009, members of the Board of Health (BOH), representing a variety of health care providers and the public, continued to serve the citizens of Nebraska by providing expertise and advice on health issues to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Board's vision, "healthy people in a healthy Nebraska", has guided our mission as we promote and protect the health and safety of Nebraska citizens in the following areas:

- *Regulatory and legislative issues*
 - The Rules and Regulations Committee reviews regulations that are slated for either approval or review by the BOH. The committee has been working to streamline the review process to improve the efficiency of the BOH regulation discussions. There is a lot of work underway to meet the requirements for new and revised regulations due to the Uniform Credentialing Act.
 - The Credentialing Review Committee, which reviews credentialing or scope of practice proposals, has been challenged this year by several impressive assignments. There are also several interesting reviews scheduled to start in 2010.
 - The Public Health, Education and Legislation (PHEL) Committee provides a forum for the discussion of legislative issues.
 - At most Board of Health meetings, a DHHS representative updates the members about legislative issues.
 - Members share their profession's views of legislative issues and work collectively to craft positions that the entire board can support.
 - These Board of Health members testify in person or send letters of testimony on behalf of the Board of Health to convey our concerns on proposed legislation. This year Board of Health members testified or wrote letters about nine introduced bills, while tracking an additional 70 introduced bills.
- *Professional Boards*
 - The Professional Boards Committee has been working diligently to meet the goals established in January 2009.
 - Each Board member is strongly encouraged to serve as a liaison to specific professional boards and provide information to the rest of the committee and Board.
 - We have refined a screening process for the professional board applications out of respect for the time of both the applicant and the Board of Health members.
 - Last year we processed the applications electronically, saving resources.
- *Educational health programs*
 - Besides providing a legislative discussion forum, the Public Health, Education and Legislation (PHEL) Committee offers a mechanism for ongoing board member development by scheduling presentations over topics related to public health assessment, policy development, and public health assurance.

- The PHEL committee recognizes public health programs and providers who offer exemplary service via the Community Public Health Recognition program. This year Columbus's Youth for Christ was honored for their efforts to aid their regions at risk youth as they deal with the complications of teen pregnancy
- The Board of Health is very interested in helping educate the public about pertinent health issues that exist in this multi-faceted state.
- *Public health assessment, policy development, and assurance*
 - Besides participating in the work of the standing committees, several members (Bizzell, Kester, and Heiden) serve as members of an ad hoc Review Panel that investigates when an issue concerning a board arises. When presented to the Board of Health, the Review Panel becomes "prosecutors" and the rest of the BOH becomes "jurors". The Review Panel had several meetings in 2009 regarding the removal of a professional board member.
 - Several members continue to serve through the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board, Turning Point, as well as other policy boards.
 - The Board of Health is grateful to the DHHS staff members who continue to educate the members about the intricacies of public health.
- *Communication/coordination*
 - In January, the BOH invited key senators and legislative staff to a luncheon at the Nebraska Bar Foundation. The exchange of information and collegiality surpassed luncheons held in previous years. In addition to members of the HHS Legislative Committee, all new senators were invited regardless of committee assignment. We appreciate the opportunity to communicate with the senators about BOH concerns and to provide them with advice on health care issues.
 - The BOH plans to continue to build communication bridges with professional boards and chairs. Several incumbent professional board members shared concerns about investigative timelines and decisions.
 - When a member completes their service on the Board of Health, a staff member conducts a debrief session. In September we reviewed the exit interview/debriefs from the past ten years, and found that several outgoing members expressed a desire for increased communication with the agency and the Governor's office.

The people of Nebraska continue to be well served by the Board of Health. The Board continues to be committed to the citizens of Nebraska and, through its very dedicated members, continues to provide very important services to the citizens of this state. In addition, the DHHS staff continues to provide excellent support to make this possible, and we all applaud and thank them for their service.

Looking ahead to 2010, we are poised to help with any changes prompted by national health care reform. We are committed to our role as advocates for the public, while also being good stewards of state resources during these challenging economic times. Efforts are currently under way to create better communications throughout the DHHS. In addition, attempts will be made to communicate directly with the Governor in order to provide him with any assistance that he might need with understanding the intricacies of providing for the overall health of all Nebraskans.

It is inspiring to see the passion that exudes from the various individuals on the Board of Health as they serve their fellow Nebraskans. These professionals ultimately sacrifice time pleasure and comforts in an attempt to provide timely high quality advice and guidance to the DHHS and ultimately the citizens of Nebraska. We welcome any suggestions and inquiries that might allow us to serve the state better.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Discoe, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Edward Discoe, M.D.
Chairperson
State Board of Health

2009 BOARD OF HEALTH FACT SHEET

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

- N.R.S. 71-2601 through 71-2611 (Revised July 1, 2007).

MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS:

- 17 members appointed by the Governor for five year terms. Two new members: Rich Robinson, PE; and Luisa Rounds, RN, BSN. Edward Discoe, MD; Russell Hopp, DO; Ken Kester, PharmD, JD; and Gary Westerman, DDS were reappointed. Seven members' terms expire in 2010.
- New Chair Ed Discoe, MD and Secretary Paul Salansky, OD were elected and Vice Chair Gary Westerman, DDS was re-elected at November 2009 meeting.
- Meetings held the third Monday of odd months, except fourth Monday in January.
- September 2009 the Board met in Columbus. September 2010 will be in Hastings.

PROFESSIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- 178 applicants; 82 interviewed; 55 appointed in 2009.
- Recruited, screened and made recommendation to Governor Heineman for three appointments to the Nebraska Center for Nursing.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 8 sets approved; 7 sets reviewed in 2009.

CREDENTIALING REVIEWS:

- Gamblers Assistance Counselors; Optometry, and Applied Behavior Analysts. Several other reviews are pending for 2010.

PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION & LEGISLATION:

- Researched initiatives to develop position statements and prepare news articles.
- Received regular presentations by Bryson Bartels, DHHS Legislative Liaison.
- Issued press releases regarding Public Health Month and the benefits of fluoride.

REVIEW PANEL:

- Two complaints received, and one is still going through the full process, with a hearing held in July and an appeal through the County Court is in process.

REPRESENTATION ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

- Nebraska Center for Nursing
- Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Committee
- Turning Point Public Health Collaboration
- State Trauma Board

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Membership

In accordance with N.R.S. 71-2601, the State Board of Health consists of seventeen members in the following categories:

- Two members shall be licensed to practice medicine and surgery in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice dentistry in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice optometry in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice pharmacy in this state,
- two members shall be licensed to practice nursing in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery or as an osteopathic physician in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice podiatry in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice chiropractic in this state,
- one member shall be licensed to practice physical therapy in this state,
- one member shall be a professional engineer in this state,
- one member shall be an administrator of a hospital in this state,
- one member shall be a credentialed mental health professional, and
- two members shall be public members.

Members are appointed by the Governor with the consent of a majority of the members of the Legislature, and serve up to two five-year terms. The Governor is an ex officio member of the Board.

The following page is a current roster of members. Two new members were appointed in 2009: Rich Robinson, PE; and Luisa Rounds, RN,BSN. Edward Discoe, MD; Russell Hopp, DO; Ken Kester, PharmD, JD; and Gary Westerman, DDS were reappointed. Seven members' terms expire in 2010: Janet Coleman, public member; Linda Heiden, public member; Pam List, MSN, APRN; Dale Michels, MD; Roger Reamer, MBA, Hospital Administrator; Robert Sandstrom, PhD, PT; and Daryl Wills, DC.

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH – COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2010

Professional Boards	PHEL	Rules and Regs	Credentialing Review
Daryl Wills (Chair)	Russell Hopp (Chair)	Ken Kester (Chair)	Janet Coleman (Chair)
John Tennity (Vice Chair)	Dale Michels (Vice)	Roger Reamer (V Chair)	Dan Bizzell (Vice)
Janet Coleman	Dan Bizzell	Linda Heiden	Ted Evans
Linda Heiden	Ted Evans	Russell Hopp	Pam List
Pam List	Ken Kester	Dale Michels	Bob Sandstrom
Rich Robinson	Roger Reamer	Rich Robinson	John Tennity
Luisa Rounds	Luisa Rounds	Bob Sandstrom	Daryl Wills
Ex Officio: Discoe/ Westerman/Salansky	Ex Officio: Discoe/ Westerman/Salansky	Ex Officio: Discoe/ Westerman/Salansky	Ex Officio: Discoe/ Westerman/Salansky
Staff:			
Monica Gissler	Jeff Soukup	Joyce Davidson	Ron Briel
Review Panel:	Roger Reamer	Dan Bizzell	Ken Kester

2010 Committee Objectives

Professional Boards Committee

- ✓ Continue the process of inviting professional board chairs to meet with the Committee.
- ✓ Utilize the prescreening process again to make the best use of our interview times.
- ✓ Continue to build and utilize the database of applicants who were excellent candidates.
- ✓ Continue to work with the professional organizations to increase the pool of applicants.
- ✓ Utilize the recently implemented peer evaluation process for incumbents for the 2010 interviews and develop a method of obtaining feedback from board members and staff about the process.
- ✓ Further define the role of the committee in mediating difficulties among professional board members.
- ✓ Improve upon and continue to use more efficient electronic means of processing application forms.

Public Health, Education, and Legislation Committee

- ✓ Provide information and education about selected health programs in Nebraska that promote public health and the prevention of health and behavioral health problems.
- ✓ Develop BOH position statements directed toward public health issues that affect Nebraskans.
- ✓ Review, select, prioritize and advocate for proposed legislation that enhances health of Nebraskan's citizens.
- ✓ Advocate and support legislative efforts to enhance opportunities for the education and development of health care professionals in Nebraska, especially in underserved areas.
- ✓ Help plan retreats and provide program content for special meetings of the Board of Health.
- ✓ Promote cooperative efforts with district health departments and other public health entities
- ✓ Honor those public health programs that have worked to improve the lives of Nebraskans

Rules and Regulations Committee

- ✓ Review new regulations and amendments prior to the public hearing in order for the BOH to make comments during the public hearing stage of the regulation process.
- ✓ Review UCA implementation regulations using current processes.

Credentialing Review Committee

- ✓ Advise the Board regarding proposals for either change in scope of practice or new credentialing.
- ✓ Continue to work towards improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Credentialing Review Program, and,
- ✓ Screen and advise the BOH regarding members of upcoming technical review committees, and advise on which Board of Health members would be appropriate as chairpersons.

