

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**DRAFT MINUTES – September 17, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION.** A regular meeting of the State Board of Health was called to order by the Chair, Diane Jackson, APRN, at 1:00 PM on September 17, 2018 in Conference Room AB of the Crete Area Medical Center in Crete. Copies of the agenda were mailed to board members, news media, and other interested parties prior to the meeting, and posted on the Health and Human Services website. The following members were present: Kevin Borchert, PharmD, RP; Shane Fleming, MSN, RN; Russell Hopp, DO; Diane Jackson, APRN ; Teresa Konda, PE; Kevin Low, DDS; Debra Parsow; Wayne Stuberg, PhD, PT; Travis Teetor, MD; Doug Vander Broek, DC; Joshua Vest, DPM; Jeromy Warner, PsyD, LP. Quorum met.  
Members not in attendance: Joel Bessmer, MD; Brian Brightman, OD; Michael Hansen; Tony Moravec, DVM  
Staff attending: Ron Briel, Matt Gelvin, Monica Gissler, Marla Scheer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Ms. Jackson asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the meeting today. Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Dr. Stuberg; voting yes: 12 (Borchert, Fleming, Hopp, Jackson, Konda, Low, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Ms. Jackson asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the March 13 2018 meeting. Dr. Low made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Warner, voting yes: 12 (Borchert, Fleming, Hopp, Jackson, Konda, Low, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

**REBEKAH MUSSMAN, PRESIDENT/CEO OF CRETE AREA MEDICAL CENTER.** She gave Board of Health members a tour of their facility, which is a non-profit, 24 bed critical access hospital. They have a shared Mission, Vision and Beliefs with BryanLGH Medical, which they are a part of. She gave statistics on their customer base. Crete is rapidly growing, 17% up from the averages, with the fastest-growing Hispanic in Nebraska. Hispanics make up 10.35% of Nebraskans, but are almost 24% of the Saline County population. <https://www.bryanhealth.com/locations/hospitals/crete-area-medical-center/>

**KIM BUSER, RN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS** – Presented at 11:00 AM. In 2018, they are focusing on assessing the needs of their five counties, and are all about prevention, promotion, and protection. <http://phsneb.org/>

**PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE – SUSAN STROHN, JD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR.**

Electronic licensure renewal.  
Explained the disciplinary process.  
Greatest number of disciplinary cases involve addiction issues.

Lots of that great work continues to happen in public health and throughout the agency.

### **We delivered on our annual business plan**

- TeamDHHS just launched their third annual Business Plan. The plan initiatives aimed at integrating services, promoting independence, focusing on prevention, leveraging technology, and increasing operating efficiencies.
- Our team completed 97 percent of the deliverables scheduled in FY18 and our Public Health team fully completed our three initiatives: Prescription Drug Overdose Program and Prescription Drug Monitoring; Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards for the WIC Program; and Continued Improvements in Children's Services Licensing.

### **Continued efforts to address opioid abuse**

- DHHS is at the forefront of providing tools to support the reduction of prescription drug addictions and overdoses.
- On January 1, 2018, Nebraska became the first state in the nation to require reporting of all dispensed prescription drugs to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, a comprehensive tool allowing medication providers to more easily review a patient's medication history.
- A standing order for Naloxone was issued to help facilitate access to the lifesaving drug for family members and friends who may assist in an opioid overdose emergency.
- Also, DHHS worked with pharmacists, physicians, and EMS providers to create educational resources and training on Naloxone, as well as an information campaign geared toward the public about access and use of the medication.

### **Licensure improvements**

- Medication aides saw significant improvement as the division reduced the registration process from 39 days to an average of 16 days over the past 15 months, even as the number of applications and renewals has increased.
- The nurse licensing process has been reduced from 96 days in November 2015 to 37 days in November 2017. Licenses are now delivered electronically and people can print them off at their own convenience.

### **LICENSURE UNIT UPDATE - MATT GELVIN, BOARD OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR.**

- Identified new program managers and reviewed recent staffing changes.
- Shared a new Licensure Unit brochure on services for the Military, including licensing for military spouses.
- Highlighted the LU Community unit. Everyone is working hard.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.** Ms. Jackson, Chair, reported the following:

1. Has anyone attended any professional board meetings that they would like to report on? None.
2. There have been several staff changes at the Division of Public Health.

