

# NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING HELD

June 13, 2022

### 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 June 13, 2022. The central meeting location was at the Nebraska State Office Building, Room 5D, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE 68508. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members on June 2, 2022, emailed to interested parties on June 2, 2022, posted outside the Licensure Unit within the Nebraska State Office Building on June 2, 2022, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on June 2, 2022. Copies of the revised agenda were emailed to the Board members on June 9, 2022, emailed to interested parties on June 9, 2022, posted outside the Licensure Unit within the Nebraska State Office Building on June 9, 2022, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on June 10, 2022. Joyner announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

### ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call via teleconference:

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

The following Board members were absent: Andrew Russell, MD, and Jackie Sandersfeld, *Public Member*

One Board position was vacant.

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

- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Lisa Anderson, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*
- Dennis Scott, *DHHS Investigations Program Manager*

The following staff members from the Department attended the meeting via teleconference:

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- Kathy Hoebelheinrich, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Teresa Hampton, *DHHS Legal*
- Anna Harrison, *DHHS Compliance Monitor*
- Brittany Bigham, *Investigator*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Mendy Mahar-Clark, *Investigator*

These minutes were approved by the  
APRN Board on August 23, 2022.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Foss, to adopt the agenda for the June 13, 2022, APRN Board meeting.

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

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Glidden made the motion, seconded by Foss, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2022, and April 25, 2022, APRN Board meetings with corrections.

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

## **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Glidden, 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, Ellis, Foss, Glidden, Kindschuh, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Russell and 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.

*8:38 a.m. Meeting went into closed session.*

*10:33 a.m. Meeting returned to open session. Meeting went into recess*

*10:43 a.m. Meeting reconvened.*

## **PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENTS**

Stauffer acknowledged that the Board received and reviewed copies of the collaborative pharmaceutical care agreements submitted by Bryan Health for Karen Bohaty, APRN-NP, Laura Fick, APRN-NP, Abigail Hoefler, APRN-NP, Kelly Johnson, APRN-NP, and Miranda Pollman, APRN-NP.

## **PRACTICE CONSULTANT REPORT**

Hoebelheinrich reviewed the Drug Enforcement Agency's most recent chart of mid-level practitioners' controlled substance authority in each state. She noted that the DEA list includes a category for Nurse Practitioners, but that a category for APRNs would be more appropriate.

Hoebelheinrich reported on the radiation safety coursework that CRNAs who wish to use fluoroscopy must complete. There are currently two approved options – a UNMC course and an American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) module. Hoebelheinrich noted that the AANA module was part of a larger curriculum. Hoebelheinrich has been contacted by a former Board member about a course through Texas Christian University that might potentially be equivalent to the two approved courses.

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**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, that the Board seek an equivalent course for radiation safety that is readily accessible to CRNAs who wish to use fluoroscopy.

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

Hoebelheinrich reviewed two Advisory Opinions that were recently reviewed by the Board of Nursing.

**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, that the Board endorse the *Sedation and Analgesia* Advisory Opinion.

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

**MOTION:** Glidden made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, that the Board endorse the *Esketamine (Spravato) Direction and Monitoring* Advisory Opinion.

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

Hoebelheinrich reported that common questions she has recently received from APRNs include inquiries about standing orders for B12, the prescribing of peptides, and providing midwifery care via telehealth. Some of the inquiries she receives suggest that there is a need for more education regarding terms such as “complementary” and “alternative” health care, or “functional medicine.” Another area of concern is with APRNs who do not fully understand the additional educational requirements they should meet before they change their population foci or practice setting.

Overall, among the inquiries Hoebelheinrich receives, the most popular topic recently has been about elective IV services at “hydration spas” or sites. The Board of Medicine and the Board of Pharmacy are interested in creating a joint board task force to address this issue.

**MOTION:** Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Glidden, for the Board to participate in an advisory committee, along with the Board of Medicine and the Board of Pharmacy, on the topic of elective IV hydration.

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

## **NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING**

Oertwich reported that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing will hold its Annual Meeting this year on August 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Nebraska APRN Board is allowed to have two representatives vote on issues during the meeting’s delegate assembly. Oertwich said that any Board members who were interested in attending the meeting should contact her.

## **NURSING LICENSURE**

Oertwich reported that waivers of certain licensing requirements for APRNs and other professions are in effect until September 30, 2022, based on the Executive Order issued to address the health care worker shortage. Continuing competency requirements normally required for RN and APRN renewal will also be

waived this year. No continuing education audits will be conducted for RNs and APRNs who renew in 2022.

### **COMMUNICATION**

2022 Legislative Session – Oertwich reported that two bills passed the Legislature this year that awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to nursing-related issues. One bill allocated \$5 million for scholarships to attend LPN and RN programs. Another bill provides \$5 million to repay federal student loans for licensed health care providers.

APRN Compact Updates – Oertwich reported that three states have passed legislation to join the APRN Compact – Delaware, North Dakota, and Utah.

Staff Updates – Oertwich reported that the Licensure Unit is still looking for someone to fill Hoebelheinrich's position.

### **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT CREDENTIALING REVIEW**

Glidden reported that the Nebraska Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants has submitted a proposal to DHHS to create a license for anesthesiologist assistants in Nebraska. The proposal needs to undergo a formal Credentialing Review process (also call a 407 Review) through the Department. Glidden said that he expects the 407 Review to begin sometime this summer. Ellis said that anesthesiologist assistants would work under the supervision of physicians and would not fall under the purview of the APRN Board. Ellis said that there is a shortage of anesthesiology staff in Nebraska, and that the proposal aims to add more providers to the workforce pool.

### **CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner  
Health Licensing Coordinator