

NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

November 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Jenda Stauffer, Board President, at 8:32 a.m. on November 2, 2023, at the Best Western Plus, 2201 Wildcat Circle, Lincoln NE 68521. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members on October 20, 2023, emailed to interested parties on October 20, 2023, posted at the east entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on October 20, 2023, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on October 20, 2023. Joyner announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present and answered roll call:

- Kent Dunovan, *Public Member*
- Barbara Foss, *APRN-NP*
- Timothy Glidden, *APRN-CRNA, Board Secretary*
- Andrew Ingemansen, *MD*
- Alice Kindschuh, *APRN-CNS, Board Vice-President*
- Andrew Russell, *MD*
- Jenda Stauffer, *APRN-CNM, Board President*

The following Board member arrived after roll call: Sean Kenney, MD (arrived at 8:34).

The following Board member was absent: Jackie Sandersfeld, *Public Member*.

The following staff members from the Department and from the Attorney General's Office were present during all or part of the meeting:

- Ann Oertwich, *RN, Executive Director*
- Ginger Rogers, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Anna Harrison, *DHHS Compliance Monitor*
- Danielle Sund, *DHHS Legal,*
- Mindy Lester, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Abigail Nissen, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Brittany Bigham, *Investigator*
- Andrea Cramer-Price, *Investigator*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*
- Mendy Mahar-Clark, *Investigator*

These minutes were approved by the
APRN Board on February 15, 2024.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, to adopt the agenda for the November 2, 2023, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Dunovan, Foss, Glidden, Ingemansen, Kindschuh, Russell, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kenney and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Ingemansen made the motion, seconded by Russell, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Dunovan, Foss, Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, Kindschuh, Russell, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Voting Yes: Dunovan, Foss, Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, Kindschuh, Russell, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

Stauffer announced that the Board was in closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.

8:37 a.m. Meeting went into closed session.

10:14 a.m. Meeting returned to open session. Meeting went into recess.

10:18 a.m. Meeting reconvened

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

MOTION: Glidden made the motion, seconded by Kenney, to table Mitchell Barrett's application for reinstatement of an unrestricted APRN-CRNA license in order to request additional information.

Voting Yes: Dunovan, Foss, Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, Kindschuh, Russell, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

IV HYDRATION SPAS

Rogers reviewed an Advisory Opinion on IV/Infusion Therapy that had been developed by the Board of Nursing's Practice Committee. Rogers said that the main point of the Advisory Opinion is that "a nurse should be a nurse." In other words, nurses who are working in elective IV therapy settings should adhere to the scope of practice for their licensure level, should only do tasks that they have been properly trained to do, should document their assessments, and should document any concerns they have. The Advisory Opinion is in response to the proliferation of elective IV services, such as hydration spas, and concerns about potential safety risks. Rogers noted that she and many other nurses have received recruitment advertisements offering nurses over \$100 to perform elective IV services. One Nurse Practitioner reported to Rogers that she had been fired by a franchise that offers IV hydration services because the NP denied service to a pregnant client who had requested an infusion that was

not advisable for pregnant women. Rogers said that the next step is to address unlicensed compounding that may be occurring at hydration spas. Oertwich noted that there is a common misperception that “spiking” an IV bag one or two times is not considered to be pharmaceutical compounding.

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Joyner said she would email Board members with potential dates for the Board’s 2024 meeting schedule.

CENTER FOR NURSING UPDATES

Oertwich reported that the Center for Nursing received \$3 million for the current fiscal year to promote nursing. Oertwich noted that this is the first time the Center has been allocated general funds from the Legislature. \$500,000 will be used on a marketing plan to recruit new people to the nursing profession and to bring back experienced nurses who left the profession during the COVID-19 pandemic. The marketing campaign is being conducted by Learfield, a marketing firm that has previously conducted statewide media campaigns in Nebraska. The primary focus of the funding allocation is to expand clinical sites for nursing students in Nebraska. The Center is working with the Nebraska Hospital Association to build clinical sites at critical access hospitals and at rural health clinics. Oertwich is currently working with the Board of Nursing on approval of a plan that would allow more nurses to serve as clinical nurse instructors for nursing students.

COMMUNICATION

LPN Renewals – Oertwich reported that approximately 4,800 out of the 5,800 LPNs with active Nebraska licenses have renewed their licenses prior to the October 31, 2023, expiration date.

Nursing News – Oertwich reported that the next issue of *Nursing News* will include articles on the Nebraska School Nurse Scholar Program and the WHOLE Wellness Program.

Staff Updates – Oertwich reported that the Licensure Unit’s Nursing Section is fully staffed.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator