

Nebraska Boards and Commissions

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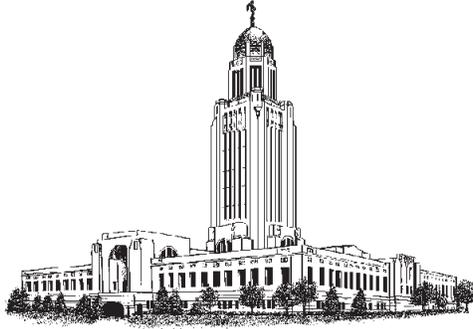
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Chairperson - Government, Military and
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Dear :

According to Nebraska statutes 50-1301 et al., the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee is charged with the responsibility of collecting detailed information on the state's boards and commissions every four years. As a result, the Committee is undertaking an extensive survey of every board, commission, committee, task force, council, and authority created by law.

All agencies, boards, commissions, and departments of the state are reciprocally required by section 50-1304 to "furnish such information, reports, aid, services, and assistance as may be requested by any standing committee of the Legislature in the performance of its duties." Your help in completing the attached survey on behalf of the entity listed above is greatly appreciated.

Please note the following important points regarding the filing of your survey:

1. Due to the enormity of the survey project, survey responses will not be reformatted by my office prior to their inclusion in a compilation for general distribution. Instead, survey responses will be photocopied exactly as they are received and assembled for binding. Consequently, your response should be "camera ready." Please type your response, or if you must write, print legibly and use a black, liquid ink pen that photocopies well.
2. As an alternative, you can complete and submit the survey on-line at <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/reports/bcsurvey.php>
3. **Survey responses are due on August 3, 2012.** Failure to fully respond to the survey may result in a review of the board or commission by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and possible inclusion in a legislative bill for termination.

Thank you for your attention to the survey. If you have any questions that are not answered by the attached 2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Guide, please do not hesitate to call Christy Abraham at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

Bill Avery
Chair, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

The 2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Guide

The 2012 Boards and Commissions Survey has seventeen questions, many of which seem somewhat vague due to space restrictions. This Guide is designed to help you crack the survey's code and answer the questions as thoroughly as possible.

Beneath this introduction, there are seventeen sections, with one correlating to each question on the survey. Referring to the information below as you answer the survey—the same way one would refer to the instructional booklet when filing income taxes—should resolve any questions that arise. If it doesn't, please call Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, at 471-2633 for assistance.

- 1. Formal Name** List the full formal name of the board or commission with specificity. For example, list "Advisory Group to the Department of Widgets" rather than "Advisory Group," which could refer to any department.
- 2. Purpose** What is the board or commission meant to accomplish? An example: "The Task Force on Widgets was created to examine how widgets can be more efficiently manufactured in Nebraska and more successfully marketed abroad." If your board or commission has adopted a mission statement, consider paraphrasing it.
- 3. How many affectable / How many served** Several boards and commissions attempt to affect the lives of discrete populations of Nebraskans. The measure of their success can sometimes be demonstrated by how many people within those groups are directly served or otherwise benefited from their efforts. For example, assume an estimated 20,000 Nebraskans would benefit from owning widgets. A state program makes widgets available to those who qualify. Of those 20,000 Nebraskans, an estimated 10,000 qualify; 5,000 have actually received widgets. The answer to "How many affectable" is 10,000. The answer to "How many served" is 5,000. Good faith estimations are fine. This question will not apply to all boards and commissions. If it does not apply to your board or commission, write "Not Applicable" in the spaces provided.
- 4. Year created / Year active / Sunset date** Boards and commissions typically require time to be constituted before they begin operating. They may also have a fixed termination date, called a "sunset date." List these dates as precisely as possible.
- 5. Contact Person** List the name, job title, complete mailing address, and phone number of the person who can best act on behalf of the board or commission as a liaison with the Legislature. This person would preferably be a state employee who coordinates the board or commission for an agency, although that may not be possible in all cases.

6. Authorization citation Most boards and commissions surveyed by the Government Committee are created from legislative action. However, they may also arise by way of a federal mandate, or a state or federal court order.

- If your board or commission was authorized by the Legislature, list only *the number* of the Nebraska Revised Statutes section containing the enabling language (it will include a phrase like, "There is hereby created the Committee on Widgets"). For example, write "Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 12-345.01."
- If your board or commission is federally mandated, list the United States Code or Code of Federal Regulations section number, the Presidential Executive Order number, or the federal court order citation.

7. Parent Agency List the agency or other entity that oversees the board or commission.

8. Number of Members / Who appoints How many people sit on the board or commission? Who appoints them? For example, write "Number of members: 15; Who appoints: Governor."

9. Legislative approval / Qualifications Many appointees to Nebraska's boards and commissions must be approved by the Legislature, particularly if they sit on boards and commissions that were statutorily created. Their qualifications are usually geographically or professionally related. For example, write "Legislative Approval: yes; Qualifications: 3 widget manufacturers or retailers from each congressional district." *Be specific.*

10. Per diem / Expense Reimbursement Do the members of the board or commission receive a per diem? If not, answer "No." If they do, as an example, answer "\$20/day." Are the members reimbursed for their expenses? Answer yes or no.

11. Term Length / Terms rotate or expire at once How long are the members' terms? Do their terms overlap, with the membership changing by a few members at a time, or are all the members' terms up at once?

12. Number of Meetings List the number of meetings the board or commission was required to have in the first column, and how many were actually conducted in the second.

13. Support staff / Shared or separate Most, but not all, boards and commissions have support staff. Under "Support staff," answer yes or no if anyone staffs the board or commission. Under "Shared or separate," answer "Separate" if the board or commission is independent and has its own employees. Answer with the name of the parent agency or board or commission if support staff is shared. For example, write "Department of Widgets" or even "Parent Agency."

14. FY 09-10 budget.... Some boards and commissions have separate budgets, although most do not and the expense of their operation is borne by a parent agency. For those boards and commissions with no separate budgets, write "\$0." *Do not leave the spaces blank.* For boards and commissions that do have separate budgets, answer in dollar amounts. In this question, "budget" refers only to amounts earmarked for operating the board or commission, *not for the program the board or commission oversees.* For example, say the State Widget Board employs an executive director and an administrative assistant. It has office expenses, and it pays members a \$20 per diem. It would report the sum of those budget items, *not its entire annual budget of \$2,000,000*, most of which it uses to fund a widget recycling program.

15. Other funding sources Boards and commissions may receive funds from sources other than the State of Nebraska which are used for operations. If a board or commission receives no other funding, answer "None." If it does receive other funding that is used *for operations*, answer as an example "Yes, \$500 from a grant" or "Yes, \$10,000 from the federal government."

16. Spending authority Some boards and commissions are empowered to allocate and spend money on program objectives; others are not and can only advise on program expenditures. Answer "No" if your board or commission has no spending authority. Answer "Yes" and elaborate if it does. For example, write, "Yes, the Widget Authority allocates funds between its three subdivisions after examining and weighing subdivision needs and goals."

17. Since July 1, 2008 *This is the most important question of the survey.* What has your board or commission done in the last four years? Since the statute was changed to require the Government Committee to complete this survey every four years, instead of every two years, this question is looking for your accomplishments since the last survey in July 2008. Be as thorough as possible in the space provided. For example: "The Nebraska Widget Steering Committee updated its strategic plan in the autumn of 2010 to reflect advances in widget technological applications. In implementing its updated plan, the Committee hosted two conferences in 2009, each with more than 450 participants from local political subdivisions...."

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General Information

1. Formal Name:
2. Purpose:
3. How many affectable: How many served:
4. Year created: Year active: Sunset date:
5. Contact person:

Authorization

6. Authorization citation:
7. Parent agency:

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members:
Who appoints:
9. Legislative approval:
Qualifications of members:
10. Per diem: Expense reimbursement:
11. Term length: Terms rotate or expire at once:
12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: Held:
FY 10-11: Held:
FY 11-12: Held:

Operations

13. Support staff: Shared or separate:
14. FY 09-10 budget:
FY 10-11 budget:
FY 11-12 budget:
15. Other funding sources:
16. Spending authority:

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Abstracters Board of Examiners
2. Purpose: The purpose of the Abstracters Board of Examiners is to instill confidence in the citizens of Nebraska that abstracts and reports of title on their real estate are certified to and are compiled by competent and professional abstracters who meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency in their knowledge of legal title to real estate.
3. How many affectable: All citizens in Nebraska who own real estate
4. How many served: All citizens in Nebraska who own real estate.
5. Year created: 1965 Year active: 1965 Sunset date: None
6. Contact person: Mardy McCullough, Director (402) 471-2383
P.O. Box 94944, Lincoln, Ne 68509

Authorization

7. Authorization citation: State Statute 76-502 to 76-558
8. Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

9. Number of members: Five (5)
Who appoints: Governor
10. Legislative approval:
Qualifications of members:
Three members shall be active registered abstracters for at least five years
One member shall be a lawyer experienced in the area of real estate law
One member shall be representative of the public.
11. Per diem: \$50/day..... Expense reimbursement: Yes, actual expenses.
12. Term length: Five (5) years
13. Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms overlap and there can be no reappointments
14. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 0 Held: 5
FY 10-11: 0 Held: 5
FY 11-12: 0 Held: 4

Operations

15. Support staff: Shared or separate:
16. FY 09-10 budget: \$41,539
FY 10-11 budget: \$46,991
FY 11-12 budget: \$46,288
17. Other funding sources:
18. Spending authority:

Accomplishments

19. Since July 1, 2008: Exams are now computerized. Renewals are computerized as well.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Purpose: To administer and enforce the State's campaign finance laws, its lobbying laws and its conflict of interest laws

How many affectable: Not applicable

How many served: Not applicable

Year created: 1976

Year active: 1977

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Frank Daley, Executive Director, P.O. Box 95086, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402-471-2522

Authorization citation: Â§49-14,105

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 9 (including Secretary of State, ex officio)

Who appoints: Governor and Secretary of State

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: A political and geographic balance is required for the 8 appointed members. No more than 3 may be from any congressional district. No more than 4 may be from the same political party. One must be an independent.

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 6

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 5

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$590,227

FY 10-11 budget: \$570,974

FY 11-12 budget: \$563,323

Other funding sources: No

Spending authority: Yes on programs 94 and 95

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Collected campaign filings from candidates, political parties, political action committees, corporations and unions and made them available on-line to the press and public. Developed electronic filing programs for most campaign filers. Made lobbyist and principal filings available on-line. Conducted informational seminars for candidates, PACs, corporations and unions on campaign filings. Conducted information seminars for lobbyists and principals. Provided advice and assistance on conflict of interest issues and conducted informational seminars for public officials and public employees on State and local level. Conducted investigations and upon finding of a violation, assessed civil penalties against violators.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: State Accreditation Committee
2. Purpose: The accreditation committee recommends appropriate standards and policies for the accreditation and classification of schools and makes annual recommendations to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education relative to the accreditation of Nebraska Schools.
3. How many affectable: All public school districts and every nonpublic school system that elects to become accredited
How many served: All students in Nebraska accredited schools, approximately 300,000 in public school districts and 38,000 in nonpublic school systems
4. Year created: 1949
Year active: 1949
Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Freida Lange, Administrator
Mailing Address: Accreditation and School Improvement
Nebraska Department of Education
P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987
Phone number 402-471-2444

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 79-703
7. Parent Organization: Nebraska Department of Education

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of members: 23
Who appoints: State Board of Education
9. Legislative approval: N/A
Qualifications of members: N/A
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term Length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms overlap
12. Number of meetings required
FY 09-10: 1 required, Held: 2
FY 10-11: 1 required; Held: 2
FY 11-12: 1 required; Held: 2