The BOH Chair (Ed Discoe, MD), Vice-Chair (Gary Westerman, DDS) and Secretary (Paul Salansky, OD) are voting members on all standing committees. All members of the BOH are encouraged to attend interviews whenever possible. All members of the BOH may attend any committee meeting at any time, but only those assigned to the particular committee may vote unless the committee chair states otherwise.

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Professional Licensing Board Appointments

January

Board of Mental Health Practice: Reappointed Layne Prest, MA, PhD of Omaha to a second term (through November 30, 2013) as the Certified Marriage and Family Therapist member.

March

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling –

Public Member: Reappoint Chrisella Lewis of Hastings for term of 4/02/2009 through 11/30/2014

Board of Mental Health Practice –

Certified Master Social Worker Member: Appoint Susan Feyen, LCSW of Omaha for term effective today 3/16/2009 through 11/30/2011 (short term due to a resignation)

Physician Assistant Committee – 3 positions:

Supervising Physician Member: Appoint David Hoelting, MD of Pender for term of 4/17/2009 through 11/30/2014

Physician Assistant Member: Paul Shallabarger of Cambridge for term of 4/17/2009 through 11/30/2014

Public Member: Tom Bassett of Lincoln for term of 4/17/2009 through 11/30/2014

May

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling – Alcohol and Drug Counselor Member: appoint Barry Walker, LADC, of Omaha for the term of May 18, 2009 through November 30, 2014.

August

Committee members prescreened applicants. A total of 166 individuals applied and 71 were scheduled for interviews to fill 48 vacancies. In an effort to save printing and postage costs, applications were scanned into PDF files and sent electronically to committee members.

September

Seventeen interviews were conducted on the day prior to the regular Board of Health meeting held in Columbus. Several committee members used personal laptop computers to view the applications which were available on CDs.

October

54 interviews were scheduled and 52 were conducted in Lincoln on Sunday, October 18th and Monday, October 19th. Eight Board of Health members participated in conducting interviews.

November

The following individuals were appointed, most with terms through November 30, 2014, unless indicated otherwise:

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling – Appoint Frank Bailey, III, LADC of Omaha for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor member term of 11/16/09 through 11/30/11 (short term due to a resignation).

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing – Reappoint Brenda Bergman-Evans, PhD, APRN-NP, APRN-CNS, of Omaha to the Nurse Practitioner term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Athletic Training – Appoint Lisa Moore, ATC of Omaha to the Athletic Trainer term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology –

Audiologist member – Appoint Craig Foss, AuD of Grand Island to the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Speech-Language Pathologist member – Appoint Jana Green, CCC-SLP of Minden to the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Reappoint Ron Busch, MS of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Chiropractic:

Chiropractor member – Appoint Doug Vander Broek, DC of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Reappoint Laura Scholl of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art --

Body Artist Member: Appoint Melanie Judkins of Omaha for the term of 11/16/09 through 11/30/10 (short term due to a resignation).

Electrologist Member: Appoint Mary Brennan, BSN, CPE, LE of Bennington for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Licensed Nail Tech or Esthetics Instructor member – Appoint Nancy Bumann of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Nail Technician member – Appoint Becky Pettigrew of Valentine for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Dentistry –

Dental Hygienist members: Appoint Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, MAE of Aurora and reappoint Jane Lott, RDH, BS of York for the terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Dentist members: Appoint Charles Bauer, DDS of Hastings and David Blaha, DDS of Lincoln for the terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public members: Reappoint Judith Kissell, PhD of Omaha and appoint Mary Sneckenberg of Lincoln for the terms of 11/30/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists –

Environmental Health Specialist member: Reappoint Michael Gould, REHS of North Platte for the term of 1/01/10 through 11/30/14.

Public member: Appoint Raymond Chollet, PhD of Lincoln for the term of 1/01/10 through 11/30/14.

Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming – Reappoint Terrence Kucera of Omaha for the funeral director member term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Hearing Aid Specialists – Reappoint Sammy White of North Platte to the Hearing Instrument Specialist member term of 12/26/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy –

Medical Nutritional Therapist Member – Appoint Sharon Balters, PhD, RD, CSG, LMNT, of Lincoln and Toni Kuehneman, MS, RD, LMNT of Papillion for terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Appoint William Michener of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Medical Radiography – Reappoint James Temme, MPA, RT of Omaha to the Medical Radiographer member term for 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Medicine and Surgery –

Physician member: Appoint Michael Bittles, MD of West Point for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public members: Reappoint David Dryburgh of Seward and Merle Henkenius of Lincoln for the terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Mental Health Practice:

Certified Marriage and Family Therapy member: Reappoint John Danforth, MS, CMFT, LIMHP, LMHP of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public Member: Reappoint Michael Kinney, JD of Bellevue for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Nursing:

Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator member – Appoint Karen Weidner, RN, MSN, CPNP of Madison for the term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.

Practical Nurse member – Appoint Janet Andrew, LPN-C of Auburn for the term of 11/16/09 through 11/30/10 (short term due to a resignation).

Practical Nurse Educator – Reappoint Crystal Higgins, RN, MS of Beatrice for the term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.

Staff Nurse Member: Reappoint Kathryn Yost, RN, BSN of Gering for the term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Nursing Home Administration:

College Faculty member – Appoint Renea Gernant, PhD of Seward for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Nonprofit Home member – Reappoint Keith Fickenscher of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Proprietary Home member – Appoint Scott Bahe, NHA of Gothenberg for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Optometry – Reappoint James Kirchner, OD of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Pharmacy – Appoint Patricia Gollner, PharmD of Hastings for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Physical Therapy:

Physical Therapist member – Appoint Rachel Reiman, PT, MSHCA of Omaha for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Appoint Lois Beckmann of Waco for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Podiatry:

Podiatrist member – Reappoint Richard Raska, DPM of North Platte for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Reappoint Beverly Bornschlegl of York for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Psychology:

Psychologist member: Reappoint Lori Lundquist Wall, PhD, LP of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Appoint Todd Mulliner, JD of Lincoln and reappoint Christy Rentmeester, PhD of Omaha for terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Respiratory Care – Appoint Bill Johnson, MD of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery:

Veterinarian member – Appoint James Unwin, DVM of Oakland for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Reappoint Gail Miller, MA of York for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Regulations for Approval:

January:

- Title 172 NAC 106, Nursing Home Administrators
- Title 178 NAC 22, Asbestos Projects

No regulations for action in March.

May:

- Title 180 NAC 23, Fluoroscopic Education and Training for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

July:

- Title 178 NAC 22, Asbestos Projects

September:

- Title 172 NAC 81, Licensure of Massage Therapists
- Title 172 NAC 82, Licensure of Massage Therapy Establishments
- Title 172 NAC 83, Licensure of Massage Therapy Schools

November:

- Title 180 NAC 11, Requirements for Radon and Radon Progeny Measurement and Mitigation Services

Regulations for Review:

March:

- Title 180 NAC 1-10, 13-15, and 17-21, Control of Radiation
- Title 180 NAC 22, Shipment of High-Level Radioactive or Transuranic Waste [New Regulations]

July:

- Title 178 NAC 24, Methamphetamine Clean Up (New Regulations)

September:

- Title 179 NAC 7, Siting, Design and Construction of Public Water Systems (New Regulations)
- Title 179 NAC 2, Section 007, Siting, Design and Construction of Public Water Supply Systems (Repeal of Regulations)
- Title 177 NAC 1, Analyses for the Determination of the Alcohol Content in Blood or Breath
- Title 177 NAC 6, Drug and Alcohol Testing in the Workplace

If you would like more information on any of these sets of regulations, please contact the Regulatory and Integration Analysis Division at 402/471-9022. Regulations are available for viewing on the DHHS web site.

To: Members of the Nebraska State Board of Health
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Date: December 2, 2009

Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

The 2009 assignment was to continue to work toward improving the efficiency of the Credentialing Review Program, and to assist the full Board with any new credentialing reviews that arise.

Committee Members:

Current Committee Members: Janet Coleman, (Chair); Daryl Wills, D.C., (Vice Chair); Rich Robinson, P.E.; Linda Heiden; Pam List, A.P.R.N.; Robert Sandstrom, P.T.; and Dan Bizzell, Ed.D. Former Committee member whose service on the Board ended in 2009: Eric Berggren, P.E.

Board of Health Officers: Ed Discoe, MD (Chair); Gary Westerman, DDS (Vice Chair); Paul Salansky, OD (Secretary)

Staff: Ron Briel

Goals for 2009 were as Follows:

- 1) Advise the full Board regarding proposals for either change in scope of practice or new credentialing,
- 2) Continue to work towards improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Credentialing Review Program, and,
- 3) Screen and advise the Board regarding members of upcoming technical review committees, and advise on which Board members would be appropriate as chairpersons.

Activities for 2009 were as Follows:

On January 9, 2009, the Committee members formulated advice to the full Board regarding the Gambling Counselor proposal for licensure. The members of the full Board took action on this proposal during their January 26, 2009 bimonthly meeting. The members of the full Board finalized their report on this issue during their March 10, 2009 bimonthly meeting.

On January 26, 2009, the Committee members advised the full Board on the composition of the upcoming Optometry Technical Review Committee by submitting the names of preferred candidates for membership on this committee. The members of the full Board then formulated their advice to the Director of Public Health regarding the composition of this committee on that same date.

On May 18, 2009, the Committee members recommended the addition of four new members to the Credentialing Review Public Member Pool. These new members were approved by the members of the full Board during the afternoon session, giving this Pool a total of thirteen members.

On July 20, 2009, the Committee members advised the full Board on the composition of the upcoming Applied Behavior Analysis Technical Review Committee by submitting the names of preferred candidates for membership on this committee. The members of the full Board then formulated their advice to the Director of Public Health regarding the composition of this committee on that same date.

On September 21, 2009, the Committee members received advice from the members of the full Board of Health regarding their concerns about the proliferation of credentialing boards. The members of the full Board advised that the Credentialing Review Program be used to counsel applicant groups regarding other option for administering credentialing proposals other than creating an independent board. Such options include being regulated by an existing board or direct administration without using a board.

On October 26, 2009, the Committee members held a special meeting to formulate their recommendations on the Optometry proposal for a change in scope of practice. The members of the full Board formulated their recommendations on this proposal during their bimonthly meeting on November 16, 2009.

Goals for 2010 are as follows:

- 1) Advise the full Board regarding proposals for either change in scope of practice or new credentialing,*
- 2) Continue to work towards improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Credentialing Review Program, and,*
- 3) Screen and advise the Board regarding members of upcoming technical review committees, and advise on which Board members would be appropriate as chairpersons.*

Activities for 2010:

The Committee members will continue to advise the full Board regarding the appointment process for any new technical review committees and the formulation of recommendations on credentialing review proposals when they come to the Board for review.

