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 November 13, 2017 in Lower Level Conference Room B of the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln. 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: Joel Bessmer, MD; Kevin Borcher, PharmD, RP; Brian Brightman, OD; Michael Hansen; Russell Hopp, DO; Diane Jackson, APRN; Teresa Konda, PE; Kevin Low, DDS; Tony Moravec, DVM; Debra Parsow; Paul Salansky, OD; Wayne Stuberg, PhD, PT; Travis Teetor, MD; Doug Vander Broek, DC; Joshua Vest, DPM; Jeromy Warner, PsyD, LP. Quorum met. Members not in attendance: Shane Fleming, MSN, RN. 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. The Conflict of Interest item under New Business will be deferred to the January agenda due to staff illness. Dr. Low made a motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Dr. Warner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Ms. Jackson asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting. There was a correction made to the Chair of the meeting from Dr. Teetor to Ms. Jackson. Dr. Stuberg made a motion to approve the revised minutes, seconded by Dr. Brightman, voting yes: 15 (Bessmer, Borcher, Brightman, Hansen, Hopp, Jackson, Konda, Low, Moravec, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion not carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Bryson Bartels reported on the main carryover bills from the Department, LB 284 Child Care Licensing Act to change criminal history checks, LB 344 Mental Health Substance Abuse Centers, LB 343 and other bills related to Credentialing and Regulation of Cosmetology and related professions. The Cosmetology interim studies are the only hearings conducted this fall that is on our tracking list.

2018 is a short legislative session and starts on January 3rd.

LICENSURE UNIT ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE. Becky Wisell informed the board of the passing of Eve Lewis, DHHS Licensure Unit program manager for long term care and assisted living facilities. Eve had recently been honored by Governor Ricketts for her leadership.

Licensure Unit staff are still working the Governor’s review of regulations report, which is due November 15th. There are 113 sets of regulations within the Licensure Unit.

Several legislative proposals impacting professional and occupational credentialing are being considered for the 2018 Legislative Session.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT. Ms. Jackson, Chair, reported the following:
1. We had a great meeting and visit at Saunders Medical Center in September. Suggestions for a location for next September included Columbus and Crete.

2. Dr. Tom Williams, Chief Medical Officer for DHHS, was unable to attend today because he is visiting local health departments.

3. Towards the end of the meeting today we will have election of officers.

4. New committee preference forms for 2018 were due to Monica, and will be announced soon.

5. On January 22nd we will host our legislative lunch. We will hear more details from the PHEL Committee. Board members need to bring cash to pay for their lunch, and a share of invited legislative guest lunches.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Rules and Regulations Committee** – Mr. Hansen, Committee Chair, reported.

1. Reviewed UCA Regulation Status, as noted on handout.

2. Review the following proposed regulations:
   Title 180 NAC 1, 3, 13, and 24- Control of Radiation. Malisa McCown reported to the Committee about the proposed regulations, how they impact licensees, and are required for Nebraska to remain an Agreement State with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.


**Credentialing Review (407) Committee** – Ms. Parsow, Committee Chair, presented.

Credentialing Review documents may be accessed at [http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/credentialing-review.aspx](http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/credentialing-review.aspx).
They reviewed their draft Annual Report, and will be adding a timeline table to it.

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

The Committee interviewed 5 applicants in the morning. The following individuals were appointed, most with terms through November 30, 2022, unless indicated otherwise:

- Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
  Jenda Stauffer, MSN, APRN-CNM of Omaha
- Board of Medicine and Surgery
  John Massey, MD of Lincoln
- Board of Psychology
  Mark Lukin, PhD of Lincoln
- Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
  Elizabeth Farrington, DVM of Omaha
- Board of Nursing
  Lafonda Tanner, MBA of Bellevue to the Public Member position.
There are nine positions for which there were no applicants. These will roll over to 2018. There are 34 planned professional board vacancies in 2018.

Dr. Warner made a Committee motion to appoint these individuals: Voting yes: 15 (Bessmer, Borcher, Brightman, Hansen, Hopp, Jackson, Konda, Low, Moravec, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion not carried.

There is an immediate need for public members to serve on professional boards. Please help spread the word. More information is available on the Vacancy website, for current and upcoming vacancies: http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/Board-Requirements-and-Vacancies.aspx

The Annual Report was reviewed.

Public Health, Education and Legislation Committee: Ms. Konda, Committee Vice Chair, reported.

- Session Review, Including Interim Studies. A partial list was sent to Board members. The full list can be viewed at http://nebraskalegislature.gov/session/interim.php

- Public Health Recognition – Dr. Hopp presented on AIRE Nebraska – Asthma/Anaphylaxis Intervention, Resources and Education. AIRE Nebraska is dedicated to enhancing asthma and allergy awareness, promoting comprehensive asthma and allergy education, serving as a resource and advocate for Nebraskans affected by asthma and life-threatening allergies. They continually develop new educational materials and review existing ones to ensure that schools have what they need to educate staff in recognizing life-threatening signs and symptoms and to able to respond with the Rule 59 protocol. AIRE Nebraska supports collaborative partnerships among medical and allied health professionals, school administration and staff, parents, state/local agencies, and community health organizations. AIRE Nebraska is a 501(c)3 organization and receives no state or federal funding, relying solely on charitable contributions. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: PO Box 194, Malcolm, NE 68402.

Ms. Konda made a Committee motion to approve this Public Health Recognition for AIRE Nebraska. Voting yes: 15 (Bessmer, Borcher, Brightman, Hansen, Hopp, Jackson, Konda, Low, Moravec, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion not carried.

- There will be a PHEL Committee conference call at 1:30 PM on Thursday, January 18th, to review introduced legislative bills.

- The Board of Health will host a legislative luncheon for senators on the HHS Committee on January 22, 2018.

- The Annual Committee Report was reviewed.
• Dr. Low asked what we could do legislatively to eliminate or change the requirement for the Tanning Salon Owner position on the Board of Cosmetology. Matt Gelvin will follow up with Becky Wisell.

**Approval of Committee Reports.** Dr. Hopp made a motion to approve the Committee Reports, with a second by Dr. Low. Call for vote on motion to approve - voting yes: 15 (Bessmer, Borcher, Brightman, Hansen, Hopp, Konda, Jackson, Low, Moravec, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

• Conflict of Interest Policies and Statutes – Teresa Hampton, DHHS Legal. Deferred.

Nominations and election of Board of Health officers for 2018: The three current officers were each nominated for re-election. Dr. Low made a motion to re-elect Ms. Jackson for Chair, Dr. Teetor for Vice Chair, and Dr. Borcher for Secretary; motion seconded by Dr. Hopp. Voting yes: 15 (Bessmer, Borcher, Brightman, Hansen, Hopp, Konda, Jackson, Low, Moravec, Parsow, Stuberg, Teetor, Vander Broek, Vest, Warner); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion not carried. All officers agreed to serve a second term, which is allowed per Board of Health by-laws. Congratulations to our officers!

• Board of Health meeting dates for 2018:
  January 22, 2018
  March 19, 2018
  June 18, 2018
  September 17, 2018 – possibly out of Lincoln
  November 19, 2018

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING.** The next regular Board of Health meeting will be January 22, 2018 in Room 1023 of the Nebraska State Capitol Building. The Board Committees will meet in the morning at the Nebraska Bar Foundation.

**ADJOURN.** There being no further business, Mr. Hansen made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Warner, all in favor by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM. Minutes were taken by Monica Gissler. These minutes will be approved by the State Board of Health on March 19, 2018.

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