Operations

13. Support Staff: Yes
Shared or separate: Nebraska Department of Education
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0
FY 11-12 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2008, the State Accreditation Committee has annually reviewed accreditation compliance information for each accredited school system in Nebraska and has recommended accreditation classifications which the State Board of Education has enacted. In addition, over the past four years the Committee has reviewed, developed and recommended three sets of revisions to Rule 10 (Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools), causing the Rule to reflect current statute and school system needs; and upon request, through email and current technology, the Committee advises the Commissioner and the State Board of Education on matters related to the accreditation of Nebraska schools.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**
2. Purpose: 38-161. (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A;
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1996; Year active: 1996 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Karen Bowen, Administrator, Office of Nursing & Nursing Support, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: **38-205**. (1) Until July 1, 2007, the board shall consist of (a) five advanced practice registered nurses representing different advanced practice registered nurse specialties for which a license has been issued, (b) five physicians licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law to practice medicine in Nebraska, at least three of whom shall have a current collaborating relationship with an advanced practice registered nurse, (c) three consumer members, and (d) one licensed pharmacist. (2) On and after July 1, 2007, the board shall consist of: (a) One nurse practitioner holding a license under the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act, one certified nurse midwife holding a license under the Certified Nurse Midwifery Practice Act, one certified registered nurse anesthetist holding a license under the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Practice Act, and one clinical nurse specialist holding a license under the Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice Act, except that the initial clinical nurse specialist appointee may be a clinical nurse specialist practicing pursuant to the Nurse Practice Act as such act existed prior to July 1, 2007. Of the initial

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appointments under this subdivision, one shall be for a two-year term, one shall be for a three-year term, one shall be for a four-year term, and one shall be for a five-year term. All subsequent appointments under this subdivision shall be for five-year terms; (b) Three physicians, one of whom shall have a professional relationship with a nurse practitioner, one of whom shall have a professional relationship with a certified nurse midwife, and one of whom shall have a professional relationship with a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Of the initial appointments under this subdivision, one shall be for a three-year term, one shall be for a four-year term, and one shall be for a five-year term. All subsequent appointments under this subdivision shall be for five-year terms; and (c) Two public members. Of the initial appointments under this subdivision, one shall be for a three-year term, and one shall be for a four-year term. All subsequent appointments under this subdivision shall be for five-year terms. (3) Members of the board serving immediately before July 1, 2007, shall serve until members are appointed and qualified under subsection (2) of this section.

38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

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11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163**. (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2012; 1 term expires in 2014; 3 terms expire in 2015; 3 terms expire in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
- | | |
|-------------|---------|
| FY 09-10: 1 | Held: 4 |
| FY 10-11: 1 | Held: 3 |
| FY 11-12: 1 | Held: 2 |

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$5,594
FY 10-11 budget: \$24,228
FY 11-12 budget: \$10,469
15. Other funding sources: Cash funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
- Meet quarterly to the manage complaint and initial licensure investigations.
 - Developed specialty guidelines and various information regarding advanced practice nursing in Nebraska.
 - Updated and expanded the nursing web site.
(http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_nursing_nursingindex.aspx)
 - Accepted as a member board of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.
 - Participated in meetings of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing including attendance at the Annual Meetings (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011) and Midyear Meetings (2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012).
 - Monitoring implementation of the APRN Licensure Compact.
 - Tracked and submitted testimony on bills impacting on advanced practice nursing regulation.
 - Provided numerous presentations at workshops, meetings, schools of nursing, etc.
 - Participated in national, regional and state meetings regarding advanced practice nursing.

Recommendations for licensure on 627 applications

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

Purpose: General duties include advising the Governor relative to the appointment of a director of the Department of Aeronautics and reporting to the Governor whenever the commission feels the director is not properly fulfilling his/her duties. Specific duties include allocating state funds and approving the use of federal funds to be spent for the construction or maintenance of airports, designating the locations and approving the sites of airports, arranging and authorizing the purchase of aircraft on behalf of the state, selecting and approving pilots to be employed by the state, and assisting the director in formulating the regulations and policies to be carried out by the department under the terms of the State Aeronautics Department Act.

How many affectable: All citizens of the State of Nebraska and those outside the state using and benefiting from our airport system.

How many served: All citizens of the State of Nebraska and those outside the state using and benefiting from our airport system.

Year created: 1945

Year active: 1945

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Andre B. Aman, Deputy Director & Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. sec.3-104

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: None required

Qualifications of members: All members of the commission shall be citizens and bona fide residents of the state and, in making such an appointment, the Governor shall take into consideration the interest or training of the appointee in some one or all branches of aviation.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

Term Length: 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate - one commissioner's term expires every March 1st.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: Unspecified Held: 5

FY 10-11: Unspecified Held: 6

FY 11-12: Unspecified Held: 5

Operations

Support staff: None

Shared or separate: Assisted by Department of Aeronautics' staff.

FY 09-10 budget: None

FY 10-11 budget: None

FY 11-12 budget: None

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since July 1, 2008, the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission has approved \$241,197,642 in Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program grant requests; and has allocated \$1,227,14 in state grants and \$1,676,985 in hangar and fuel system loans. During this time the commission has also approved several pilots to be employed by the state and has given wise counsel to the department.

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General Information

Formal Name: Affirmative Action Committee

Purpose: Provide liaison activities with the office with respect to problems and suggestions relative to affirmative action; review agency plans for effectiveness at the request of the office or the agency and suggest revisions; Advise the office and the Governor of the effectiveness and the status of the total program; and act as an advisory board for referral to the Governor of noncompliance cases.

How many affectable: All State of Nebraska employees

How many served: All State of Nebraska employees

Year created: 1979

Year active: 1979

Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Charles Roberson, Affirmative Action Coordinator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905

Authorization citation: Statutes 81-1363 through 81-1366

Parent agency: Administrative Services

Number of members: up to 10

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: none

Qualifications of members: The Committee is comprised of individuals from the following groups: ethnic minorities, women, the aging, disabled and the general public.

Per diem: none

Expense reimbursement: yes - as it relates to travel

Term Length: indeterminate

Terms rotate or expire at once: n/a

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 0

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 0

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: none

Shared or separate: n/a

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: none

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Due to the 2008 Nebraska Constitutional amendment, prohibiting preferential treatment, it was determined that existing policies and procedures were and are sufficient to guarantee constitutional compliance. Therefore further committee action was not deemed necessary. However, the State of Nebraska, Department of Administrative Services and State Personnel remained committed to promoting diversity, cultural awareness and fair and equal treatment throughout state

government and for every individual regardless of age, gender, race or religious affiliation. To ensure, enhance and promote the state's commitment to these goals the Administrative Services Director, the Affirmative Action Administrator, and the Affirmative Action Coordinator continue to meet regularly to discuss and address issues and activities related to promoting and ensuring diversity, cultural awareness and fair and equal treatment within state government. Among these issues and activities are: Coordinating and promoting statewide ADA compliance efforts, Assisting and advising state agencies with their own diversity programs, Gathering and then providing demographic information to the EEO to assist in maintaining compliance with federal reporting requirements, Chairing the Annual World Day on the Mall; Investigate, advise and assist state agencies with workplace discrimination issues and Providing on-going training on various workplace diversity and equality topics.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Nebraska DHHS Advisory Committee on Aging**
2. Purpose: To advise the State Unit on Aging regarding the State Plan on Aging as developed and prepared by the State Unit on Aging, policies adopted by the State Unit on Aging, the needs of the State's older population. Make recommendations to State and local agencies serving the aging for purposes of coordinating such agencies' activities and reports from the various state agencies and institutions on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee.
3. How many affectable: 45,000
4. How many served: 45,000
5. Year created: 1965 Year active: 1965 Sunset date: n/a
Contact person: Penny Clark, Manager

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebr. Statute 68-1104 and 81-2212, 45 CFR Part 1321.47, 681101-681103, 681105 and 81-2205
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: n/a
Qualifications: Knowledge of the needs/issues affecting older adults, state and federal legislation relating to older persons in Nebraska. Ability to communicate orally and in writing, interact with older adults, area agencies on aging and the State Unit on Aging staff and others to exchange factual information.
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 05-06: 3	Held: 3
FY 06-07: 3	Held: 3
FY 07-08: 3	Held: 3
FY 09-10: 3	Held: 3
FY 11-12: 2	Held: 2
FY 12-13: 2	Held: 2

Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate: Parent agency
14. FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No-Advise only

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004
Approval of the 2008-2011 and 2012-2015 State Plans submitted to the Administration on Aging. Advise staff of the State Unit on Aging in regards to special projects or grants as to how to improve the services to the elderly population in specific areas of the state. Share with local elderly population about the different services available from the State Unit on Aging and the local Area Agencies on Aging.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska State Airline Authority

Purpose: The Nebraska State Airline Authority, for the purposes of developing the resources and improving the economic facilities of the state, was given the power to engage in developing and improving an intrastate commercial airline to operate on a regularly scheduled basis and to provide intrastate commercial airline service at a reasonable cost to the travelers in Nebraska.

How many affectable: All the citizens of Nebraska and those traveling intrastate by air.

How many served: All the citizens of Nebraska.

Year created: 1990

Year active: 1990

Sunset date: None specified.

Authorization

Contact person: Andre B. Aman, Deputy Director & Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 3-804

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

Number of members: 7

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: None specified.

Per diem: Yes - as determined by the Governor

Expense reimbursement: Reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: None specified. Held: 0

FY 10-11: None specified. Held: 0

FY 11-12: None specified. Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: Authorized to employ personnel necessary to carry out its duties.

Shared or separate: Separate.

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 3-804 and 3-805

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska State Airline Authority disbanded over 2 decades ago. Members were appointed according to statute and contracted with Aviation Systems Research Corporation of Golden, Colorado, to assist in determining the need for new, additional and/or expanded air service in Nebraska. A study was completed in November 1990 and submitted by the Nebraska State Airline Authority to the Nebraska Legislature in compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 3-806. The conclusions reached by the Nebraska State Airline Authority regarding the viability and advisability of an intrastate airline resulted in the disbanding of the airline authority.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 2004; Year active: 2004; Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-310.** Membership on the board shall consist of seven professional members and two public members appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165. Three of the professional members shall be licensed alcohol and drug counselors who may also be licensed as psychologists or mental health practitioners, three of the professional members shall be licensed alcohol and drug counselors who are not licensed as psychologists or mental health practitioners, and one of the professional members shall be a psychiatrist, psychologist, or mental health practitioner.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five

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years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years – **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2013; 2 terms expire in 2014; 2 terms expire in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016; 2 terms expire in 2017.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 6

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 5

Operations

13. Support staff: 3; Shared or separate: A portion of 3 staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$17,835

FY 10-11 budget: \$19,811

FY 11-12 budget: \$20,455

15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees

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16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- National examination will be offered via a computer testing site, written paper/pencil examination will be phased out during the upcoming year.
- Recommendations for licensure on 591 applications

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General Information

Formal Name: Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska
Purpose: To regular & monitor the distribution, delivery & use of cadavers by educational institutions within the State of Nebraska for educational / research purposes.
How many affectable: n/a
How many served: n/a
Year created: 1912
Year active: 1912
Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Paul Becker, Program Director, 986395 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198, 402-559-6249
Authorization citation: State Statute 71-1001
Parent agency: HHS
Number of members: 8
Who appoints: per statute 71-1001
Legislative approval: 71-14801 Anatomical Gift Act
Qualifications of members: Professors of Anatomy from the major medical / dental institutions in Nebraska plus one lay-person.
Per diem: no
Expense reimbursement: yes
Term Length: n/a
Terms rotate or expire at once: n/a
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 1 Held: 2
FY 10-11: 1 Held: 1
FY 11-12: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: 2
Shared or separate: separate
FY 09-10 budget: \$120,207
FY 10-11 budget: \$121,993
FY 11-12 budget: TBD
Other funding sources: yes, cadaver usage fees
Spending authority: yes, to allocate funds as needed within the program

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Over 8,300 donor applications on file; remodeling of Board facilities (morgue @ UNMC); amendment to State statutes to allow alternative technology (alkaline hydrolysis) to be used in the future in lieu of cremation; outsourcing of cremation for UNMC donors.