RB revised 11/19/09

To: Members of the Nebraska State Board of Health
From: Pam List, Chair, Professional Boards Committee
Subject: 2009 Annual Report of the Professional Boards Committee of the
Nebraska State Board of Health
Date: November 20, 2009

Committee Members:

Pam List, APRN, Chair; Daryl Wills, DC, Vice Chair; Janet Coleman; Dale Michels, MD; Luisa Rounds, RN, BSN; Bob Sandstrom, PhD, PT; and John Tenny, DPM.
Monica Gissler, Committee Staff.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

In January 2009 Chairman Discoe established the following goals for this committee:

- ✓ Continue the process of inviting professional board chairs to meet with the Committee.
- ✓ Evaluate and refine guidelines for the selection and screening process of board appointees.
- ✓ Continue to build and utilize the database of applicants who were excellent candidates.
- ✓ Continue to work with the professional organizations to increase the pool of applicants.
- ✓ Review professional board application forms and processes, particularly for incumbents.
- ✓ Explore the role of the committee in mediating difficulties among professional board members.
- ✓ Improve upon and continue to use more efficient electronic means of processing application forms.

Activities for 2009:

January:

- Reappointed Layne Prest, MA, PhD of Omaha to a second term (through November 30, 2013) as the Certified Marriage and Family Therapist member of the Board of Mental Health Practice.
- Ms. Coleman attended the Board of Massage Therapy meeting on December 4th.
- Dr. Evans attended the Board of Veterinary Medicine on December 11th.
- Dr. Westerman presented at the New Professional Board Member Orientation on December 15th. Dr. Evans, Dr. Kester, and Dr. Tenny attended this orientation as well. We appreciate Helen Meeks and her staff for including us in this event.
- Dr. Michels attended the Board of Medicine and Surgery meeting on January 23rd.
- The Board of Health hosted several senators and their staff at a luncheon held at The Nebraska Bar Foundation.

March:

- Dr. Kester attended the Board of Pharmacy meeting on March 9th.
- Ten interviews were conducted, and the following five individuals were appointed to professional boards:
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling –
Public Member: Reappoint Chrisella Lewis of Hastings for term of 4/02/2009 through 11/30/2014

Board of Mental Health Practice –

Certified Master Social Worker Member: Appoint Susan Feyen, LCSW of Omaha for term effective today 3/16/2009 through 11/30/2011 (short term due to a resignation)

Physician Assistant Committee – 3 positions:

Supervising Physician Member: Appoint David Hoelting, MD of Pender for term of 4/17/2009 through 11/30/2014

Physician Assistant Member: Paul Shallabarger of Cambridge for term of 4/17/2009 through 11/30/2014

Public Member: Tom Bassett of Lincoln for term of 4/17/2009 through 11/30/2014

- Center for Nursing. The Board of Health voted to recommend the following individuals to Governor Heineman for appointment to the Center for Nursing (3 positions): Alice Kindschuh, MSN (of Omaha); Patricia “Trish” Lenz, MSN (of Seward); and Pam List, MSN, APRN (of Beemer). All were later confirmed by the Governor.

May:

- Dr. Bizzell attended the Physician Assistants meeting on April 3rd.
- Committee members conducted one interview earlier in the day. The following individual was appointed:
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling – Alcohol and Drug Counselor Member: appoint Barry Walker, LADC, of Omaha for the term of May 18, 2009 through November 30, 2014.
- To provide for more effective communication with the individual boards, the Committee continued to invite board chairs to the Professional Boards Committee meeting. Jody Spalding, Chair of the Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, attended the meeting. She provided excellent information to the Professional Boards Committee members on several issues.

July:

- Dr. Tennity attended the Board of Podiatry meeting on May 29th.
- Ms. Coleman attended the Board of Massage Therapy meeting on June 23rd.

August:

- Committee members prescreened applicants. A total of 166 individuals applied and 71 were scheduled for interviews to fill 48 vacancies. In an effort to save printing and postage costs, applications were scanned into PDF files and sent electronically to committee members.

September:

- Seventeen interviews were conducted on the day prior to the regular Board of Health meeting held in Columbus. Several committee members used personal laptop computers to view the applications which were available on CDs.

October:

- 54 interviews were scheduled and 52 were conducted in Lincoln on Sunday, October 18th and Monday, October 19th. Eight Board of Health members participated in conducting interviews.

November:

The following individuals were appointed, most with terms through November 30, 2014, unless indicated otherwise:

- Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling – Appoint Frank Bailey, III, LADC of Omaha for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor member term of 11/16/09 through 11/30/11 (short term due to a resignation).
- Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing – Reappoint Brenda Bergman-Evans, PhD, APRN-NP, APRN-CNS, of Omaha to the Nurse Practitioner term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.
- Board of Athletic Training – Appoint Lisa Moore, ATC of Omaha to the Athletic Trainer term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
- Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology –
Audiologist member – Appoint Craig Foss, AuD of Grand Island to the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
Speech-Language Pathologist member – Appoint Jana Green, CCC-SLP of Minden to the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
Public member – Reappoint Ron Busch, MS of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
- Board of Chiropractic:
Chiropractor member – Appoint Doug Vander Broek, DC of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
Public member – Reappoint Laura Scholl of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
- Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art --
Body Artist Member: Appoint Melanie Judkins of Omaha for the term of 11/16/09 through 11/30/10 (short term due to a resignation).
Electrologist Member: Appoint Mary Brennan, BSN, CPE, LE of Bennington for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
Licensed Nail Tech or Esthetics Instructor member – Appoint Nancy Bumann of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
Nail Technician member – Appoint Becky Pettigrew of Valentine for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
- Board of Dentistry –
Dental Hygienist members: Appoint Cynthia Gaskill, RDH, MAE of Aurora and reappoint Jane Lott, RDH, BS of York for the terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
Dentist members: Appoint Charles Bauer, DDS of Hastings and David Blaha, DDS of Lincoln for the terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.
Public members: Reappoint Judith Kissell, PhD of Omaha and appoint Mary Sneckenberg of Lincoln for the terms of 11/30/09 through 11/30/14.
- Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists –
Environmental Health Specialist member: Reappoint Michael Gould, REHS of North Platte for the term of 1/01/10 through 11/30/14.
Public member: Appoint Raymond Chollet, PhD of Lincoln for the term of 1/01/10 through 11/30/14.

Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming – Reappoint Terrence Kucera of Omaha for the funeral director member term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Hearing Aid Specialists – Reappoint Sammy White of North Platte to the Hearing Instrument Specialist member term of 12/26/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy –

Medical Nutritional Therapist Members – Appoint Toni Kuehneman, MS, RD, LMNT of Papillion and Sharon Balters, PhD, RD, CSG, LMNT, of Lincoln for terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Medical Radiography – Reappoint James Temme, MPA, RT of Omaha to the Medical Radiographer member term for 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Medicine and Surgery –

Physician member: Appoint Michael Bittles, MD of West Point for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public members: Reappoint David Dryburgh of Seward and Merle Henkenius of Lincoln for the terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Mental Health Practice:

Certified Marriage and Family Therapy member: Reappoint John Danforth, MS, CMFT, LIMHP, LMHP of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public Members: Reappoint Michael Kinney, JD of Bellevue and appoint Todd Mulliner, JD of Lincoln for terms of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Nursing:

Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator member – Appoint Karen Weidner, RN, MSN, CPNP of Madison for the term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.

Practical Nurse member – Appoint Janet Andrew, LPN-C of Auburn for the term of 11/16/09 through 11/30/10 (short term due to a resignation).

Practical Nurse Educator – Reappoint Crystal Higgins, RN, MS of Beatrice for the term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.

Staff Nurse Member: Reappoint Kathryn Yost, RN, BSN of Gering for the term of 12/02/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Nursing Home Administration:

College Faculty member – Appoint Renea Gernant, PhD of Seward for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Nonprofit Home member – Reappoint Keith Fickenscher of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Proprietary Home member – Appoint Scott Bahe, NHA of Gothenberg for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Optometry – Reappoint James Kirchner, OD of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Pharmacy – Appoint Patricia Gollner, PharmD of Hastings for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Physical Therapy:

Physical Therapist member – Appoint Rachel Reiman, PT, MSHCA of Omaha for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Appoint Lois Beckmann of Waco for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Podiatry:

Podiatrist member – Reappoint Richard Raska, DPM of North Platte for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Reappoint Beverly Bornschlegl of York for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Psychology:

Psychologist member: Reappoint Lori Lundquist Wall, PhD, LP of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Reappoint Christy Rentmeester, PhD of Omaha for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Respiratory Care – Appoint Bill Johnson, MD of Lincoln for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery:

Veterinarian member – Appoint James Unwin, DVM of Oakland for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

Public member – Reappoint Gail Miller, MA of York for the term of 12/01/09 through 11/30/14.

- Janet Coleman attended the Board of Massage Therapy meeting on September 25th.
- Roger Reamer attended the Nursing Home Administrators Board meeting on October 20th.
- Dr. Salansky attended the Board of Optometry meeting on October 30th.
- Dr. Kester attended the November 9th Board of Pharmacy meeting.
- In December we will start the recruiting process for four vacancies on the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling and the Board of Nursing Home Administration. Appointments will be made in March 2010.

Goals for 2010:

1. Continue the process of inviting professional board chairpersons to meet with the Committee and discuss how their board functions and any concerns or issues they have that the Board of Health might address. Increase the number of board members maintaining contact with the assigned professional boards to enhance communication. Discuss possibilities for consolidation or mergers of boards.
2. Utilize the prescreening process again to make the best use of our interview times. If the Board of Health conducts a regular meeting in 2010 outside of Lincoln, interviews may also be offered at this location on the previous day for the convenience of applicants. The prescreening process will be continue to be evaluated and revised as necessary. There are 41 scheduled professional board vacancies in 2010.
3. Continue to work with professional organizations to increase the pool of qualified applicants for positions.
4. Utilize the recently implemented peer evaluation process for incumbents for the 2010 interviews and develop a method of obtaining feedback from board members and staff about the process.

5. Continue to build and utilize the data base of professional board applicants who were excellent candidates, but for various reasons were not appointed to the positions they were seeking. These applicants should receive consideration for the Credentialing Review Pool or PREP.
6. Further define the role of the committee in mediating difficulties among professional board members.

