MINUTES
of the Fourth Meeting of the
Anesthesiologist Assistants Technical Review Committee
January 10, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Members participating	Members Absent	Staff persons participating
Dan Vehle, Chairperson		**Matt Gelvin**
Larry Hardesty, PhD		**Ron Briel**
David Deemer, NHA		**Jessie Enfield**
Rebecca Doctor, BS, MA		
Mark Malesker, RP, PharmD		
Susan Meyerle, PhD, LIMHP		
Mary Sneckenberg, BAE		

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of the Agenda**

   Chairperson Dan Vehle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was called; a quorum was present. Mr. Vehle welcomed all attendees. The agenda and Open Meetings Law were posted, and the meeting was advertised online at https://dhhs.ne.gov/Licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review.aspx The committee members unanimously approved the agenda for the fourth meeting and the minutes of the third meeting.

2. **Formulation of Recommendations on the Applicant's Proposal**
   Committee action on the Four Statutory Criteria as They Pertain to this Proposal

   Criterion one: Unregulated practice can clearly harm or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

   Voting aye were: Malesker, Sneckenberg, and Meyerle
   Voting nay were: Hardesty, Doctor, and Deemer
   Chairperson Dan Vehle abstained from voting.

   Criterion two:Regulation of the profession does not impose significant new economic hardship on the public, significantly diminish the supply of qualified practitioners, or otherwise create barriers to service that are not consistent with the public welfare and interest.

   Voting aye were: Malesker and Sneckenberg
   Voting nay were: Hardesty, Meyerle, Doctor, and Deemer
   Chairperson Dan Vehle abstained from voting.

   Criterion three: The public needs assurance from the state of initial and continuing professional ability.

   Voting aye were: Malesker, Sneckenberg, and Meyerle
   Voting nay were: Deemer, Doctor, and Hardesty
   Chairperson Dan Vehle abstained from voting.

<u>Criterion four</u>: The public cannot be protected by a more effective alternative.

Voting aye were: Sneckenberg,
Voting nay were: Meyerle, Doctor, Malesker, Hardesty, and Deemer
Chairperson Dan Vehle abstained from voting.

Action taken on the proposal as a whole:

The Committee members took action on the proposal as a whole via an up/down roll call vote as follows:

Mark Malesker, RP, Pharm D: Voted **"Yes"** to recommend approval of the proposal

His Comments were that there is a great need in Nebraska for additional anesthesia care providers and that this proposal would provide much needed help in that regard.

Mary Sneckenberg, BA: Voted **"Yes"** to recommend approval of the proposal

Her Comments were that she voted for the proposal not only for today's understanding of what was said earlier about most AA's now being in the urban areas, and the attraction to remain in the urban areas, but colleges like UNMC are making a significant commitment to rural Nebraska with the building of a rural medical school expansion at the Kearney campus. There will be more opportunities not only for today, but for the near future in rural Nebraska.

Larry Hardesty: Voted **"No"** to recommend against approval of the proposal

His Comments were that the proposal would do nothing to address service needs vis-à-vis anesthesia care in rural areas of Nebraska and that it is doubtful that it would do much to improve access to anesthesia care in urban areas either.

Susan Meyerle: Voted **"No"** to recommend against approval of the proposal

Her Comments were that the proposal would not only fail to enhance anesthesia services in Nebraska but would likely have a major negative impact on current anesthesia services in our state. She went on to state that the applicants provided no viable alternatives to their proposal, adding that the proposal seems to be motivated by a political agenda as opposed to being motivated by a sincere desire to address services shortages in the area of anesthesia care.

Rebecca Doctor: Voted **"No"** to recommend against approval of the proposal

Her Comments were that the supervisory situation for members of the applicant group would create a cumbersome and complicated situation for the delivery of anesthesia care in Nebraska and would lessen the efficiency and effectiveness of anesthesia services in our state.

David Deemer: Voted **"No"** to recommend against approval of the proposal

His Comments were that the supervisory situation for members of the applicant group would create a cumbersome and complicated situation for the delivery of anesthesia care in Nebraska and would lessen the efficiency and effectiveness of anesthesia services in our

state.

Chairperson Dan Vehle abstained from voting.

The result of this roll call vote was two committee members voting to support the proposal and four committee members voting against the proposal. This means that the members of the Anesthesiologist Assistants Technical Review Committee recommended against recommending approval the Anesthesiologist Assistants proposal.

3. Public Comments

Applicant representatives expressed their appreciation for the work done by the technical committee members.

4. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, the committee members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.