General Information

1. **Formal Name** Board of Appraisers for Educational Lands
2. **Purpose** The Board of Appraisers for Educational Lands meets as necessary to hear condemnation proceedings relating to educational lands. Following each hearing, the Board makes an award and files the same in the office of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.
3. **How many affectable** Not Applicable
4. **Year created** 1949 **Year active** 1949 **Sunset date** Not Applicable
5. **Contact person** Richard Endacott, Executive Secretary and CEO, Board of Educational Lands and Funds, 555 North Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68505-2353, (402) 471-2014.

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation** Section 72-224.03 of the Nebraska Statutes
7. **Parent agency** None. However, the Board of Educational Lands and Funds provides Staff support and pays per diem and expenses of the three Board Members.

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members** 3 **Who appoints** Governor
9. **Legislative approval** Yes **Qualifications** The three Board members must be: (1) The superintendent of a school district offering instruction in grades K-12, (2) A certified public accountant, and (3) A licensed real estate appraiser.
10. **Per diem** \$50 for each day actually engaged in performing the duties of their office.
Expense reimbursement Yes, for each day actually engaged in performing the duties of their office.

11. Term length 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once Terms rotate one every two years.

12. Number of meetings required in	FY 08-09	0	Held	1
	FY 09-10	0	Held	0
	FY 10-11	0	Held	0
	FY 11-12	0	Held	0

Operations

13. Support staff No **Shared or separate** See #7 above.

14. FY 09-10 budget	None	Budget Expended	\$ 146.30*
FY 09-10 budget	None	Budget Expended	\$.00
FY 07-08 budget	None	Budget Expended	\$.00

* Included in expenditures for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds from a meeting held in June 2008.

15. Other funding sources None.

16. Spending authority Section 72-224.03 requires that the per diem and expense reimbursement be paid by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008 \$126,447.12 was awarded to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds from 23 cases.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Aquaculture Board

Purpose: The purpose of the board is to advise and review regulations and laws in all matters as it pertains to aquaculture and aquaculturists.

How many affectable: There are approximately 100 licensed aquaculturists in Nebraska.

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1993

Year active: 1999

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Dean Rosenthal, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, PO Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503, (402) 471-5495

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Â§2-5003

Parent agency: None

Number of members: Six

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Three aquaculturists, one NE Game & Parks Fish Biologist, one Nebraska Department of Agriculture representative, and one aquaculture industry representative.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes. All board members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses while attending meetings of the board or while engaged in the performance of official responsibilities as determined by the board.

Term Length: Each board member serves for a term of three years, upon completion of which he or she may, at the Governor's discretion, be reappointed.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms rotate.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 2

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 1

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: No. Board activities are coordinated by individual board members.

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Sponsored a HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) training for Nebraska aquaculturists in November, 2009. Met to evaluate and suggest rules and regulations as they pertain to the aquaculture industry, in particular import regulations and Aquatic Invasive Species regulations.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Arts Council

Purpose: The duties of the Council are outlined in Neb Rev Stat 82-312; the mission statement of the Nebraska Arts Council, which draws on the statute is: "The Nebraska Arts Council is a state agency that promotes, cultivates and sustains the arts for the people of Nebraska."

How many affectable: 2,800,000

How many served: 2,278,857 (FY11 grant data)

Year created: 1973

Year active: 1973

Sunset date: Not Applicable

Authorization

Contact person: Suzanne Wise

Authorization citation: Neb Rev Statute 82-309-330

Parent agency: Nebraska Arts Council

Number of members: 15

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: yes

Qualifications of members: (Neb Rev Stat 82-309) "...citizens of Nebraska who are known for their professional competence and experience in connection with the arts....consideration...given to recommendations made by representative civic, educational, and professional associations...concerned with...the production or presentation of the arts generally."

Per diem: no

Expense reimbursement: yes, if requested

Term Length: 3 years, renewable once

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: no, agency staff assists as needed

Shared or separate: shared - Nebraska Arts Council

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: yes - the NAC approves grant requests and expenditures on agency activities as outlined in its strategic plan

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The NAC has provided over \$5.9 million dollars in grants and services to an annual average of 580 nonprofit organizations and schools which helps to bring arts performances, exhibitions, and educational activities to an annual average of 2.8 million citizens. These grants were matched by over 35.4 million from the private sector. Completely automated the agency's grant submission and reporting system. Assisted in undertaking an arts economic impact survey which

shows that the arts generate \$175 M. in economic activity annually and employ over 6,500 Nebraskans. Over 3.8 M. people attend arts events in Nebraska annually.

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General Information

Formal Name: Athletic Advisory Committee

Purpose: The Athletic Advisory Committee (committee) reviews the regulations proposed by the State Athletic Commissioner (commissioner). Additionally, the committee serves as an appeals board which hears any party who contests a decision of the commissioner.

How many affectable: Approximately 500 licensed contestants have the ability to appeal

How many served: blank

Year created: 1980

Year active: 1980

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Jim Haynes, Acting Athletic Commissioner, (402) 471-5630

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 81-8,139.01

Parent agency: Department of Revenue

Number of members: 5 (reduced from 6, effective July 19, 2012, see LB 869 [2012])

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: One member has experience with MMA, one member has experience with professional wrestling, one member has experience with professional boxing, one member is a medical doctor with ringside experience, and one member is at-large.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Members serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: None

Shared or separate: None

FY 09-10 budget: N/A

FY 10-11 budget: N/A

FY 11-12 budget: N/A

Other funding sources: N/A

Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since July 1, 2008, there have been no appeals and no rules or regulation changes for the Committee to review.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Athletic Training**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1986; Year active: 1986; Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-162.** Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act: (1) Each board shall consist of four members; (2) Each board shall have at least one public member; and (3) If a board has eleven or more members, it shall have at least three public members.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$25.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 5
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 4
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$970

FY 10-11 budget: \$5,419

FY 11-12 budget: \$1,873

15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 151 applications

Proposed rules and regulations currently being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office

Updated rules and regulations with the Uniform Credentialing Act changes

Utilization of paperless board meetings

Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1978; Year active: 1978; Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-510.** Membership on the board shall consist of four professional members and one public member appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165. Two of the professional members shall be audiologists, and two of the professional members shall be speech-language pathologists.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each

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professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2014; 2 terms expire in 2015.
12. Number of meetings required in
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| FY 09-10: 1 | Held: 5 |
| FY 10-11: 1 | Held: 4 |
| FY 11-12: 1 | Held: 6 |

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$2,936
FY 10-11 budget: \$19,332
FY 11-12 budget: \$6,087
15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 570 applications

Promulgated new rules and regulations for Chapters 23 and 24

Implemented provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act

Utilization of paperless board meetings

Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

Formal Name: Board of Barber Examiners

Purpose: The mission of the Nebraska Board of Barber Examiners is to examine and provide for the licensing of qualified barbers and barber instructors, to enforce the sanitary rules regulating barber shops and barber schools, to develop and approve school curriculum and post-secondary educational requirements for barber instructors, to investigate and resolve consumer complaints and provide the public with a healthy and safe shop environment.

How many affectable: All Nebraskans.

How many served: Most Nebraskans.

Year created: 1927

Year active: 1928

Sunset date: Not Applicable.

Authorization

Contact person: Ronald J. Pella, Director, Board of Barber Examiners, Executive Building, 521 S 14th St. PO Box 94723, Lincoln, NE. 68509-4723, Phone: 402-471-2051

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections -71-221

Parent agency: Not Applicable.

Number of members: 3

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Each member shall be a practicing barber who has followed the occupation of barbering in this state for at least five years prior to his appointment, and who is actually engaged in the practice of barbering during the term of his appointment. Although, not required by statute, members are appointed from each congressional district.

Per diem: \$75.00/day.

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Three years, one member appointed each year.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: 2

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$146,889

FY 10-11 budget: \$147,041

FY 11-12 budget: \$150,001

Other funding sources: None - we are a self-funded cash agency.

Spending authority: 71-222 - Salaries and expenses shall be paid only from the fund created by fees collected in the administration of the Barber Act, and no other funds or state money except as collected in the administration of the act shall be drawn upon to pay the expenses

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Board authority for licensing by credentials from other states and or countries in addition to our current

reciprocity agreements. Statutory change from annual renewal to a two-year licensing system. Provide on-line courses for the barber instructor educational program. Conduct job analysis survey. Require Booth Rental Permits that identify self-employed and/or an independent contractor and the location of licensee. Web site updated to provide all applications and information for licensure.

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General Information

Formal Name: Beginning Farmer Board

Purpose: To develop and direct programs to provide increased and enhanced opportunities for beginning farmers and livestock producers. The Board has, to that end, developed the rules and regulations to determine the eligibility for the beginning farmer, livestock producer, and the owner of agricultural assets that will receive the tax credit, as stated in the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act (Act). Under the Act, the Board also determines the application process, the dollar amount of the tax credit, the guidelines and procedures to obtain the tax credit, provides the eligibility certificate to the beginning farmers to submit to their county assessor for an application for a tangible personal property tax exemption, and various other responsibilities.

How many affectable: *(Nebraska Farmers over age 65 plus farmers under age 34) Estimated and projected numbers based on 2007 Census of Agriculture, NASS. Estimated FY 10-11 19,608; Projected FY 11-12 20,000; Projected FY 12-13 20,400.

How many served: (Included beginning farmers, owners of agricultural assets and spouses) Actual FY 10-11, 732; Projected FY 11-12, 712; Projected FY 12-13, 733.

Year created: 1999

Year active: 1999

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Don Anthony, Board President, 43970 Road 758, Lexington, NE; Administrative Support: Marian Beethe, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, PO Box 94947, Lincoln, NE 402-471-6890.

Authorization citation: Sections 77-5201 through 77-5215

Parent agency: None. The Board is housed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative and budgetary purposes only.

Number of members: Seven (7)

Who appoints: The Governor appoints the five members of the Board who are not ex-officio members.

Legislative approval: Yes, of those appointed.

Qualifications of members: (1) The Director of Agriculture or his or her designee; (2) The Tax Commissioner or his or her designee. (3) One individual representing lenders of agricultural credit; (4) One individual of the academic community with extensive knowledge and insight in the analysis of agricultural economic issues; and (5) Three individuals, one from each congressional district, who are currently engaged in farming of livestock production and are representative of a variety of farming or livestock production interests based on size of farm, type of farm operation, net worth of farm operation, and geographic location. All of the above are required to be residents of Nebraska.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes, actual and necessary expenses.

Term Length: Four Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 2 Held: 3

FY 10-11: 2 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 2 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: The Department of Agriculture provides administrative support to the Board.

Shared or separate: The Department of Agriculture provides the staff.

FY 09-10 budget: \$ 44,293.21 - Department of Agriculture*

FY 10-11 budget: \$ 46,132.37 - Department of Agriculture*

FY 11-12 budget: \$ 62,205.00 - Department of Agriculture*

Other funding sources: *(Board Members expenses and percentage of staff salaries)

Spending authority: None. The spending authority is in the Department of Agriculture's budget

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since July 1, 2008 (Fiscal Year 09) The number of inquiries and applications increased dramatically when Governor Heineman announced the changes to the Beginning Farmer Program, during a press conference at the 2008 Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island. Following the press conference, Greg Ibach, Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, and Hilary Maricle, a beginning farmer, spoke to the audience, telling how the new program would be beneficial to beginning farmers and those who would rent to them. A press release was sent to all newspapers, TV and radio stations, and other publications and a new brochure was designed and printed for Husker Harvest Days to explain both parts of the program: The Personal Property Tax Exemption and the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit. The Board of Directors wrote changes and additions to the Beginning Farmer regulations to include the information concerning the requirements for the Personal Property Tax Exemption and the other changes that had been enacted by the Legislature in 2008. A public hearing was held and the changes were passed. New applications, brochures, and web site were developed to promote the program and provide easy access for all interested parties. Each year, Board members and staff have publicized and explained how to enroll in the Beginning Farmer Program. They have had a booth at the State Fair, Husker Harvest Days, several other machinery and agricultural shows; were interviewed for radio, television, farm magazine, and newspaper stories; and have presented information at Farm Bureau, Women In Ag, Ag-ceptional Women, and other farm and ranch membership meetings. In tax year 2009, the amount of tax credits received by 147 Nebraska farm owners was \$1,094,696. In tax year 2010, 216 owners received \$1,460,453; tax year 2011, 244 owners received \$1,385,531; and it is estimated that in tax year 2012, 245 owners will receive \$987,160. The average amount of tax credit has dropped due to the larger number of farms that are owned by more than one person. Many farms have been inherited by several siblings and they have been very favorable to renting to a beginning farmer. The Board continues to work with members of the Legislature to improve the program and coordinate with other beginning farmer groups. Invitations and the agenda to Board meetings have been sent to members of the Legislative Agriculture Committee to keep them informed of our activities. They are always welcome to attend our meetings to learn more about the program.

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General Information

Formal Name: Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Purpose: The Commission Board governs the state agency entitled Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI). NCBVI provides vocational rehabilitation and independent living services to blind persons so that they may be employed and full participants in society; works to enlarge economic opportunities for blind persons, increase the available occupational range and diversity for the blind and to stimulate other efforts to aid blind persons to stay or to become self-supporting; and to assist senior blind persons to remain independent in their homes.

How many affectable: 30,000

How many served: 1,200

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset date: Not Applicable

Authorization

Contact person: Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, Executive Director

Authorization citation: 71-8601 to 71-8616

Parent agency: Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired

Number of members: Five (5)

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: The Board shall consist of members having reasonable knowledge or experience in issues related to blindness. At least three board members shall be blind persons. One member shall be a member or designee of the National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska; one member shall be a member or designee of the American Council of the Blind of Nebraska; and one member may be a member of another consumer organization of the blind.

Per diem: \$70.00

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four (4) Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Commission Board has developed a comprehensive packet of information for new Commissioners and for all to use as an ongoing resource. The Board has identified numerous ways to specifically enhance the agency website,

to be most effective for anyone seeking information about services to Nebraskans who are blind or visually impaired. The Board has overseen the agency's successful work in providing the training and counseling necessary for blind persons to be full participants in their communities and in the workforce. Ninety percent of persons who complete training at the NCBVI-operated Nebraska Center for the Blind become employed tax-payers, rather than being dependent upon state support. Quarterly meetings each year give a forum for consumers and members of the public in general to hear what the agency is doing and to voice their issues and concerns to the Board. Commissioners have attended State and National consumer conventions of the blind. Commissioners attended National Blind Networking conference calls. Thus, the agency remains responsive to the needs of blind and visually impaired Nebraskans of all ages, statewide.

General Information

1. Formal Name: Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board
2. Purpose: To hold hearings and advise the Commissioner of Labor on rules and regulations for methods of testing equipment and construction and installation of new boilers and pressure vessels that are required to be inspected by the Boiler Inspection Act, and for certificate and inspection fees for such boilers and pressure vessels. Ultimately, the purpose of the Board is to promote the safety of the citizens of Nebraska through comprehensive and adequate laws and rules relating to boilers and pressure vessels.
3. How many affectable: 11000
How many served: 11000
4. Year Created: July 9, 1988 Year Active: August 8, 1988 Sunset Date: Not Applicable
5. Contact Person: Christopher B. Cantrell, Boiler Inspection Program Manager, Nebraska Department of Labor, Office of Safety, 550 S 16th Street P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600. 402-471-4721

Authorization

6. Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-739
7. Parent Agency: Department of Labor

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 8 (7 voting, 1 non-voting)
Who Appoints: Governor
9. Legislative Approval: Yes
Qualifications of Members:
One representative from each of the following categories:
 - Owners or users of boilers
 - Sellers of boilers
 - boiler construction, repair or operations
 - insurance industry
 - licensed professional engineer who is experienced with boilers
 - public safety
 - general publicNon-voting member is the Boiler Inspection Program Manager (State Boiler Inspector)
10. Per diem: \$50.00 Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Four years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10 1 Held: 1
FY 10-11 1 Held: 1
FY 11-12 1 Held: 2

Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate: N/A
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0
FY 11-12 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. 2010: Advised the Commissioner of Labor on Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 229 update.
- 2011: Advised the Commissioner on the impact of legislative changes to the Boiler Inspection Act

changes that were proposed in LB593. 2012: Continued to advise the Commissioner with regard to LB593 that was carried over from the 2011 legislative session. 2012: Advised the Commissioner on the impact of the proposed transfer of the Boiler Inspection Program from the Department of Labor to the Office of the State Fire Marshal as found in AM1970 to LB971. 2012: Advised the Commissioner on recommended minimum clearances for newly installed boilers and pressure vessels.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE
2. Purpose: CREATED TO PROTECT NEBRASKA BRAND AND LIVESTOCK OWNERS FROM THEFT OF LIVESTOCK THROUGH ESTABLISHED BRAND RECORDING, BRAND INSPECTION AND LIVESTOCK THEFT INVESTIGATION
3. How many affectable: IN EXCESS OF 50,000
How many served: IN EXCESS OF 50,000
4. Year created: 1941 Year active: N/A Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: STEVEN F STANEC, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE SECTION 54-191
7. Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5
Who appoints: GOVERNOR
9. Legislative approval: NO
Qualifications of members:
AT LEAST THREE OF THE MEMBERS MUST BE ACTIVE CATTLE PRODUCERS AND AT LEAST ONE MEMBER AN ACTIVE FEEDER. MEMBERS MUST OWN CATTLE, RESIDE IN BRAND INSPECTION AREA, OWN A NEBRASKA RECORDED BRAND, PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION RAISING CATTLE
10. Per diem: NO Expense reimbursement: ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVEL EXPENCES
11. Term length: MAY SERVE 2 EA, FOUR YEAR TEARMS
Terms rotate or expire at once: STAGGERED TERMS
12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: 4 Held: 5
FY 10-11: 4 Held: 5
FY 11-12: 4 Held: 7

Operations

13. Support staff: YES Shared or separate: SEPARATE
14. FY 09-10 budget: 4,820,723.83
FY 10-11 budget: 5,066,964.69
FY 11-12 budget: 4,344,519.63
15. Other funding sources: NONE
16. Spending authority: NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTE 54-197

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008: BRAND INSPECTORS RECOVERED 7,790 ESTRAYS, VALUED AT \$6,550,687.56 FOR CATTLE PRODUCERS. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED 14 CRIMINAL CASES INVOLVING 206 HEAD OF CATTLE VALUED AT \$163,150.90. BRAND RECORDING ISSUED 2,088 NEW LIVESTOCK BRANDS.

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General Information

1. Formal Name – Task Force for Building Renewal
2. Purpose – The Task Force for Building Renewal reviews, classifies and recommends funding to the Governor for various deferred maintenance projects as requested by State agencies. In its review, the Task Force considers deferred repair, fire life/safety, ADA, and energy conservation projects. The Task Force also assists and advises agencies on specific problems and provides maintenance training and workshops to assist agency maintenance/professional staff in the performance of their official duties.
3. How many affectable – 20 state agencies are eligible for Task Force funding. These agencies have approximately 2800 buildings of which approximately 2500 have been served by the Task Force.
4. How many served – See above
5. Year created – 1977 Year active – 1977 Sunset date – None
Contact Person – Steven P. Hotovy, AIA Administrator
Task Force for Building Renewal
The Executive – Suite 509
521 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-2707

Authorization

6. Authorization citation – Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-173 through 81-191.01.
7. Parent agency – Department of Administrative Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members – 7 Who Appoints – Administrator is appointed by the Director of Administrative Services; remaining 3 FTE are hired under State Personnel procedures, and 1.2 FTE consultants (3) are also hired as per diem only employees.
9. Legislative approval – None Qualifications – None
10. Per Diem – Employees are reimbursed for expenses as state employees
Expense Reimbursement – Same as above
11. Term length – Indefinite
Terms rotate or expire at once – N/A

12. Number of meetings required in FY09-10: N/A Held: N/A
FY10-11: N/A Held: N/A
FY11-12: N/A Held: N/A

Operations

13. Support staff – Yes Shared or separate – Separate
14. FY09-10 Budget: \$580,961
FY10-11 Budget: \$455,197
FY11-12 Budget: \$471,255
15. Other funding sources – None
16. Spending authority – Task Force allocates funds from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, the State Building Renewal Assessment Fund, the University Building Renewal Assessment Fund, and the State College Building Renewal Assessment Fund for deferred maintenance projects on all eligible state facilities.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008 - Provided professional consulting services to other state agencies to assist in solving facility maintenance problems; visited and inspected facilities that were identified on state agencies biennium budget request as needing deferred maintenance, fire life/safety, ADA and/or energy conservation funding; allocated and administered over \$90 million dollars for over 900 projects for state agencies; provided numerous training opportunities for state agency personnel to better assist them in the performance of their duties.

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Board of State Canvassers

Purpose: Meet after each statewide primary and general election to canvass votes for all officers and issues certified by the Secretary of State.

How many affectable: 1,136,365 registered voters for 5-12 primary

How many served: 297,557 voted in 5-12 primary

Year created: 1879

Year active: 1879

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Secretary of State, John A. Gale

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94608

State Capitol Building, Suite 2300, Lincoln, NE. 68509-4608

Phone number: (402) 471-2554

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 32-1037

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: 5 constitutional members (Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, and Attorney General)

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Constitutional office holder, duly elected or qualified.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term length: time office held

Terms rotate or expire at once: No

Number of required meetings

FY 09-10: 2, Held: 2

FY 10-11: 2, Held: 2

FY 11-12: 2, Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared with Secretary of State

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments: Canvass the statewide primary and general elections to insure that the citizens of Nebraska received a fair and legal opportunity on election day to select their candidates and vote on issues. To insure that the candidates received a complete, fair and legal vote computation.

2012 Boards & Commissions Survey Answer Sheet-

General Information

1. **Formal Name:** Nebraska Capitol Commission (NCC) and the Office of the Capitol Commission (OCC).

2. **Purpose:** With the advice and consent of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, the Office of the Capitol Commission is charged by statute to preserve, restore, enhance, promote and interpret the Nebraska State Capitol, its grounds and environs. This also includes statutory requirements for preservation of Capitol furniture and furnishings and developing policies and programs to support this overall mission.

3. **How many affectable:** Not Applicable
How many served: Not Applicable

4. **Year created:** 2004 **Year active:** 2004
Sunset date: None established

5. **Contact Person:** Robert C. Ripley AIA, Capitol Administrator
Office of the Capitol Commission
Nebraska State Capitol, 7th Floor
P.O. Box 94696
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4696
402-471-0419

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** for NCC- RRS 81-1108.32; .36; .38; .50; .51; .52; .53
for OCC- RRS 72-2202 thru 2214

7. **Parent Agency:** The Commission (NCC) oversees the Office of the Capitol Commission.

Membership and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** Nine; eight voting and one non-voting member.

Who appoints: Governor appoints the three congressional district voting members.

9. **Legislative approval:** None

Qualifications of members: Six of nine members are ex-officio, five are voting with one non-voting commissioner. The three remaining members are voting commissioners, one appointed from each congressional district.

10. **Per diem:** No **Expense reimbursement:** Yes

11. **Term length:** Ex-officio members have non-expiring terms while holding their elected office or position. The three appointed members serve staggered three year terms, one member being appointed or re-appointed each year.

12. **Number of meetings required in FY 09-10:** Four required / Four held.
Held: 8-13-10; 11-12-09 w/Environs Commission; 2-2-10; 6-3-10

FY10-11: Four required / Four held
Held: 8-3-10; 11-4-10 w/Environs Commission; 2-8-11; 6-2-11

FY11-12: Four required/Four held
Held: 8-16-11; 11-3-11 w/Environs Commission; 2-7-12; 6-7-12

Operations

13. **Support Staff:** One (1) **Shared or separate:** Office of Capitol Commission

14. **FY 09-10 budget:** \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0
FY 11-12 budget: \$0

15. **Other funding sources:** None

16. **Spending authority:** No. However, by statute the OCC cannot spend capital construction funding without NCC review and approval.

Accomplishments

17. **Since July 1, 2008:** See attached pages (3 & 4) for an excerpted limited summary.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008 thru 2011: The following is a limited 'excerpted' summary of work in our various programs within the OCC:

Architectural: Capitol Masonry & ReRoof Project completed 12-10; West Chamber & Lounge Cleaning/Restoration & Rotunda Glass Entry Wall '08; Hearing Room & Court Room Audio-Video Upgrade '08; Original Hearing Room Furniture Restoration '08-'12; Tower Elevator Study & Renovation '08-'12; Develop Capitol Master Specification '08; Legislative & St Treasurer Office Renovation and Gift Shop Renovation '09; Library 'Dolan' Mural Restoration '09; Legislative & St Auditor Office Renovation '10; Law Library Renovation '10; Legislative & Atty General Office Renovation '10; Legislative Office Renovation '11.

Collections: NHPRC Grant (\$24K) for Data Base Development '08-'09; Added over 240 new items to collections in '08-'12 to existing collections of over 200,000 items; Consolidated Records Old/New and added Oral History Interviews '08-'09; Discovered Original Drawing in sealed attic '08; Research Ceiling Drawings West Chamber & Lounge '08; Processed Stone Shop Drawings for Masonry Project '09; Developed PastPerfect software for Orig. Capitol Furniture Inventory '10; Install Archive Temp/Humidity Equipment '11; Took over 300 visitors on tour '08-'12.

Conservation Shops: Restored over 40 corridor doors 1st & 2nd Flr '08-'12; Restored all 160 Tower Venetian Blinds '08; Original Office Furniture Restoration, 12 desks, 76 chairs, 4 sofas, 11 tables and 4 West Chamber Senator Chairs '08-'12; Rebuilt both (2) South Entrance Doors '08; Repaired 102 Door locksets '08-'12; Made 182 Door Keys '08-'11; Repair Finish Legislative Hearing Room Tables '08-'09; Clean West Chamber & Lounge Limestone & Ceilings '08; Legislative Office Renov. install slate base in offices, Restore 56 doors in Legislative Office Renov area '08-'10; Built & Install Falcon Nest Box top of tower '09; Repair Plaster in St Treasurer Suite '09; Restore Rooftop Elev Penthouse Metal Door '09; Built Repro Doors R2301 & 2103; Assist Renov of St Auditor Suite '10; Assist (over 400 man hrs) with Masonry Restor & ReRoof Project (ea. year); Finish & Install Chas. Bessey Hall of Fame Pedestal & Plaque '10; Install Gov Hrg Room TV Lights & Brackets '10; Repair Limestone Radiator Cabinet NE Courtyard Hallway '11; Built 38 Senator Podia for Chamber '11; Install South Entry Walk Lights built by shop '11 etc.

Custodial: Clean-Finish over 70K sf of Stone Floors/year (5 nights/wk, 52 wks/yr); Annually top-bottom clean 8-12 office suites/year after renovation; Recycle annually 100-120 tons/year of paper & misc material; Restore Law Library So Reading Room Linoleum Flr '11; Rotunda Floor Cleaning/Finishing '12.

Accomplishments for OCC (Con't)

Grounds: Planted over 40 trees and 50 shrubs on Capitol grounds for Arbor Day in past 10 years; Planted shrub border around South & East Capitol Parking Lots completed '08; Managed both planting maintenance and snow removal in the 10 City block Capitol Complex area involving 1,886,981 sf of landscape area, 500,000 sf pavement surface using approx 20 ton of ice melt material annually; Maintain all shop vehicles from trucks to mowers/snowblowers to sprayers; Also year around maintain for Governor's Residence, White Hall complex, St Laboratory; Assisted in replanting and now maintaining the Landscape Repair for the East, South & West entrance and lawn areas resulting from damage in the Masonry and ReRoof Project '11; Including the Capitol Complex, White Hall Campus and St Laboratory site this shop function maintains about 43.5 acres of land area.

Maintenance: This shop maintains/repairs the entire Capitol HVAC, Electrical and Plumbing systems which involves performing over 1,050 computer scheduled preventive maintenance work orders annually in addition to 400-500 call-in work orders for hot/cold calls, light bulb replacement, leaking faucets, damaged valves etc.; Annually clean and re-lamp all corridor and rotunda chandeliers and fixtures; Install building fire alarm upgrades '08; Update exterior building tower lighting '08; Replace electrical motors and bearings for Air Handling Units '08-'12; Update mech./elect. equipment in Legislative and St Treasurer Office Renov. '09 & Attorney Gen & Legislative Office Renov. '10; Make roof drain plumbing changes for ReRoof Project '09; Replace Main Bldg Sewer Pump '10; Retrofit Capitol Streetlights with energy efficient bulbs.

Tours & Special Events: Annually two tour staff and one supervisor perform approx 1600 tours averaging 80,000-100,000 visitors annually of which 21,000 are school children and another 25,000 visitors for walk-in bldg tours; Special Tours for foreign visitors with the US State Dept, Committee on International Friendship etc.; Schedule and set-up annually for 18-20 News Conf; 24-28 Rallies; 30-35 displays; 20-25 Rotunda ceremonies; 30-34 Weddings and photos; Four exterior weekend bldg lightings/year; 25-30 musical concerts/year; in 2009 wrote the text for improved bldg brochures; in 2010 updated the capitol.org website and much more.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this Commission is to maintain and enhance the aesthetic quality, historic value, spiritual dignity, and physical dominance of the Nebraska State Capitol over the cityscape of Lincoln; to foster pride in the beauty of the Capitol and its environs by studying and publicizing their essential aspects; to provide a fit setting for the Capitol by encouraging appropriate public improvements and private development, especially in the Capitol Environs District, and the maintenance of those improvements; and to protect views to the capitol by proposing regulations and guidelines for designated view corridors.

How many affectable: All Nebraskans and visitors to the capital city.

How many served: see above

Year created: 1988

Year active: 1988

Sunset date: none

Authorization

Contact person: Ed Zimmer

Authorization citation: 90-306; City of Lincoln Municipal Code 27.56

Parent agency: Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

Number of members: 7 voting, 3 ex-officio/non-voting

Who appoints: 2 by Governor; 5 by City of Lincoln

Legislative approval: no

Qualifications of members: At least one of the Governor's appointees must be a resident of City of Lincoln; City appointees require "due consideration given to appointment of an architect, landscape architect, an urban planner, a real estate developer and a member of the public at large." Ex-officio members include Lincoln Planning Director, Lincoln Parks & Rec. director, and director of Nebraska Department of Administrative Services; or a designee of any of those directors.

Per diem: none

Expense reimbursement: none

Term Length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 9

FY 10-11: 6 Held: 6

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 8

Operations

Support staff: 2

Shared or separate: shared

FY 09-10 budget: no separate budget

FY 10-11 budget: no separate budget

FY 11-12 budget: no separate budget

Other funding sources: Staff provided by Lincoln/Lancaster Cty Planning Dept.

Spending authority: none

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The commission provided design review of several projects in 2008; Kaplan Univ. was the largest.

Planning began for the redesign of Centennial Mall in 2009; projects reviewed by the Commission & completed in 2009 included several in the east "leg" of the Environs District--the Antelope Creek Bridge; Lincoln High School forecourt; Kaplan University. 2010 saw continued progress on Centennial Mall redesign; productive involvement in Lincoln Electric System's Center Reliability Project to locate a major power-line corridor through central Lincoln; and design review of McPhee Elementary School renovations. In 2011 the Commission approved the master plan for Nebraska's Centennial Mall and approved designs for a major new building, the Farmers Mutual Insurance headquarters at 13th & Lincoln Mall. FY 2012 included fund-raising advances of Centennial Mall and beginning of construction on the Mall. Farmers Mutual HQ Building is also well-underway.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee

Purpose: The Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee was created to: 1) recommend policies and programs to enhance the ability of Nebraska Agricultural Landowners to participate in systems of carbon trading, 2) encourage production of educational and advisory materials regarding carbon sequestration on agricultural lands and participate in systems of carbon or greenhouse emissions trading, 3) identify and recommend areas of research needed to better understand and quantify the processes of carbon sequestration on agricultural land, and 4) assist the Director of the Department of Natural Resources in producing reports which were completed in 2001 and 2002.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Steve Gaul, Comprehensive Planning Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676 (402) 471-2363

Authorization citation: 2-5302

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Number of members: 14 by statute but only 11 currently filled

Who appoints: Six appointed by Governor, 3 are specific agency directors or their designees, and 3 are to represent government agencies

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: blank

Per diem: \$0

Expense reimbursement: \$0

Term Length: At the pleasure of the Governor

Terms rotate or expire at once: blank

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: na Held: 1

FY 10-11: na Held: 1

FY 11-12: na Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: Through Parent agency Department of Natural Resources

Shared or separate: Parent agency contact person provides limited support and coordination

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee meets annually, and since July 1, 2008 has met on December 3, 2008, December 17, 2009, November 17, 2010, and December 9, 2011. Notes from each meeting are available from the

Department of Natural Resources upon request. The Task Force has no per diem or expenses and the annual meetings have generally been held in the University of Nebraska East Campus Union and lasted 2 1/2 to 3 hours. The members have indicated interest in the meetings and they have allowed members who otherwise might have limited contact to keep informed of carbon sequestration related activities by other members and attendees from separate but related areas of expertise. In the annual meetings members have indicated they wish to continue the annual meetings.

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Accomplishments

17. In 2006, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board began a new partnership with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation to form the Nebraska Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Partnership.

As a member of the Prevention Partnership, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board refocused its activities to include:

- Promotion of evidence-based child abuse prevention programs and practices
- Progress toward common evaluation tools and processes for grantees
- Increasing public awareness and involvement in prevention of child maltreatment
- Technical assistance and grant making to build capacity and facilitate collaboration at local and multi-community levels
- Increased funding and other resources for child abuse prevention efforts

In 2008-2009 the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board achievements included:

- Awarded \$107,249 in program grants across the state
- Supported a statewide conference for more than 250 professionals
- Updated and launched the Rethink Your Reaction multi-media public awareness campaign

In 2009-10 and 2010-11

- Primary objectives were updated to include directing grant funds to support primary prevention in Nebraska communities, supporting child abuse prevention councils that provide voluntary services to parents, professional, and communities, administering a statewide public awareness campaign to promote effective parenting through 15 local child abuse prevention councils and providing training and technical assistance on research-based prevention strategies to grantees, local child abuse prevention councils, and other audiences.
- \$150,000 awarded to five communities for the Child Well Being Initiative.
- Three seminars to promote Outcome Accountability were conducted with the assistance of the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention.

In FY 2011-12, the NCAPF Board began support for one community program grant to address trauma and facilitate healing for children ages 5-17 in the child welfare system and four new community programs to support social emotional development in early childhood.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **State Child Death Review Team**
2. Purpose: A. Identify trends from the review of past records to prevent future deaths from similar causes when applicable; B. Recommend systematic changes for the creation of a cohesive method for responding to certain child deaths; and C. When appropriate, cause referral to be made to those agencies as required in section 28-711 or as otherwise required by state law.
3. How many affectable: All citizens of Nebraska
4. How many served: All citizens of Nebraska
5. Year created: 1993 Year active: 1993 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Dr. Joseph M. Acierno, MD, JD; Deputy Chief Medical Officer, DHHS

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Laws 1993, LB 431. Neb Rev Stat 71-3404-71-3411
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 8-12 Who appoints: CEO of DHHS
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: A physician employed by the Department, a senior staff member with child protective services of the Department, a forensic pathologist, a law enforcement representative, and an attorney are required. Other members may include a county attorney, a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent responsible for investigations on Native American reservations, a social worker, and members of organizations which represent hospitals or physicians.
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes, actual and necessary expenses.
11. Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Staggered by attrition.
12. Number of meetings required in: FY 09-10: minimum of 4 Held: 4
FY 10-11: minimum of 4 Held: 4
FY 11-12: minimum of 4 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: 1.25 Shared or separate: 1.00 Separate, .25 shared
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$125,000
FY 10-11 budget: \$125,000
FY 11-12 budget: \$125,000
15. Other funding sources: TITLE V funding source
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

CSince July 1, 2009: The Child Death Review Team reviewed child death cases and completed two comprehensive reports identifying commonalities, trends, and prevention aspects of child deaths. Additionally, the Child Death Review Team sponsored the Douglas County Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Nebraska Child Support Advisory Commission**
2. Purpose: The statute requires the Commission to review the guidelines adopted by the Supreme Court and to recommend, if appropriate, any changes to the guidelines to the Court and the Executive Board of the Legislature. The review was conducted to comply with the federal mandate that states review their guidelines every four years under the Family Support Act of 1988, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 667. The Commission last met in 2006 and submitted its report to the Nebraska Supreme Court on January 2, 2007.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How may served: N/A
5. Year Created: 2006 (LB 1113, § 43) (Previously known as the State Disbursement and Child Support Advisory commission, created in 2000 (LB 972, § 5))
Year active:: 2010 Sunset date: None
Contact Person: Senator Brad Ashford, District 20, Chairperson of Judiciary Committee

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 43-3342.05
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Supreme Court, Executive Board of the Legislative Council, Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12 Who appoints: The supreme Court and the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat § 43-3342.05(2)(b).
9. Legislative approval: The Supreme Court shall notify the Executive Board of the Legislative Council of its intent to review the child support guidelines pursuant to section 42-364.16. Following such notification, the chairperson of the commission shall call a meeting of the commission. (Neb. Rev. Stat § 43-3342.05 (2)(a))
Qualifications: Commission members shall include:
 - (a) Two district court judges whose jurisdiction includes domestic relations, to be appointed by the Supreme Court;
 - (b) One member of the Nebraska State Bar Association who practices primarily in the area of domestic relations;
 - (c) One county attorney who works in child support;
 - (d) One professional who works in the field of economics or mathematics or another field of expertise relevant to child support;
 - (e) One custodial parent who has a court order to receive child support;
 - (f) One noncustodial parent who is under a support order to pay child support;
 - (g) The chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, who shall serve as the chairperson of the commission;
 - (h) The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature;
 - (i) The State Treasurer or his or her designee;
 - (j) The State Court Administrator or his or her designee; and
 - (k) The director of the Title IV-D Division or his or her designee.(Neb. Rev. Stat § 43-3342.05 (1))
10. Per diem:
Expense reimbursement: Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. (Neb. Rev. Stat § 43-3342.05 (2)(c))
11. Term length: The terms of these members shall expire after the commission has fulfilled its duties pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat § 43-3342.05 (3).
Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once
12. Number of Meetings required in:

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FY 09-10: 0

FY 10-11: 3 Held: Oct. 14, 2010, Nov. 30 2010 and Dec. 14, 2010

FY 11-12: 0

Operations

13. Support staff: Stacey Conroy, Legal Counsel, Judiciary Committee; Christina Case, Committee Clerk, Judiciary Committee
14. FY 09-10 budget
FY 10-11 budget
FY 11-12 budget
15. Other Funding sources:
16. Spending authority:

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

The Commission met three times during 2010. The Commission discussed a variety of issues during the 2010 review, some of which resulted in recommendations. During the process, the Commission:

- Reviewed recent case law from Nebraska courts related to child support;
- Reviewed laws recently passed in Nebraska related to child support;
- Reviewed recent child support guidelines revisions in states surrounding Nebraska;
- Reviewed case file data on the application of and deviation from the child support guidelines compiled from JUSTICE, the statewide court automation system;
- Compared Nebraska child support amounts to those calculated using guidelines in other states to evaluate how the Nebraska tables relate to tables that have been revised more recently;
- Discussed the use of income averaging in the process of calculating child support;
- Discussed issues related to recent federal legislation on how health insurance premiums will be treated for purposes of reporting income to the Internal Revenue Service and how this will impact the income amounts used in calculating child support in the future;
- Discussed issues related to the reimbursement of birthing expenses in light of the interpretation of a federal regulation that resulted in the Nebraska IV-D Division discontinuing, beginning in 2007, the collection of medical reimbursement judgments to recover birthing costs paid by Medicaid;
- Discussed several issues that were brought to the attention of the Commission by private attorneys posting questions and comments to the Nebraska Bar Association's Family Law list serve, including: the assignment of cash medical support; the allocation of costs for clothes and extracurricular activities in joint physical custody arrangements, incorporating child care costs into the guidelines; a deduction for the cost of a parent's health insurance premium; credit for support paid in other cases; and technical corrections; and
- Took public testimony.

The Commission submitted nine recommendations to the Supreme Court for consideration in amending the child support guidelines. See attached report.

Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee ("LB 603 Committee")

General Information

Formal Name: Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature

Purpose: The committee is to monitor the effect of implementation of the Children and Family Behavioral Health Support Act (passed as sections 5 to 11 of LB 603 in 2009) and the Behavioral Health Workforce Act (passed as sections 12 to 14 of LB 603 in 2009) and other child welfare and juvenile justice initiatives by the Department of Health and Human Services related to the provision of behavioral health services to children and their families.

How many affectable: not applicable

How many served: not applicable

Year created: 2009

Year active: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Sunset date: December 31, 2012

Contact person: Senator Kathy Campbell, District 25, Chair, Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68503, 402-471-2731

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 71-827

Parent agency: Executive Board of the Legislative Council

Number of Members: 9

Who appoints: Executive Board of the Legislative Council

Legislative approval: yes

Qualifications: 2 members of each of the following committees of the Legislature: Health and Human Services, Judiciary, and Appropriations; and 3 members of the Legislature who are not members of such committees.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term length: June 2009 through December 2012

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once

Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10 4 *Number held* 6

FY 10-11 4 *Number held* 2

FY 11-12 4 *Number held* 2

Operations

Support staff: Per LB 603, staff support is to come from existing legislative staff as directed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. Claudia Lindley, legislative aide to Senator Kathy Campbell, provides staff support for the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature.

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: 0

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: After being created in 2009, the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature has conducted public hearings at which it took testimony from members of the public as well as children's behavioral health providers on various issues of children's behavioral health; received briefings from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the Legislative Fiscal Office, Magellan Health Services (administrator of Nebraska's Medicaid program), public and private providers of children's behavioral health services, and Hornby-Zeller Associates (evaluator of the Family Navigator, Children and Family Support Hotline, and post-adoption / post-guardianship case management services); issued annual reports to the Legislature and the Governor on the committee's activities and findings regarding implementation of programs created and expanded by LB 603 (the Family Navigator Program, post-adoption and post-guardianship case management services to children and families, 24-hour Children and Family Support Hotline, expansion of children's Medicaid, additional funding for the Professional Partners Programs in the state's six behavioral health regions, and establishment and initial activities of the Behavioral Health Education Center within the University of Nebraska Medical College).

Operations

Support staff: Per LB 603, staff support is to come from existing legislative staff as directed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. Claudia Lindley, legislative aide to Senator Kathy Campbell, provides staff support for the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature.

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: 0

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: After being created in 2009, the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature has conducted public hearings at which it took testimony from members of the public as well as children's behavioral health providers on various issues of children's behavioral health; received briefings from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the Legislative Fiscal Office, Magellan Health Services (administrator of Nebraska's Medicaid program), public and private providers of children's behavioral health services, and Hornby-Zeller Associates (evaluator of the Family Navigator, Children and Family Support Hotline, and post-adoption / post-guardianship case management services); issued annual reports to the Legislature and the Governor on the committee's activities and findings regarding implementation of programs created and expanded by LB 603 (the Family Navigator Program, post-adoption and post-guardianship case management services to children and families, 24-hour Children and Family Support Hotline, expansion of children's Medicaid, additional funding for the Professional Partners Programs in the state's six behavioral health regions, and establishment and initial activities of the Behavioral Health Education Center within the University of Nebraska Medical College).

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General Information

17. Formal Name: **Nebraska Children's Commission**

18. Purpose: First, this commission must create a statewide strategic plan for reform of the child welfare system programs and services. Second, this commission must review the operations of DHHS regarding child welfare programs and services. Also, this commission must recommend, either by the establishment of a new division within DHHS or establishment of a new state agency, options for attaining the intent of this act. This commission shall provide a permanent forum for collaboration among state, local, community, public and private stakeholders in child welfare programs and services. Also required is a committee to examine state policy regarding the prescription and administration of psychotropic drugs for state wards, a committee to examine the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services, and other committees as necessary.

19. How many affectable: All Nebraska Children and Families

20. How many served: NA

21. Year created: 2012 Year active: 2012 Sunset date: June 30, 2014, unless continued by the Legislature.

Contact person: Kerry Winterer, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization

22. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Statute 43-4202

23. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

24. Number of members: 18 Voting Members, 6 Non-Voting Members Who appoints: Governor

25. Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: This commission shall include the Chief Executive Officer of DHHS or designee, the Director of Children and Family Services or designee and sixteen members appointed by the Governor within thirty days after the effective date of this act. These sixteen members shall represent stakeholders in the child welfare system and shall include:

- Director of a child advocacy center,
- Administrator of a behavioral health region,
- Community representative from each of the service areas (representative from ESA may be from lead agency or pilot project),
- Prosecuting attorney who practices in juvenile court,
- Guardian ad item,
- Biological parent currently or previously involved in the child welfare system,
- Foster parent,
- Court-appointed special advocate volunteer,
- Member of the Foster Care Review Office or local foster care review board,
- Child welfare service agency that directly provides a wide range of child welfare services and is not a member of a lead agency collaborative,
- Young adult previously in foster care, and
- Representative of a child advocacy organization that deals with legal and policy issues that include child welfare.

This commission shall have the following nonvoting, ex officio members:

- Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee or a committee member designated by the chairperson,
- Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or a committee member designated by the chairperson,
- Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee or a committee member designated by the chairperson, and

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- Three persons appointed by the State Court Administrator.
26. Per diem: 0
Expense reimbursement: Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
27. Term length: 2 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire
28. Number of meetings required in:
- | | | | |
|-----------|----|-------|----|
| FY 09-10: | NA | Held: | NA |
| FY 10-11: | NA | Held: | NA |
| FY 11-12: | 1 | Held: | 1 |

Operations

29. Support staff: The commission may hire staff to carry out the responsibilities of the commission. Shared or separate: Separate
30. FY 09-10 budget: NA
FY 10-11 budget: NA
FY 11-12 budget: \$3,000
31. Other funding sources: None
32. Spending authority: \$3,000

Accomplishments

33. The committee members have been appointed. There have been 2 meetings held at the time of this survey. The chairperson and vice chairperson have been elected. Authorization was given to hire staff for the commission and to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a Strategic Planning Consultant and a Medicaid Analyst. Finally, committees were created to examine the use of psychotropic drugs and to examine the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Chiropractic**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927; Year active: 1927; Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-162.** Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act: (1) Each board shall consist of four members; (2) Each board shall have at least one public member; and (3) If a board has eleven or more members, it shall have at least three public members.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each

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professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 1 Held: 6
FY 10-11: 1 Held: 5
FY 11-12: 1 Held: 5

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$11,847
FY 10-11 budget: \$4,708
FY 11-12 budget: \$12,566
15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 202 applications

Promulgated rules and regulations that addressed advertising issues in previous rules and regulations (2010)

Promulgated rules and regulations (2012)

Implemented provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act

Utilization of paperless board meetings

Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

Formal Name: Climate Assessment Response Committee

Purpose: The Climate Assessment Response Committee(CARC) was created to provide the Governor and the public with timely and systematic data collection, analysis, and dissemination of information about drought and other severe climate occurrences. In addition, CARC serves as a vehicle for the improvement of climate monitoring, climate impact assessment, and general information flow between various organizations.

