These minutes have not been approved by the APRN Board.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Fiala, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2020, Board meetings.


CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Glidden made the motion, seconded by Fiala, for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.


1:05 p.m. Meeting went into closed session.
1:41 p.m. Meeting returned to open session. Anderson, Harrison, Held, and Lemke left the call.

LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS

No license applications were reviewed by the Board.

CREDENTIALING REVIEW

Members reviewed the Board of Nursing’s request that a credentialing review (also called a 407 review) be conducted on the topic of having all APRNs practice under a single statute and single scope of practice. Oertwich noted that Senator Howard had suggested that a credentialing review for Certified Nurse Midwives would be necessary in order to consider LB730, which was introduced in the Legislature in 2019, and would have aligned Nebraska’s APRN statutes with the NCSBN’s APRN Consensus Model. Oertwich said that the goal of the Board of Nursing’s request was to demonstrate the similarity of the four APRN roles and allow all APRNs to practice to the full extent of their education.

LEGISLATION

Oertwich noted that the current legislative session is suspended until July due to the COVID-19 emergency.

NCSBN MEETINGS

Oertwich reported that changes to the proposed APRN Compact were discussed at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing’s Mid-Year Meeting in early March. The plan at that time was to firm up the APRN Compact’s uniform licensing requirements at the APRN Roundtable scheduled for April 7, 2020, and then present the proposed changes at the NCSBN’s Annual Meeting in August. The APRN Roundtable Meeting, however, has been cancelled, and Oertwich did not know whether or not the APRN Compact changes would be considered at the Annual Meeting.
COMMUNICATION

Regulations – Oertwich reported that the amended APRN regulations have been reviewed by the Board of Health’s Regulations Committee. The regulations, however, still need approval from the full Board of Health in order to move forward in the approval process. The Board of Health did not have permission to meet telephonically, so its March 16th meeting had to be cancelled. They are trying to arrange a meeting in April.

Staff Updates – Oertwich reported that Pearson VUE and other companies that proctor licensure examinations have closed temporarily due to COVID-19. DHHS is considering temporary waivers to current licensing requirements in order to allow licensure applicants to enter the workforce and practice safely.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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