CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Barbara Foss, Board President, at 1:00 p.m., October 28, 2016, 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. Foss 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:

- Sheila Ellis, MD
- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP, President
- Stephen Jackson, Public Member
- Alice Kindschuh, APRN-CNS
- Marilyn Lowe, APRN-CNM, Vice-President
- Jenna Fiala, MD
- Diane Hansmeyer, Public Member

Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, entered the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Michelle Knolla, MD, was absent.

The following representatives from the Department, the Attorney General’s Office, and the Board of Health were also present:

- Ann Oertwich, Program Manager
- Jennifer Van Eperen, Health Licensing Specialist
- Anna Harrison, RN, Compliance Monitor
- Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General
- Kathy Hoebelheinrich, APRN, Practice Consultant
- Jacci Reznicek, APRN, Education Consultant
- Diane Jackson, APRN, Member, Board of Health

A quorum was present and the meeting convened. Department Legal Counsel was absent.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Hansmeyer, for the Board to adopt the agenda.

Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knolla. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Jackson made the motion, seconded by Lowe, for the Board to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2016, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Fiala, Foss, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, and Lowe.

These minutes were approved the APRN Board on March 1, 2017.
MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Jackson, for the Board to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016, APRN Board meeting with the following correction: absent – Barb Foss, with Marilyn Lowe present.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Fiala, Foss, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, and Lowe.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Hansmeyer made the motion, seconded by Glidden, 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 No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knolla. Motion carried.

1:10 p.m. The Board went into closed session.
1:32 p.m. The Board returned to open session. Harrison left the meeting.

LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS

ASHLEY E. CALTA, APRN-NP

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Lowe, recommend issuing an unencumbered APRN-Nurse Practitioner license when application complete.

Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knolla. Motion carried.

TONYA C. McGEE, APRN-NP

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Jackson, to issue an unencumbered APRN-Nurse Practitioner license.

Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knolla. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO REMOVE LIMITATION

TIMOTHY MILLER, APRN-NP

MOTION: Hansmeyer made the motion, seconded by Jackson, to deny the request for removal of license limitation as it will end in March 2017.

Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Knolla. Motion carried.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, PROPOSALS, & REGS

Oertwich noted that it is probable that the Department will go forward with the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (model language) for the 2017 legislative session. Nebraska will need to enact legislation to move into the new compact on or before December 31, 2018, or be left as a member of the existing compact with whichever states are left, limiting mobility of RN and LPN licensees.

Oertwich reported on the Technical Review Committee (TRC) process for LPN/LPN-C Credentialing Review. The TRC has met twice, and a public hearing is scheduled for November 2, 2016. The Board of Nursing is the applicant group, proposing that the current LPN legislation be repealed, with all current LPN graduates 2016 and beyond having the IV therapy content in their current coursework. For the 6000 licensed LPNs who do not have LPN-C status, it is proposed to require 8-10 hours of didactic training on legal aspects of IV therapy, peripheral IVs and central lines. In addition, those who would actually perform IV therapy skills would be required to take a skills course and demonstrate competency to their employer prior to providing IV skills.

At the last meeting, the Board discussed a timeline for promulgating regulations for Nurse Practitioners following the passage of LB 107 in 2015. One of the issues with this is that amendments are needed in the Nurse Practitioner (NP) Practice Act, including clarifications related to attestation of professional liability insurance, separate coursework, and a grandfathering clause that will impact new draft regulations. The Nebraska Nurse Practitioners association has also identified problems incurred with temporary licensure. Oertwich advised the group that the Department will not be proceeding with a legislative proposal for the NP Practice Act. Foss and Diane Jackson said they would inform the nurse practitioner association.

There are also implications for the other three sets of APRN regulations. Hoebelheinrich presented a 'clean-up' document for regulations using Title 172, Chapter 100, Licensure of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practitioners as a guidance document AND using the new Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA) template for regulations. Color – previously suggested edits are in red; orange indicates NP input; yellow – UCA template; in the margins are cross references to the other three sets of regulations (CNM, CNS, CRNA). The goal is to work toward consistency among the four sets of regulations. One change (page 3) would be to remove specific language related to naming credentialing bodies (ie. ANCC, AANP, etc.) and refer to Board approved credentialing exams.

The group offered discussion on the problems created by a temporary license issued as part of a re-entry plan and if they would like to see the temporary license be eliminated if possible. An APRN with a temporary license can generally not bill for services, making employment difficult with a temporary license. The group discussed taking each set of regulations back to their respective nursing groups for discussion and input. Once consensus is reached on regulations, there may be statutory change implications for all APRN groups.

COMMUNICATION

Staff Updates

Oertwich noted that the RN and APRN renewal period will end soon. She wanted to remind people that RNs and APRNs will no longer receive a new wallet license card after they renew.

Oertwich reported on the state budget freeze, noting that it impacts hiring and travel, including travel for board members and board staff.

The schedule of 2017 meetings was presented to the group; written 'votes' were accepted and tallied for prospective 2017 meeting dates.
BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

Diane Jackson provided a brief report on current Board of Health activities. More appointments will be made in November, specifically one to fill Michelle Knolla’s spot on this Board. The Board is asking for help identifying public members for the applicant pool.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Ann Oertwich
Program Manager, Nursing & Nursing Support