How many affectable: NA

How many served: NA

Year created: 1992

Year active: 1992

Sunset date: NA

Authorization

Contact person: Assistant Director of Agriculture

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes, Sections 2-4901

Parent agency: Office of the Governor

Number of members: 10

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Composed of livestock producer, crop producer, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Conservation and Survey Division and Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, state Department of Agriculture, state Department of Natural Resources, state Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor's Policy Research Office, and others as the Governor deems necessary.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes; actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: Four years

Terms rotate or expire at once: At once

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 2 Held: 1

FY 10-11: 2 Held: 1

FY 11-12: 2 Held: 3

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: NA

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: CARC has gathered several times since 2009 to discuss the changing global weather trends, review conditions and take appropriate action. Information about current drought conditions and possible mitigation actions seemed valuable to media and interested stakeholders as television, radio, and newspaper representatives were in attendance at many

of the meetings held. Often the media representatives did follow-up stories to reach the public across the state. At least 15 stakeholders were present in the audience at each meeting. Over the past several months in relation to the on-going and intensifying drought the committee has worked to keep the Governor updated regarding conditions and provided recommendations on appropriate mitigation actions; disseminated press releases alerting the public to the conditions and encouraging mitigation actions; and implemented drought education and awareness through the members' individual organizations. The drought information website www.droughcentral.org has been maintained and utilized for dissemination of information; the committee's own website has been maintained at www.agr.ne.gov/carc.

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General Information

Formal name: Collection Agency Licensing Board

Purpose: License collection agencies operating in Nebraska

How many affectable: debtors and businesses in Nebraska

How many served: 444 licensed agencies; number of debtors and businesses served unknown

Year created: 1963

Year active: 1963

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Grace Willnerd, Licensing Director

Mailing Address: State Capitol Building, Suite 1305

Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: (402) 471-4071

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-601 to 45-622

Parent agency: Secretary of State

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 4; Secretary of State is the Chairperson

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 3 members appointed by the Governor must be licensees actively engaged in the collection business in this state, one from each congressional district; 1 member appointed by the Governor is appointed at large as a representative of the public; the Secretary of State serves as the Chairperson.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 09-10: 0, Held: 4

FY 10-11: 0, Held: 4

FY 11-12: 0, Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared with Secretary of State

FY 08-09 budget: 0, See Nebraska Collection Agency Fund in Secretary of State budget

FY 09-10 budget: 0, See Nebraska Collection Agency Fund in Secretary of State budget

FY 10-11 budget: 0, See Nebraska Collection Agency Fund in Secretary of State budget

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-621

Accomplishments: Since 2008, the Board has licensed 242 collection agencies and continues to monitor 444 licensed collection agencies for fiscal responsibility. The Board also mediates consumer complaints against collection agencies.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee

Purpose: To review grants for community colleges and award statutorily prescribed funds.

How many affectable: 6 community colleges

How many served: 6 community colleges

Year created: 2012

Year active: blank

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Marshall Hill, Executive Director, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Authorization citation: Revised Statute 85-1539 (2012)

Parent agency: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Number of members: 7

Who appoints: Agency Involved or Community Colleges

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: From designated agency or community college as specified by statute.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term Length: 2 years for Community College and none for agency representatives

Terms rotate or expire at once: No

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: None

Shared or separate: None

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Distribution of specified grant monies

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Established by statute by LB946 in 2012.

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General Information

Formal Name: Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee

Purpose: To develop a State Comprehensive Capital Facilities plan to include facilities needs for six years. The committee shall develop planning guidelines and a process for project prioritization.

How many affectable: blank

How many served: blank

Year created: 1995

Year active: 1995

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: John Heacock, SBD Coordinator, 521 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 471-0428

Authorization citation: LB530 (1995), Amended by SS 81-1108.41

Parent agency: DAS/SBD

Number of members: Eight

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: State of Nebraska Agency Directors or Administrators, private sector city planning directors or utility company manager

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term Length: 2-years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms overlap

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: DAS/SBD

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Developed State of Nebraska comprehensive capital facilities 6-year plan to prioritize all capital construction funding requests submitted by State Agencies every biennium.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool.
2. Purpose: It is the purpose and intent of the Legislature to provide access to health insurance coverage at an affordable premium to all residents of Nebraska, including those individuals denied coverage due to a preexisting medical condition or whose policy includes a restrictive rider limiting coverage for such a condition. The pool is intended to provide a mechanism to ensure the availability of health insurance to individuals unable to purchase such coverage for a preexisting medical condition either on an individual or group basis directly from an insurer. It is the intent of the legislature that adequate levels of health insurance coverage are made available to residents of Nebraska who are otherwise considered uninsurable or who are underinsured due to a medical condition creating a high risk. It is the intent of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool to provide affordable insurance for individuals with such medical conditions by making such health insurance coverage available. Additionally, those people who are eligible for the federal Health Care Tax Credit (HCTC) are also eligible for CHIP benefits.
3. How many affectable: That number is unclear because it is dependent upon eligibility.
4.
How many served: As of this moment, 3710 are enrolled in CHIP.
5. Year created: 1985. Year active: 1985. Sunset date: N/A.
6. Contact person(s): Vic Kensler
Chair CHIIP Board
402-551-2624;

Michelle Dunlap
mldunlap@cvty.com
Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company
ATTN: CHIP
PO Box 541210
Omaha, NE 68154
Toll Free: 855-247-5201 Fax: 866-799-9448

and

Martin W. Swanson
Nebraska Department of Insurance
941 O Street, Suite 400
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3639
(402) 471-4648.

Authorization

7. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4201 et. seq.
8. Parent agency: CHIP is not a state agency; however, the Department of Insurance retains approval authority over some aspects of the CHIP program.

Memberships and Meetings

9. Number of members: Seven. *See* Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4216.

Who appoints: The Director of the Department of Insurance.

10. Legislative approval: No.

Qualifications: The member of the Board of Directors of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool serving as the representative of the general public shall: 1. Be a resident of Nebraska. 2. Not be a member of the board of directors, an officer, or an employee of an insurer or of a health agency which is involved in advocating for individuals with special health care needs. 3. Not be an individual who is eligible for pool coverage or would be eligible for pool coverage if he or she were not otherwise eligible for other health coverage, or the spouse, parent, adult child, or guardian of such individual. *See* Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4216(2)(ii)(C) and Title 210 NAC Ch. 43 §004.

The representative of health agencies shall not be a member of the board of directors, an officer, or an employee of an insurer. *See* Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4216(2)(ii)(A).

The representative of individuals eligible for pool coverage (I) shall not be a member of the board of directors, an officer, or an employee of an insurer and (II) shall be an individual who is eligible for pool coverage who would be eligible for pool coverage if he or she were not otherwise eligible for other health coverage, or the spouse, parent, adult child, or guardian of such individual. *See* Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4216(2)(ii)(B)

11. Per diem: None unless traveling on business then paid on BCBSNE rates.

Expense reimbursement: None unless traveling on business. The Department of Insurance will reimburse a DOI employee for traveling to CHIP Board meetings if outside of Lincoln.

12. Term length: The statutes do not specifically limit the term length of a board member, rather, membership is based upon eligibility. That said, the appointments are made for a four year term.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.

13. Number of meetings required: The law does not require meetings, however, the board generally meets every quarter. They will also call special meetings if necessary.

Number of meetings required in FY09-10	None	Held: 4	
	FY10-11	None	Held: 4
	FY11-12	None	Held: 4

Operations

14. Support staff: The administration is done at Coventry Insurance. A portion of some work is performed at the Nebraska Department of Insurance.

15. Shared or separate: See above.

16. Budget: CHIP is primarily funded through the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Distributive Fund. See Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4225. Following the close of each calendar year, the board shall report the board's determination of the paid and incurred losses for the year, taking into account investment income and other appropriate gains and losses. The board distributes copies of this information to the Director, Governor, and the Legislature. CHIP's accounting is based on a calendar year.

CY 09:

Premium income:	\$29,252,909
Claims incurred:	\$51,385,518
Operating costs:	\$ 2,887,863
Distributive Fund transfer	\$22,865,872
Grant funds	\$ 1,185,291

CY 10:

Premium income:	\$31,033,935
Claims incurred:	\$51,543,841
Operating costs:	\$ 2,831,345
Distributive Fund transfer	\$21,651,455
Grant funds	\$ 869,335

CY 11:

Premium income:	\$31,982,171
Claims incurred:	\$56,244,373
Operating costs:	\$ 2,675,167
Distributive Fund transfer	\$23,218,845
Grant funds	\$ 813,070

17. Other funding sources: CHIP has received and continues to apply for when available operational loss grants from the federal government and supplemental bonus grants. The last grant application, submitted June 19, 2012 requested \$1,003,806.
18. Spending authority: Yes. The board is empowered under Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4220 to transact the business of health insurance that would include the ability to contract with providers, actuaries, and any other entity that an insurance company would contract with for health care insurance purposes.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008, CHIP has continued to provide health insurance to those who could not normally obtain health insurance coverage in the private market. This has prevented these same individuals to either go without health insurance in its entirety or enter into the Medicaid program. Additionally, CHIP is qualified as Nebraska's HIPAA eligible insurance program, thus under federal law, is a necessary component in the overall health insurance structure.

CHIP has received federal funds that have, in part, offset costs. Nebraska has applied for additional grant money and hopes to receive this additional funding. CHIP will continue to provide excellent service to those who most need it and will continue the mission that the Legislature gave it in 1985.

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General Information

Formal Name: Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board

Purpose: Consider applications under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act.

How many affectable: Any NE political subdivision that can issue bonds is eligible.

How many served: One

Year created: 1999

Year active: 1999

Sunset date: 12/31/2012

Authorization

Contact person: George Kilpatrick, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln NE 68509-4818, 402-471-6024

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§Â§ 13-2601 through 13-2613

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Four are defined positions. One is appointed by the Coord. Comm. on Post. Ed.

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Members are: Governor, the State Treasurer, the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, the chairperson of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy, and a professor of economics on the faculty of a state postsecondary educational institution appointed by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term Length: The professor of Economics serves a two-year term.

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The board meets when an application is filed. There have been no applications for financial assistance since July 2008, so no meetings have been held and no accomplishments can be reported. It is expected that there will be a meeting of the board later in 2012.

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General Information

- 1. Formal Name: Conveyance Advisory Committee
- 2. Purpose: To recommend to the commissioner rules and regulations governing the operation, maintenance, servicing, contrauction, alternation, installation, and inspection of conveyances. Recommend to the commissioner qualification for licensure as an elevator mechanic or contractor and conditions for disciplinary actions, including suspension or revocation. Shall recommend to the commissioner an enforcement program which will ensure compliance with the Conveyance Safety Act and the rules and regulations adopted and rpomulgated pursuant to the act. Shall make recommendations to the commissioner regarding variances.
- 3. How many affectable: 6,000
How many served: 6,000
- 4. Year Created: 2008 Year Active: 2008 Sunset Date: Not Applicable
- 5. Contact Person: Bill Hetzler, Director of Safety, Nebraska Department of Labor
Office of Safety, 5723 F Street
Omaha, NE 68117, 402-595-2960

Authorization

- 6. Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-2503
- 7. Parent Agency: Department of Labor

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of Members: 8
Who Appoints: Governor
- 9. Legislative Approval: Yes
Qualifications of Members:
- State Elevator Inspector
- State Fire Marshal or designee
And one member from each of the followin categories:
- Major elevator manufactuing company
- Elevator servicing company
- Building manager
- Elevator mechanic
- One individual from each county having over 100,000 inhabitants
- 10. Per diem: \$0.00 Expense Reimbursement: Yes
- 11. Term length: Three years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate, Elevator Inspector and Fire Marshal serve continuously
- 12. Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10	<u>4</u>	Held:	<u>3</u>	
FY 10-11	<u>4</u>	Held:	<u>4</u>	
FY 11-12	<u>4</u>	Held:	<u>3</u>	Makeup for Jun Meeting scheduled for July 17, 2012.