12/14/09

Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee

To: Members of the Nebraska State Board of Health
From: Dale Michels, MD, Committee Chair
Subject: 2009 Report of the Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee of the
Nebraska State Board of Health
Date: November 18, 2009

Committee Members:

Dale Michels, MD, (Chair); Russell Hopp, DO (Vice Chair); Daniel Bizzell, EdD; Ted Evans, DVM~~Eric Berggren, PE; Ed Discove, MD~~; Ted Evans, DVM; Linda Heiden, public member; Ken Kester, PharmD, JD; and Roger Reamer, MBA, Hospital Administrator.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

The Public Health, Education, and Legislation (PHEL) Committee met seven times during 2009 (six in person and one teleconference) and worked toward the following committee objective: To identify and promote public education and legislation to enhance the health, mental health, and living environment of all residents of Nebraska.

Committee Objectives for 2009:

- ✓ Provide information and education of selected health programs in Nebraska that promotes public health and the prevention of health and mental health problems.
- ✓ Develop BOH position statements directed toward public health programs and issues.
- ✓ Review, select, prioritize and advocate proposed legislation that enhances health and welfare.
- ✓ Advocate and support legislative efforts to enhance opportunities for the education and development of health care professionals in Nebraska, especially rural providers, and for efforts supporting the health and mental health of residents of Nebraska.
- ✓ Help plan retreats and provide program content for special meetings.
- ✓ Promote cooperative efforts with district health departments and other public health entities

Activities in 2009:

January:

Dr. Michels, Chair of the Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee, listed bills of interest to his committee, as determined during a committee conference call held on January 23, 2009, and committee discussion held the morning of January 26th. Participants included Dr. Michels, Dr. Bizzell, Ms. Coleman, Dr. Lazure, Dr. Kester, and staff Jeff Soukup and Monica Gissler. Against LB 200, 572, 611 and 614. Support for 255, 542, 72, 112, 123, 464. Monitor

and bills in the 407 process – recommend letters of recommendation for 407 process for 417, 621 (if advanced, go through 407 process).

Specific bills of interest to the Board of Health were discussed:

200	Janssen	Change motorcycle and moped helmet requirements	Oppose. Requires eye protection. Exempts helmets for 21+, and 15-21 if completed safety course. Secondary enforcement.
255	Harms	Require lap-shoulder belts in school buses	Support.
542	Campbell	Provide for rules & regs for dental assistants	Support. Authorizes DHHS to promulgate rules w/education & training requirements.
572	Heidemann	Change Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund provisions	Oppose. Would cut the portion of tobacco settlement dollars dedicated to tobacco prevention & cessation fm \$3m to \$1.5m.
611	Karpisek	To amend the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act to provide cities, villages, and counties the authority to regulate smoking	Oppose. Letter stating BOH opposes any exemptions to Clean Indoor Air Act.
614	Howard	Provide for licensure of macro social workers	Credentialing Review in process. Creates CMSW. Defines licensed master social work. Send letter requesting they suspend any action until 407 complete.
621	Wightman	Provide an exemption from licensure as a massage therapist	Re soft tissue manipulation and reflexologists. Recommend 407.

Board of Health support means providing testimony or sending a letter stating any concerns. For each of the support and opposition bills listed above, the Board will send a letter and/or testify.

We received a Public Health Recognition Award nomination for the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department in McCook for their efforts to educate in the area of childhood obesity through their Nebraska Kids Fitness and Nutrition Day program. It brings 500 fourth graders from Southwest Nebraska together for five hours of fun and fitness activities, including hands on nutrition education. Dr. Michels made a committee motion to recognize and award them with our Public Health Recognition Award.

March:

- Legislative Update: There was a motion to move LB 355 up from category 3 to category 1 and send a letter in opposition to all members of the Legislature regarding cigar bars to all senators.
- Public Health Week is April 6 – 12, as signed in a proclamation by the Governor. A Public Health conference will be held April 8 & 9 in Lincoln.

Infectious Disease Update – Dr. Tom Safranek, the DHHS State Epidemiologist, reported on current, ongoing work being done. There are about 80 reportable diseases, but 10 diseases that they follow closely – Hep C, STDs, TB, E. Coli, influenza (limited screening), etc. He focused on two main areas: the first being the recent salmonella outbreak. Local health departments help monitor infectious diseases. The other big item is how they have developed automated interfaces with lab systems. They currently have about 12 labs around the state, but they would like to have 40.

May:

- Linda Heiden presented a Public Health Recognition Award to the Kids Fit program at SouthWest Health Department in Imperial on April 23rd. A press release went out.
- Legislative Update: Dr. Michels reviewed legislative actions, including the Cigar Bar bill recently passed. The Clean Indoor Air Act goes into effect on June 1, 2009.
- LB 195 - changes Hearing Aid Dispensers and Fitters to Hearing Aid Specialists
- LB 542 – Dental assistant regulations.

H1N1 Update – Dr. Safranek, the DHHS State Epidemiologist, presented, at the request of Dr. Discoe. Dr. Safranek said he expected avian flu, but now the virus seems to have picked up the ability to transfer from human to human. The goal was to track where this has passed in Nebraska, how it's spreading, etc. There are physicians who volunteer to count and report the number of flu-like illnesses through a CDC program on a weekly basis, a Sentinel Tracking System. We also have 80 labs around the state who track and report flu-like tests on a weekly basis. Some nurses around the state report.

