

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
NEBRASKA BOARD OF
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES
AUGUST 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Steven Wooden, Board Vice President, at 1:03 p.m., August 7, 2015, at Staybridge Inn & Suites, 2701 Fletcher Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed in advance to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, posted outside the Licensure Unit within the Nebraska State Office Building, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website. Wooden announced the location of a current copy of the Open Meetings Act within the room.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- George Adam, MD
- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP
- Stephen Jackson, Public Member (arrived at 1:09 pm)
- Michelle Knolla, MD
- Marilyn Lowe, APRN-CNM *Vice President*
- Ruth Van Gerpen, APRN-CNS, *Secretary*
- Steven Wooden, APRN-CRNA, *President*

The following Board members were absent during roll call:

- Diane Hansmeyer, Public Member
- Arthur Molnar, MD

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

The following staff members from the Department and the Attorney General's Office were also present:

- Karen Bowen, RN, *Executive Director*
- Nancy "Niki" Eisenmann, RN, *Practice Consultant*
- Becky Wisell, *Licensure Unit Administrator*
- Teresa Hampton, *Attorney (arrived at 1:25 p.m.)*
- Lisa Anderson, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Kristi Chapman, RN, *Investigator*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Adam made the motion, seconded by Van Gerpen, for the Board to adopt the agenda.

Voting Yes: Adam, Foss, Jackson, Knolla, Lowe, Van Gerpen, and Wooden.

Voting No: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Hansmeyer and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Adam made the motion, seconded by Foss, for the Board to adopt the consent agenda.

Voting Yes: Adam, Jackson, Knolla, Lowe, Van Gerpen, and Wooden.

Voting No: None. **Abstain:** Foss. **Absent:** Hansmeyer and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

These minutes were approved by
the APRN Board on October 2, 2015

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Adam made the motion, seconded by Lowe, for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals.

Voting Yes: Adam, Foss, Jackson, Knolla, Lowe, Van Gerpen, and Wooden.

Voting No: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Hansmeyer and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

1:15 p.m. *The Board went into closed session.*
 1:35 p.m. *Anderson left the meeting.*
 1:40 p.m. *Hampton arrived at the meeting.*
 1:50 p.m. *The Board came out of closed session.*

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF INTEGRATED PRACTICE AGREEMENT

Laura Snyder—APRN-NP

Amy McCracken—APRN-NP

Cindy Hammond—APRN-NP

Nurse Practitioners Laura Snyder, Amy McCracken, and Cindy Hammond applied for a waiver of the integrated practice agreement, providing evidence of meeting the requirements for a waiver. The request for a waiver is until LB 107 goes into effect on August 30, 2015.

MOTION: Van Gerpen made the motion, seconded by Foss, to approve the waiver of the Integrated Practice Agreement until August 30, 2015.

Voting Yes: Adam, Foss, Jackson, Knolla, Lowe, Van Gerpen, and Wooden.

Voting No: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Hansmeyer and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

BOARD BUSINESS**Re-entry plan discussion**

The Board discussed the re-entry plans of Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Nurse Practitioners. Eisenmann provided the board information related to the certification of these specialties. There was discussion related to statutes and public safety with APRNs re-entering practice without the required practice hours. Eisenmann to set up a workgroup to evaluate the current re-entry plan for CNM, CNS, and NP.

Nurse Practitioner Regulations (172 NAC 100)

Bowen presented the board with the Nurse Practitioner Regulations (Title 172 NAC chapter 100) with changes related to Uniform Credentialing Act updates and Legislative Bill 107. There was significant discussion and questions from the board as well as the public related to these proposed regulations. Bowen informed the board all regulations will be required to be updated to reflect the changes of the Uniform Credentialing Act in the near future and the board will be seeing all of them for approval at the October meeting. Wooden asked the APRN representative of each role review and provide expert input prior to going to the board for approval.

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by VanGerpen to table the regulations for collaborative work between the Department and the APRN-NP representative as well as other NP stakeholders. The board will reconvene via teleconference for approval of the regulations to move forward.

Voting Yes: Adam, Foss, Jackson, Knolla, Lowe, Van Gerpen, and Wooden.

Voting No: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Hansmeyer and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

American Association of Critical Care Nurses Clinical Nurse (AACN) Specialist Exam

Eisenmann provided the board with the overview of the AACN CNS examination for approval for CNS licensure in Nebraska. The board reviewed the education and training and the examination. The board discussed APRN consensus and this particular examination is in the NCSBN consensus model.

MOTION: VanGerpen made the motion, seconded by Adam, to approve the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Clinical Nurse Specialist Exam for APRN-Clinical Nurse Specialist licensure in Nebraska.

Voting Yes: Adam, Foss, Jackson, Knolla, Lowe, Van Gerpen, and Wooden.

Voting No: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Hansmeyer and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATION**National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)**

Bowen informed the Board Bowen and Eisenmann will be delegates representative of the APRN board for the upcoming NCSBN Delegate Assembly at the Annual Meeting August 18 through 21, 2015. Bowen identified the delegates would be voting on the APRN distance education committee recommendation. Bowen gave a brief overview of this recommendation and the board agreed with delegate representation.

Nebraska Nursing News Newsletter

The new issue of the newsletter was in the process of mailing. Bowen asked if any board members would like to contribute to future issues to let her know.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nursing Practice Consultant

