

# NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

May 3, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Timothy Glidden, Board President, at 1:00 p.m. on May 3, 2019, at Staybridge Suites, 2701 Fletcher Ave., Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed in advance to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, posted outside the Licensure Unit within the Nebraska State Office Building, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website. Glidden announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

### ROLL CALL

The following board members were present and answered roll call:

- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP
- Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, *President*
- Stephen Jackson, *Public Member*
- Alice Kindschuh, APRN-CNS, *Vice-President*
- Michael Losee, *Public Member*
- Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM

The following Board members were absent: Shelia Ellis, MD, *Secretary*; Jenna Fiala, MD, and Michael Skoch, MD.

The following staff members from the Department and the Attorney General's Office were present during all or part of the meeting:

- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Kathy Hoebelheinrich, RN, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Jacci Reznicek, RN, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Anna Harrison, RN, *Compliance Monitor*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*
- Felicia Quintana-Zinn, *DHHS Drug Overdose Program*
- Lisa Anderson, *Assistant Attorney General*

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Losee, to adopt the agenda for the May 3, 2019, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Foss, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ellis, Fiala, and Skoch. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2019, Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Foss, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ellis, Fiala, and Skoch. Motion carried.

These minutes were approved by the  
APRN Board on October 31, 2019.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Losee made the motion, seconded by Glidden, 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.

Voting Yes: Foss, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ellis, Fiala, and Skoch. Motion carried.

1:05 p.m. Meeting went into closed session.

1:18 p.m. Foss left the meeting.

1:35 p.m. Foss returned to the meeting. Meeting returned to open session.

**LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS**

No licensure applications were reviewed by the Board.

**NCSBN APRN ROUNDTABLE**

Hoebelheinrich reported on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's APRN Roundtable meeting, which was held on April 9, 2019. One topic discussed was training of APRNs, particularly whether to emphasize training APRNs as generalist first rather than as specialists. Hoebelheinrich noted that rural states preferred the generalist approach. The Roundtable also discussed decision-making models, including the Scope of Nursing Practice Decision-making Framework from the *Journal of Nursing Regulation*, which was previously approved by the Board. Hoebelheinrich said that participants thought that a better model might be developed.

Kindschuh noted that APRNs choose their roles and population foci early in their careers. She reported that people are proposing "micro-credentialing" as a way to allow nurse practitioners to achieve additional certifications. If an NP certified in family health, for example, could more easily obtain the education needed for a psychiatric certification, the NP might be able to fill unmet needs in rural communities. Kindschuh also noted that in the Omaha area there is a need for APRNs with acute care certifications, but that students are reluctant to choose this field as their first certification because it can limit their employment opportunities. Foss added that an NP with an acute care certification would not be marketable in rural areas.

**OPIOID CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Felicia Quintana-Zinn, from the DHHS Drug Overdose Prevention Program, spoke about required opioid continuing education. LB731, which was passed by the Legislature in 2018, requires a number of professions, including Certified Nurse Midwives and Nurse Practitioners, to complete three hours of continuing education related to opiate prescribing during each two-year renewal cycle. Of the three hours of opiate education, one-half hour must cover the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

The DHHS Drug Overdose Prevention Program has posted a video on its website about Nebraska's PDMP along with an online exam. Licensees who watch the video and then obtain an acceptable score on the exam receive a certificate. Quintana-Zinn said she has made arrangements so that physicians, dentists, and veterinarians can use the PDMP video as approved continuing education, but she has not yet been able to get the video approved for use by APRNs. Hoebelheinrich and Joyner explained that the nursing continuing education is approved by national accreditation organizations rather than by the nursing boards. Kindschuh recommended that Quintana-Zinn contact Nebraska Methodist College or companies such as Western Schools that provide accredited continuing education online for nurses.

Quintana-Zinn said that her program has received a lot of calls from people asking why CRNAs are not required to take a PDMP course. Glidden said that CRNAs do not have prescriptive authority outside of the facilities in which they work.

**2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Hoebelheinrich reported the LB730, which would combine the separate practice acts for each APRN role into one act, is not expected to get out of committee. Senator Sarah Howard has asked for a 407 Review on the provision of the bill that would change the current requirement that Certified Nurse Midwives maintain a signed practice agreement with a physician. Hoebelheinrich said that the state Certified Nurse Midwife association has already submitted a letter of intent to pursue a 407 Review.

Hoebelheinrich reported that the following bills have been approved: LB25, which adds a patient safety fee to the existing license application and renewal fees paid by physician and physician assistant, but not nurses; LB29, which clarifies which professions can establish provider-patient relationships and prescribe through telehealth; and LB122, which waives the initial license application fee for persons between 18-25 years old, persons with low income, and members of military families.

**COMMUNICATION**

NCSBN's 2019 Annual Meeting will be held August 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Chicago, IL. Hoebelheinrich said that NCSBN will cover the expenses for two representatives of the APRN Board to attend the conference. Hoebelheinrich said that any Board members interested in attending should contact Ann Oertwich.

**CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner  
Health Licensing Coordinator