

# NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

## MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC MEETING HELD

June 21, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

The telephonic meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Timothy Glidden, *Board President*, at 8:33 a.m., on June 21, 2019, at the Nebraska State Office Building, Licensure Unit Conference Room, 301 Centennial Mall South, 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. Joyner announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

### ROLL CALL

The following board members answered roll call via teleconference:

- Sheila Ellis, MD, *Secretary*
- Jenna Fiala, MD
- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP
- Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, *President*
- Stephen Jackson, *Public Member*
- Alice Kindschuh, APRN-CNS, *Vice-President*

The following Board members were absent: Michael Losee, *Public Member*, Michael Skoch, MD, and Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM.

The following staff members from the Department were present during the meeting:

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Kathy Hoebelheinrich, RN, *Nursing Practice Consultant*

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Foss, to approve the agenda for the June 21, 2019, APRN Board meeting.

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

### DRAFT REGULATIONS

Oertwich explained that DHHS staff previously been asked to identify all regulations that needed to be updated. Staff recently received a directive that revisions to the identified regulations needed to be approved by July 2019. The directive also stated that regulations cannot repeat statutory language. Information from the APRN Practice Acts and the Uniform Credentialing Act, for example, should not be included in regulations. Staff were also told that regulations should not include information intended as guidance.

Foss asked for clarification regarding which regulations would move forward in the approval process. Oertwich said that Chapter 98 (172 NAC 98) has been revised to cover all four APRN roles. The proposal is to move the revised Chapter 98 forward in the approval process and repeal the four separate chapters for each APRN role (172 NAC 100, 172 NAC 103, 172 NAC 104, and 172 NAC 107). Oertwich said that the revised Chapter 98 keeps the current requirement that applicants for an initial Nurse Practitioner license must attest that they

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have a transition to practice agreement and also keeps the current requirement that Certified Nurse Midwives have a written practice agreement with a collaborating licensed practitioner.

Glidden asked if language to repeal the APRN Board is still on the table. Oertwich said that such language does not exist in the regulations.

Foss asked if any other states had APRN Boards. She said it was her understanding that APRNs in all other states are governed by the states' Boards of Nursing. Oertwich confirmed that Nebraska is the only state with a separate APRN Board.

**MOTION:** Foss made the motion, seconded by Kindshcuh, to approve the proposed revisions to Chapter 98 and the repeal of Chapters 100, 103, 104, and 107.

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

Glidden asked what the next steps will be for the regulations. Oertwich said the drafts will next be reviewed by DHHS Legal. After DHHS Legal finishes their review, the draft will be sent to the Governor's Policy Review Office (GPRO), after which a public hearing will be set. After the public hearing, the drafts will to be reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and then by the Governor's office prior to becoming effective. If any substantial changes are proposed during this process, the drafts will be taken back to the APRN Board for review and approval.

#### **CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner  
Health Licensing Coordinator