NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2017

ROLL CALL
The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairman, Carl Smith, MD, at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2017, in the Lighthouse Room, Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following members answered the roll call:

Carl Smith, MD, Chairman
Mark Goodman, MD, Vice-Chair
Todd Stull, MD, Secretary
Merle Henkenius
Michael Bittles, MD
Karen Higgins, MD

Absent: Jeff Howorth
Judith Scott, DO

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Kathie Lueke, Program Manager, Kelli Dalrymple, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, Jeff Newman, Investigator; Kathleen Krueger, Investigator, Patricia Lemke, Investigator, Dennis Scott, Investigator, Mark Meyerson, Investigator, Jessica Bowman, Investigator, Investigations Unit.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DESIGNATION OF METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS
Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to continue to utilize the three current methods to give public notice of Board of Medicine and Surgery meetings. The current methods are to post the agenda on the Department public bulletin board, on the Department website, and to e-mail the agenda to all interested parties. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

9:03 Scott entered the meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (NCCPA) PRESENTATION
Dawn Morton-Rias, EdD, PA-C and Greg Thomas, PA-C, Emeritus from NCCPA gave a presentation to the Board that covered the NCCPA and what it is about, PA practice patterns in Nebraska and PA Certification and Certification Maintenance.
PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM UPDATE

Amy Reynoldson, Drug overdose Prevention Coordinator, provided the Board with an update regarding the Nebraska Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Efforts. Ms. Reynoldson provided information regarding the 2 grants that DHHS has been awarded. The information included funding amounts and the strategy and progress of each of the grants. Ms. Reynoldson also provided a list of those involved in the efforts of getting a PDMP in Nebraska. The Board thanked Ms. Reynoldson.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW


Anderson left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.
Glover-Ettrich entered the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Glover-Ettrich left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
Anderson returned to the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Goodman left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.
Goodman returned to the meeting at 10:57 a.m.


LEGISLATION UPDATE/BRIEF

Dale Mahlman from the Nebraska Medical Association provided a list of potential bill subjects that may come up in the new legislation period. The Nebraska Medical Association will be watching most of the bill subjects and will keep the Board posted on any legislation pertinent to medicine and surgery.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW - CONTINUED

Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to go back into closed session at 12:17 p.m. for the purpose of review of investigational and disciplinary reports and other closed session items as identified on the agenda. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.


BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Application(s)


Reinstatement


Locum


Surgical First Assistant


SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT PROGRAM APPROVAL

Lueke gave a brief update on the status of the draft regulations for Surgical First Assistants. At this time they are being reviewed by DHHS Legal Department and should be sent over to the Governor’s Policy Research Office shortly.


PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENTS

The Board had no comments or concerns.

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARD DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CHRONIC USE OF OPIOID ANALGESICS

The Board had no comments or concerns.

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

The Board elected Todd Stull, MD, to go as the voting delegate along with Board member Merle Henkenius to attend.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS


PROCESS IMPROVEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF MEDICINE AND SPECIALIZED HEALTH

Lueke gave a brief update regarding the Process Improvement implemented by the Governor’s Office. The goal is to reduce the number of days for issuing licenses. As it stands at this time, the time frame on issuing licenses is at 67 days with the reduction down to 45 days.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith, Scott and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Howorth. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*signature available upon request*

Todd Stull, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery