

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

**Licensure Unit Training Plan**

- The following Licensure Unit (LU) management staff have been designated to finalize a Training Plan for the Unit for the DHHS Division of Public Health Workforce Development Plan: Dan Taylor, Sheryl Mitchell, and Kris Chiles.

**2015 Legislation**

- Thirty seven Legislative Bills were assigned to the LU for review. The LU Administrator summarized the following Bills and the impact, if any, for the Unit:
  - LB 19 – Changes provisions relating to laboratory certification under the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Safety Act.
  - LB 22 – Provides immunity from liability for engineers and architects for emergency services.
  - LR 22 – Provides for an Interim Study to monitor medical care transformation in Nebraska, including the health care delivery process of patient-centered medical home.
  - LB 37 – Adopts the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions.
  - LB 61 – Changes funding for county offices relating to administration of public assistance programs.
  - LB 80 – Provides, changes, and eliminates anesthesia and sedation permit provisions under the Dentistry Practice Act.
  - LB 90 – Changes provisions for directed review under the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act.
  - LB 107 – Eliminates integrated practice agreements and provides for transition-to-practice agreements for nurse practitioners.
  - LB 114 – Redefines ambulatory surgical center and health clinic under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.
  - LB 129 – Requires criminal background checks for applicants for an initial nursing license.
  - LB 146 – Provides for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery.
  - LB 187 – Requires the Department of Health and Human Services and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion.
  - LB 189 – Changes provisions and penalties relating to marijuana and alphabetize definitions.
  - LB 198 – Authorizes licenses for limited line pre-need funeral insurance.
  - LB 211 – Authorizes chiropractors to provide school entrance physical examinations and visual evaluations.
  - LB 235 – Adopts the Consumer Protection in Eye Care Act.
  - LB 258 – Adopts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.
  - LB 264 – Provides for issuance of credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act based on military education, training, or experience.
  - LB 302 – Creates the offense of rehoming a child.
  - LB 326 – Changes provisions relating to Marijuana, Amphetamine, and Methamphetamine.

- LB 332 – Appropriates funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project.
- LB 333 – Adopts the Health Care Services Transformation Act.
- LB 342 – Permits insurers to contract for pharmacist professional services.
- LB 353 – Changes credentialing provisions for nursing home administrators.
- LB 369 – Changes provisions relating to impaired credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act.
- LB 390 – Provides for the use of medical marijuana as prescribed.
- LB 452 – Provides advertising requirements under the Uniform Credentialing Act.
- LB 471 – Changes provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring.
- LB 489 – Changes provisions relating to grants for early childhood education as prescribed.
- LB 540 – Adopts updated international building code standards.
- LB 543 – Provides for certification of community paramedics and reimbursement under Medicaid.
- LB 546 – Authorizes administration of naloxone as prescribed.
- LB 547 – Changes provisions of the Quality Child Care Act.
- LB 548 – Adopts the Surgical Assistant Practice Act.
- LB 567 – Permits transfer of prescription information between pharmacies as prescribed.
- LB 586 – Prohibits discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity.
- LB 607 – Adopts the Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights Act.
- LB 643 – Adopts the Cannabis Compassion and Care Act.
- LB 650 – Encourages hospitals to offer vaccinations.
- Information on Legislative Bills can be found on the Nebraska Legislature Website: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/>
- The LU Administrator thanked Program Managers for their well-written Bill Reviews.

### **New Governor Letterhead**

- Reminder – Contact information is to be placed below the signature line on the new Division of Public Health Letterhead with the new governor's name. Division of Public Health Letterhead is now available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor and 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the LU.

### **Language Line – Tracking Usage**

- For informal tracking purposes, Program Managers are to monitor the number of times the interpretive services provided by DHHS through Language Line Services is used. Services are available in many languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Use of interpretive services by the LU in the past has been minimal.

### **Indirect Cost Rate – 46.3%**

- The Indirect Cost Rate (IDR) increased slightly this year from last year's 46.2% rate to 46.3%.

### **Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute**

- The Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute will accept applications for leadership training beginning April 2015. Anyone interested may go to the following website for more information: <http://www.greatplainsleadership.org/>.
- The Agency pays for this training; work time is allowed to attend special meetings of the Leadership Institute. Extra work is required for the training, but regular work is still to be performed.

## **Announcements**

- **Congratulations to Tami Johns** who will be transferring to a full-time Health Licensing Specialist with Rehabilitation & Community Services in the future. Tami is currently working partly with Rehabilitation & Community Services and partly with Support Services.
- **Congratulations to Carrie Erickson** who was selected as a Health Licensing Specialist with Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, beginning February 23, 2015.
- **The LU Welcomes Kathie Lueke** as Program Manager for the Office of Medical & Specialized Health, beginning March 2, 2015.
- The **Administrative Assistant II** position (formerly held by Joyce Novak) in Support Services is being readvertised. Anyone who applied previously for this position should reapply, if interested.

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