

Licensure Unit Management Meeting
January 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Nebraska State Office Building
LU First Floor Conference Room

Review of New Legislative Impact Summary Form/Process

- Impact Summaries (Bill Reviews) need prompt response and are to be discussed with the assigned attorney and the financial representative for fiscal impact prior to discussion with the Licensure Unit (LU) Administrator.
- The Impact Summary Form has mostly the same questions as last year but is in a new template. Instructions for the new form are available on the intranet at: <http://dhhsemployees/sites/CLS/Legislation/Pages/LegislationHome.aspx>
- The LU Administrator reminded Program Managers to look at all areas of the Agency that may be fiscally impacted by a specific Bill and include comments regarding such in the summary.

Legislative Impact Summaries That Are Due Tuesday, January 13, at 10:00 a.m.

- LB 19 – Change provision relating to laboratory certification under the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Safety Act (Referred to Health and Human Services Committee).
- LB 37 – Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions. The Nebraska Pharmacists Association is proposing this new Prescription Drug Safety Act so that anyone prescribing, dispensing, or storing prescription drugs would follow the same procedures. With the new Act, any compounding of drugs must be in compliance with the standards of the United States Pharmacopeia, and Pharmacy Technicians must be certified with the National Pharmacy Technician Certifying Board by 2017 (Referred to Health and Human Services Committee).
- LB 80 – Provide, change, and eliminate anesthesia and sedation permit provisions under the Dentistry Practice Act. The Board of Dentistry is seeking to change the anesthesia statutes to include levels of sedation where a permit is needed (Referred to Health and Human Services Committee).
- LB 90 – Change provisions for directed review under the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act. This Bill would change the process of a directed review of a Health Care Professional group. Directed review means a review conducted in which there is no applicant group or application. A Technical Review Committee and Board of Health Review would still be required (Referred to Health and Human Services Committee).
- LB 107 – Eliminate integrated practice agreements and provide for transition-to-practice agreements for nurse practitioners. Transition-to-practice agreement would be a collaborative agreement between a nurse practitioner and a supervising provider (Referred to Health and Human Services Committee).
- All Bills, Legislative Session Calendar, Hearing Schedules and other information can be found on the Nebraska Legislature website: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/>

Legislative Bills Introduced Friday, January 9, That Have Not Yet Been Assigned

- LB 114 – Redefine ambulatory surgical center and health clinic under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act (Referred to Judiciary Committee).
- LB 115 – Prohibit certain actions related to social security numbers (Referred to Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee).

- LB 125 – Create a fund relating to health care homes for the medically underserved (Referred to Appropriations Committee).
- LB 129 – Require criminal background checks for applicants for an initial nursing license (Referred to Health and Human Services Committee).

New Governor Letterhead

- Temporary Letterhead with the new Governor’s name can be found on the intranet. Old Letterhead will be used for scratch pads – please take to the Distribution Center on 5th Floor. Paper with the new Letterhead will be available this week.

Interpreter Services

- DHHS provides interpretive services through Language Line Services when needed for customers. Services are available in many languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Heidi Burklund, Program Manager of Support Services, will provide copies of the Language Line Services brochure to Program Managers.

Availability of Statutes/Regulations/Rosters

- Each Program Area should retain a small supply of printed copies of statutes, regulations, and rosters pertaining to their program for customers who prefer a paper copy. Due to technology advancements and space limitations, the LU is not maintaining large quantities of statutes and regulations for each profession, as previously done.

Publications for Reception Area

- The following publications will be available for the public in the LU Lobby area: Statutes, Rules and Regulations Relating to Mandatory Reporting; Statutes Relating to the Uniform Credentialing Act; Statutes and Regulations Relating to the Health Care Facilities Act; and brochures about the Licensee Assistance Program (LAP).

Announcements

- **Congratulations** to the following LU employees who were recently selected to fill two positions in the LU, effective Monday, January 12, 2015:
Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, new Coordinator in the Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services; and **Kelli Dalrymple**, new Coordinator in the Office of Medical & Specialized Health.
- **Best Wishes to Kelly Lundgren**, Health Licensing Specialist in Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, who will be leaving on Friday, January 16, 2015, to begin a new position with Lancaster County Offices.

In closing, the LU Administrator thanked Program Managers for their work with Legislative issues and suggestions.