- Connie Vogt is the new Program Manager for the Office of Long-Term Care Facilities. Connie has been a LTC Surveyor and has extensive experience in the LTC industry. She replaced Eve Lewis.
  - Jesse Cushman is the new Program Manager for the Office of Medicine and Specialized Health. Jesse replaced Kathy Lueke.
  - Dr. Tom Williams, Chief Medical Officer for DHHS, retired last month. Susan Strohn, Deputy Director, who replaced Jennifer Roberts-Acierno in March, is here today. Courtney Phillips, CEO of DHHS, has been overseeing the Division of Public Health Operations. Courtney Phillips, CEO of DHHS, has resigned and will leave late September to serve as Executive Commissioner for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
  - Sheryl Mitchell, Program Manager for Developmental Disabilities has left. Tammy Reynoldson, surveyor consultant, is the interim manager.
3. We are meeting at Crete Area Medical Center today. I would like to thank Rebekah Mussman, President/CEO of Crete Area Medical Center, Mandy Steuer, her Executive Assistant, and other staff for their generosity in hosting us. And thank you to Kim Buser, RN, Director of Public Health Solutions for her presentation this morning.
  4. Agee Towne Park will close on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Staff are working on alternatives for parking.
  5. In November we will have election of officers. Please let Monica know if you would like your name to be added to the ballot. Specify any and all positions you would like to serve in.
  6. New committee preference forms for 2019 will be emailed by Monica. Please turn those in prior to the November meeting.
  7. Committee Chairs – please work with your staff to prepare your annual reports for presentation at the November meeting!

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Rules and Regulations Committee** – Dr. Vest, Committee Vice Chair, reported.

There are no regulations for review right now, so this committee did not meet today. An updated status report was sent out to all members.

**Credentialing Review (407) Committee** – Ms. Parsow, Committee Chair, presented. Staff are waiting for the official application from the EMS group. The Technical Review Committee has already been appointed. Credentialing Review documents may be accessed at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/credentialing-review.aspx>.

**Professional Boards Committee.** Dr. Warner, Committee Chair, reported.

The Committee interviewed 36 applicants yesterday and this morning. The following individuals were appointed, most with terms through November 30, 2023, unless indicated otherwise, followed by their hometown:

Nebraska Center for Nursing – recommendation to Governor Ricketts  
Sheila Bjerrum, RN, BS – York

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling  
Victor Gehrig, LADC – Gordon  
\* Natasha Robinson, LIMHP, LCSW, LADC – Boys Town

Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art  
Ron “RJ” Banse – Public Member – Lincoln  
Brandy Phillips – Cosmetologist Member – Kearney

Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists  
Kelly Pritchett, AuD, CCC-A – Lincoln  
\* Misti Chmiel, HIS – Grand Island

Board of Massage Therapy  
Mallory Carstens, LMT -- Hickman  
\* Brian Allison, FACHE – Public Member – Omaha

Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy  
\* Cristina Fernandez, MD – Omaha

Board of Medicine and Surgery  
Maria Michaelis, MD – Medical School Faculty – Omaha

Board of Mental Health Practice  
Laurie Andrews – Public Member – Aurora  
\* Cassandra Dittmer, LIMHP, LMFT – Lincoln  
David Hof, EdD, LMHP, LIMHP, CPC – Kearney

Board of Nursing  
Angela Cuffe, LPN – Elgin  
Linda Stones, RN, MS – Crete

Board of Nursing Home Administration  
\* Debra Sutton, RN – Endicott  
Natalie Manley, MD – Omaha

Board of Pharmacy  
\* Sabrina Beck, PharmD, BCPS – Hospital Pharmacist – Omaha

Board of Psychology  
Connie Petersen, PhD – Norfolk

Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists  
Kathy King, REHS – Lincoln  
\* Sarah Pistillo, REHS – La Vista

\* Indicates incumbent

There are six planned professional board interviews for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Warner made a Committee motion to appoint these individuals: Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 12 (Borcher, Fleming, Hopp, Konda, Low, Jackson, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

More information is available on the Vacancy website, for current and upcoming vacancies: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/Board-Requirements-and-Vacancies.aspx>

**Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee:** Ms. Konda, Committee Chair, reported. They discussed the status of legislative bills, and implementation by DHHS, particularly LB 931 and LB 117.

Legislative Luncheon – will be held on January 28, 2019 near the Capital Building. Board members will pay for their own meals, and share the cost for invited legislative guests. DHHS staff will pay for their own meals. All newly elected senators will be invited, regardless of committee assignment.

PHL Conference Call – January 24, 2019 in the afternoon. The exact time will be set by the new PHEL Committee Chair.

Mr. Fleming suggested an educational presentation on Antibiotic Stewardship for November.

**Approval of Committee Reports.** Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the Committee Reports, with a second by Mr. Fleming. Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 12 (Borcher, Fleming, Hopp, Konda, Low, Jackson, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- Conflict of Interest Policies and Statutes – Teresa Hampton, DHHS Legal was unable to attend, so this item will carry over.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

- Board of Health meeting dates for 2019:  
January 28  
March 18  
June 17  
September 16  
November 18

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING.** The next regular Board of Health meeting will be November 19, 2018 in the Nebraska State Office Building.

**ADJOURN.** There being no further business, Dr. Hopp made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Warner, all in favor by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM. Minutes were taken by Monica Gissler.  
These minutes were approved by the State Board of Health on \_\_\_\_\_.

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10/9/18, mcg