

**Licensure Unit Management Meeting**  
**January 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Nebraska State Office Building**  
**Conference Room 5B**

**2013 Legislation (All)**

- At this time, the Licensure Unit (LU) has reviewed 31 of the 655 Bills introduced for this Legislative session.
- The LU Administrator expressed appreciation for the all the work and prompt response on Bill Reviews.
- The following Bills were discussed:
  - LB 42** - Changes credentialing requirements for administrators of facilities where the majority of persons being cared for have head injuries.
  - LB 43** - Changes provisions relating to a property tax exemption for healthcare facilities.
  - LB 54** - Changes display of credential and advertisement provisions under the Uniform Credentialing Act.
  - LB 105** - Requires child care licensees to obtain liability insurance.
  - LB 108** – Prohibits counties, cities and villages from imposing credentialing requirements.
  - LB 132** - Adopts the Skin Cancer Prevention Act – regulates tanning facilities.
  - LB 136** - Provides for the distribution of administrative fines and costs and forfeited property.
  - LB 239** - Adopts the Nebraska All-Payer Patient-Centered Medical Home Act – relates to the Affordable Care Act.
  - LB 243** - Redefines nurse practitioner practice.
  - LB 265** - Changes foster care licensure and kinship home and relative home provisions.
  - LB 344** - Changes moratorium exceptions for long-term care beds.
  - LB 347** - Provides for a moratorium on issuance of licenses under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.
  - LB 355** - Changes the age of majority and certain age requirements.
  - LB 421** - Provides powers and duties for professional boards regarding credentialing veterans.
  - LB 422** - Provides duties for credentialing boards and temporary practice permits for military spouses.
  - LB 428** - Changes permitted practice provisions for certified nurse midwives.
  - LB 443** - Adopts the Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act.
  - LB 458** - Requires general acute hospitals to offer tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccinations as prescribed.
  - LB 564** - Adopts the Health Care Freedom of Conscience Act.
- More information on Bills introduced, Committee listings, and the Legislative Calendar can be found at: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/>.

**Contract Authorization**

- The new Delegation of Signature Authority for Contracts and Subgrants was signed by DHHS CEO Kerry Winterer on January 23, 2013 and includes delegation as follows:

- Contracts/Subgrants of \$500,000 or more or contracts involving another agency require the CEO's signature.
- Contracts less than \$500,000 but \$45,000 or more may be signed by the Division Director.
- Contracts less than \$45,000 but \$25,000 or more may be signed by Section Administrators; those less than \$25,000 may be signed by Unit Managers.

#### **LU Refund Policy & Procedures**

- The Refund Policy and Procedures for credentials is being revised and will be posted on the LU Internal Website.

#### **Vacant Positions**

- Approval has been granted to fill the Health Program Manager's Position (Claire Titus' former position).
- Interviews are being conducted for the IT Business Analyst Position (Rita Thalken's former position).
- Other vacant positions include: Staff Assistant in Support Services, two positions in the Long Term Care Facilities area, and a Health Licensing Specialist in Nursing & Nursing Support.

#### **CLEAR Basic Investigator Training**

- LU Office Administrators are to respond directly to CLEAR with the number of staff interested in Investigator/Inspector Training in Lincoln, May 6-8, 2013.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- **Welcome to the following new LU employees: Tina Hale**, Surveyor, Office of Long Term Care Facilities; and **Kathy Flynn**, SOS Temporary, Office of Support Services.
- **Congratulations to Shane Bailey** in his new position as Health Licensing Coordinator.
- **Best Wishes to Dr. Joann Schaefer, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Division of Public Health**, who is leaving to assume the position of Vice President, Medical Care and Management, with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska. Dr. Schaefer's last day with the Agency is March 8, 2013.