July:

- Dr. Michels, Committee Chair, made a Committee motion to present a Public Health Recognition for the Youth for Christ, Columbus Teen Moms Program.

September (in Columbus):

- Becky Rayman, Executive Director of East Central District Health Department in Columbus, presented to the Board. She gave a presentation on local issues, and the various issues she encounters in a typical day in public health in Nebraska.
- Public Health Recognition for Youth for Christ, Columbus. Darla Neemeyer presented on the Teen Moms Program. Over 11 percent of all births at the Columbus Community Hospital during 2008 were to teenagers. The Teen Moms Program offers free parenting and relationship classes, mentoring, and case management. This program is open to all youth ages 11-19 in the Columbus area. During 2008, Youth for Christ offered services to 5,455 students. In 2008, 70 teen moms and 21 young dads participated with their 92 babies. One of the Teen Moms Program's goals is to provide an intervention in the life of the teen mother, to promote healthy relationships, boundaries and abstinence. The East Central District Health Department has collaborated with the Teen Moms Program on parenting, health in pregnancy and the effects of smoking on unborn babies and children, as well as flu prevention and treatment. The program participates with more than 25 other agencies monthly to collaboratively prevent child abuse and neglect.

- Retreat follow up: It was recommended that we strive to improve communication with the Governor and the Director of the Division of Public Health. The Executive Committee and any other interested Board members will meet to further strategize on how best to accomplish this goal.

November:

- Reviewed recent legislation, including that from the special session.
- Reviewed and approved the draft annual committee report.
- The agenda for the January 25, 2010 Legislative Luncheon was discussed and approved.
- There will be a PHEL conference call on Friday, January 22, 2010 to review introduced legislation.
- Public health recognition – Nebraska Mission of Mercy dental program. Dr. Michels made a committee motion to approve this recognition. This program targets to provide dental and oral health services to low-income individuals and families through local churches, community programs and service organizations. Patients are screened and treated based on their most urgent dental needs. These services are then provided by a volunteer dentist, hygienist, or assistant. Excellent care is given to patients in need at no cost.

Goals and Objectives for 2010:

- ✓ Provide information and education about selected health programs in Nebraska that promote public health and the prevention of health and behavioral health problems.
- ✓ Develop BOH position statements directed toward public health issues that affect Nebraskans.
- ✓ Review, select, prioritize and advocate for proposed legislation that enhances health of Nebraskan's citizens.
- ✓ Advocate and support legislative efforts to enhance opportunities for the education and development of health care professionals in Nebraska, especially in underserved areas.
- ✓ Help plan retreats and provide program content for special meetings of the Board of Health.
- ✓ Promote cooperative efforts with district health departments and other public health entities
- ✓ Honor those public health programs that have worked to improve the lives of Nebraskans

*RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009*

Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

- All rules and regulations, both those for approval and those for review only by the Board, will come before this committee. This committee reviews the regulations prior to Board of Health (BOH) meetings in order to enhance discussion and improve efficiency during the BOH meeting.
- The committee is responsible for setting the evaluation of the rules and regulations process for the BOH.

Committee Members: Ken Kester, Pharm D., JD (Chair); Linda Lazure, Ph.D., RN (Vice Chair); Eric Berggren, PE; Ted Evans, Jr., DVM; Russell Hopp, DO; Roger Reamer, MBA; and John Tenny, DPM. As of the November 16, 2009 Committee Meeting, Eric Berggren and Linda Lazure were no longer members. Rich Robinson, PE took the place of Eric Berggren. Luisa Rounds, RN, BSN took the place of Linda Lazure, Ph.D., RN.

Staff: Joyce Davidson

Activities for 2009

January 26

Approved the following regulations:

- Title 172 NAC 106, Nursing Home Administrators
- Title 178 NAC 22, Asbestos Projects

Reviewed the following regulations:

- Title 180 NAC 1-10, 13-15, and 17-21, Control of Radiation
- Title 180 NAC 22, Shipment of High-Level Radioactive or Transuranic Waste [New Regulations]

March 16 (no regulations were adopted or reviewed this months BOH Meeting)

May 18

Approved the following regulations:

- Title 180 NAC 23, Fluoroscopic Education and Training for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

July 20

Approved the following regulations:

- Title 178 NAC 22, Asbestos Projects

Reviewed the following regulations:

- Title 178 NAC 24, Methamphetamine Clean Up (New Regulations)

September 21

Approved the following regulations:

- Title 172 NAC 81, Licensure of Massage Therapists
- Title 172 NAC 82, Licensure of Massage Therapy Establishments
- Title 172 NAC 83, Licensure of Massage Therapy Schools

Reviewed the following regulations:

- Title 179 NAC 7, Siting, Design and Construction of Public Water Systems (New Regulations)
- Title 179 NAC 2, Section 007, Siting, Design and Construction of Public Water Supply Systems (Repeal of Regulations)
- Title 177 NAC 1, Analyses for the Determination of the Alcohol Content in Blood or Breath
- Title 177 NAC 6, Drug and Alcohol Testing in the Workplace

November 16

Approved the following regulations:

- Title 180 NAC 11, Requirements for Radon and Radon Progeny Measurement and Mitigation Services

GOALS for 2010

The Rules and Regulations Committee will continue reviewing proposed regulations due to Laws 2007, LB 463, the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA) implementation. These will be in addition to other regulations going through the regulation process throughout 2010.

11/17/09