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Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate: N/A
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0
- FY 10-11 budget: \$0
- FY 11-12 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. 2010: Committee recommended to the Commissioner organizations as providers to
satisfy the educational requirements for licensure of elevator contractors, mechanics, and mechanics apprentices
under the Conveyance Safety Act. The following programs were recommended by the committee and approved
by the Commissioner: IEUC (National Elevator Industry Education program; PACE (Elevator Industry Work
Preservation Program); CET & CAT (National Association of Elevator Contractors). 2011: Committee
recommended and Commissioner approved several AECO (Accredited Elevator and Escalator Certification
Organization) certifications for use in Nebraska, including: Otis Elevator, Elastomeric Suspension Belts;
Schindler Elevator, 3300A Traction Elevator System and use of flat belt suspension for the system; Otis
Elevator, Gen2 150 Traction Elevator System; and Thyssen Krupp Elevator America, use of 6.5mm elevator
governor cables and 8mm elevator suspension cables manufactured by Gustav Wolf, German, and synthetic
non-metallic deflection sheaves manufactured by Schwartz T.P. Inc. PA, USA.



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General Information

1. Formal Name: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

2. Purpose: The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education serves as an independent voice within Nebraska's higher education system. The Coordinating Commission is a state constitutional agency, whose mission is to support high quality, ready access, and efficient use of resources in Nebraska higher education. The Coordinating Commission balances the best interests of taxpayers, students and Nebraska's postsecondary institutions. Similar agencies are found in nearly every state.

The Coordinating Commission's responsibilities include:

- Collaborating with the state's public colleges and universities to implement a plan that will guide Nebraska's higher education system
- Administering student financial aid programs
- Conducting research, publishing reports, and advising the Governor and Legislature on higher education issues
- Authorizing academic programs
- Approving proposals for facilities
- Reviewing institutions' budget proposals and making recommendations to the State Legislature
- Approving applications from out-of-state institutions to operate in Nebraska

3. How many affectable: Approximately 1.2 million (est. Nebraska population ages 18-64)

How many served: Approximately 146,000 (Total enrollment of state postsecondary institutions plus number of high-school students receiving Access College Early scholarships)

4. Year created: Originally created by the 1976 Nebraska Legislature, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education was given constitutional authority by Nebraska voters in the 1990 general election to coordinate the activities of Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions. The Commission assumed this power on January 1, 1992.

5. Contact person: Marshall A. Hill, Executive Director - (402) 471-0020, marshall.hill@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Article VIII-14 of the Nebraska Constitution; Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-1401 et. Seq.

7. Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Eleven commissioners

Who appoints: Governor

9. Legislative approval: Yes, a majority

Qualifications of members: One member shall be chosen from each of the six Supreme Court judicial districts. Five members shall be chosen on a statewide basis.

10. Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

11. Term length: Six years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: Six	Held: Nine
FY 10-11: Six	Held: Eight
FY 11-12: Six	Held: Seven

Operatations

13. Support staff: 11.5 **Shared or separate:** NA (no parent agency)

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$1,271,224

FY 10-11 budget: \$1,213,855

FY 11-12 budget: \$1,219,575

15. Other funding sources: None for operating budget

16. Spending authority: Yes, the Commission allocates funds to administer the duties of the Commission listed in the State Constitution and statutes. Further, the Commission has spending authority for the State's financial aid program. The State sets the financial aid budget and provides spending authority up to the set financial aid dollars. The Commission receives data from the postsecondary institutions regarding the number of low-income students served, reviews submitted data and allocates funds to each institution.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Academic Program Review

Existing Programs Review: The Commission is constitutionally required to review, monitor and approve or disapprove each public institution's existing and proposed new academic programs to provide compliance with the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education and to prevent unnecessary duplication. Between July 1, 2008 and July 1, 2012, the Commission reviewed 658 existing programs. Of those, 525 were approved, 74 were referred to the institutions for further review or additional information, and 59 were discontinued by the institutions. The Commission also reviewed 57 program assessments that had previously been returned to the originating institutions.

Approval of Proposed New Academic Programs: During the past four years, the Commission reviewed and approved 59 proposals for new academic programs and organizational units at public institutions. Another 59 proposed programs were reviewed and determined to be reasonable and moderate extensions of existing programs, thus requiring no action by the Commission.

Approval of Institutions

Throughout 2010 and 2011, Commission staff worked closely with State Senators and Legislative staff to develop and enact the Postsecondary Institution Act, which replaced an outdated set of statutes dealing with the Commission's approval of out-of-state or new institutions operating in the state. The Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law the Postsecondary Institution Act during the 2011 Legislative session. During the 2012 session, the Commission again worked with the Legislature to make minor revisions that further

strengthened and clarified these statutes. Other states dealing with the same issues have turned to Nebraska's legislation for guidance.

As a result of the Postsecondary Institution Act, the Commission contacted nearly 50 institutions that had previously been approved in the state. The Commission received 20 renewal applications; we renewed 19 authorizations to operate and authorized one institution to operate on a continuing basis. Also, prior to the passage of the Postsecondary Institution Act, the Commission authorized six out-of-state institutions to operate in the state: Herzing University of Milwaukee, Wis.; Strayer University of Washington, D.C.; Baker University of Baldwin City, Kan.; Sioux Falls (S.D.) Seminary; National American University of Rapid City, S.D.; and Wright Career College of Overland Park, Kan.

Additionally, as a result of new federal regulations, the Commission has responded to more than 450 requests from out-of-state institutions seeking permission to offer online courses to Nebraska residents.

Capital Construction/Facilities

The Commission has three major responsibilities related to capital construction projects at public postsecondary education institutions.

The first responsibility is to review, monitor and approve or disapprove capital construction projects that use more than \$2 million in tax funds to construct facilities, or more than \$85,000 per year in tax funds to operate and maintain. Disapproved projects cannot receive state funds for construction or ongoing operating and maintenance costs.

From July 1, 2008 through July 1, 2012, the Commission reviewed 16 capital construction project proposals by the institutions. Of these requests, one was withdrawn by the institution and one project's budget was reduced by \$2.4 million. Additionally, after Commission review two projects eliminated state funding requests for operating and maintenance costs totaling about \$1.5 million a year.

The second responsibility is to review revenue bond projects and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding their approval or disapproval. From July 1, 2008 through July 1, 2012, the Commission reviewed 13 such projects and recommended that the Legislature approve 12. The Commission recommended disapproval of one project with a \$4.7 million budget. In addition, one project was revised to reduce the project budget request by \$900,000.

The third responsibility is to review the biennial capital construction requests of the University

of Nebraska, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture and the Nebraska State College System. With its statewide perspective, the Commission provides a unified prioritization of all approved capital construction requests. The Commission makes these recommendations to the Governor and Legislature at the same time it makes recommendations on biennial operating budget requests.

The Commission recommends a list, in priority order, of approved capital construction projects eligible for state funding. Only those projects that were approved by the governing boards and the Commission and are requesting state funding in the biennial budget request are considered. The Commission identified fire and life safety and deferred repair as statewide facilities priorities for 2009-11. The Commission identified fire and life safety, the Wayne State College Carhart Science Building renovation, and deferred repair as statewide facilities priorities for the 2011-13 biennium.

Budget Review and Recommendations

The Commission has constitutional responsibility to review and modify the biennial budget requests of Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions and make recommendations on those requests to the Governor and Legislature. Through this review, the Commission can assure consistency with the *Comprehensive Plan* and promote effective use of state funds in support of public postsecondary education in Nebraska. The Commission reviews budgets and makes its recommendations in October of every even-numbered year.

In fall 2008, the Commission reviewed 58 requests for additional state funding from the University of Nebraska system, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, the Nebraska State College System and the community colleges.

Of those 58 requests, the Commission:

- Strongly recommended new general funds for seven requests.
- Recommended new general funds for five requests.
- Recommended funding be appropriated to an already established program for one request.

In addition, there were 14 requests that were part of the continuation budget recommendation, and 28 requests for new building openings. The total dollars for institutional new and expanded requests, including continuation costs, was \$100,477,289 for the biennium.

In fall 2010, the Commission reviewed 28 requests for additional state funding from the University of Nebraska System, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, the

Nebraska State College System and the community colleges.

Of those 28 requests, the Commission:

- Strongly recommended new general funds for none of the requests.
- Recommended new general funds for three requests.
- Recommended funding be appropriated to an already established program for one request.

In addition, there were 15 requests that were part of the continuation budget recommendation, and nine requests for new building openings. The total dollars for institutional new and expanded requests for the biennium was \$36,763,270.

Financial Aid

Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Program – The Commission administers the ACE program, which awards scholarships to low-income high school students who enroll in a college course at a participating public or private postsecondary institution while the student is still in high school. The program – and, as a result, the Commission’s responsibilities – has grown dramatically since July 2008:

ACE funding and # of recipients:

2008-2009: \$215,000; 643 recipients

2009-2010: \$340,000; 1,020 recipients

2010-2011: \$723,923; 2,273 recipients

2011-2012: \$793,034; 1,706 recipients

Nebraska Opportunity Grant – The Commission administers the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG), which is awarded to students in consultation with financial aid administrators at Nebraska’s postsecondary institutions. These grants are awarded to students who are residents of Nebraska, attend a Nebraska postsecondary institution, and have a minimum Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). As with the ACE program, NOG continues to grow, as does the job of administering this program:

2008-2009: Total awarded - \$12,611,384

Students Served – 14,106

2009-2010: Total awarded - \$14,093,053

Students Served – 15,704

2010-2011: Total awarded – \$14,947,663

Students Served – 15,556

2011-2012: Total awarded – \$14 million estimated (final figures still being calculated)

Students Served – 14,000 students estimated (final figures still being calculated)

ACE Plus Scholarship Program – The Commission initiated the ACE Plus Scholarship Program in 2010-2011 with the first year of awards in 2011-2012. This program provides assistance to first- and second-year college students who were ACE scholarship recipients prior to graduating from high school. The ACE Plus scholarship was initially funded with \$223,000 of a federal College Access Challenge Grant (CACG). The Commission awarded a total of \$220,750 in scholarships to 317 students. The ACE Plus budget for 2012-2013 is \$227,000, again funded through CACG.

Because ACE and ACE Plus have grown significantly in the past few years, the Commission has initiated the electronic automation of the process for both programs. This automation will make it easier for students to apply and for the Commission to review and process the applications. It will be more efficient and will save numerous hours of manual processing.

Reports and Analysis

The Commission published the following reports and analyses between July 1, 2008 and July 1, 2012:

Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

A Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Tuition, Fees, Financial Aid Report (2008, 2010)

Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations (2008, 2010)

Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization (2008, 2010)

Delivering Courses Beyond Campus Walls (2008, 2009, 2010, 2012)

Survey of Programs and Courses Offered in Nebraska By Out-of-State Institutions (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)

Estimated College Continuation Rates for Nebraska Public High Schools (2009, 2011, 2012)

Nebraska P-16 Initiative: Proposed Increase in Nebraska's College-Going Rate to Reach the Top 10 Nationally (2010)

LB 340 Community College Study (2009)

LB 637 Study of Dual Enrollment and Career Academies in Nebraska (2011)

2010 Biennial Report (2010)

Operational Projects and Accomplishments

College Access Challenge Grant – The Governor has designed the Coordinating Commission as the State's administrator of the federal College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACG). The CACG is a five-year formula grant program designed to increase the number of underrepresented students who enter and remain in postsecondary education. In 2010, the CCPE received \$1.5 million in grant funds from the CACG. This was a significant increase in funding compared to this program's 2008 allocation, which was \$330,000. The Commission has already used these funds to support many Nebraska groups and initiatives, including: the Access College Early grant program; the ACE Plus scholarship program; Central Plains Center for Services, in western Nebraska; Omaha Public Schools; EducationQuest Foundation, based in Lincoln; Ho-Chunk Community Development Corp., which is affiliated with the Winnebago Tribe; Mid-Plains Community College; Nebraska Methodist College; Grace University; and the Bright Futures Foundation, in Omaha.

Improving Teacher Quality: State Grants Program Administration – The Commission continues to award Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) state grants to Nebraska's innovative leaders in education. The grants are funded under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as the No Child Left Behind Act (Title IIA). Grants are not awarded to individuals, but to partnerships formed by local, high-need educational agencies and a Nebraska college or university. These partnerships design and produce professional development activities to improve the skills of K-12 teachers, paraprofessionals and principals.

For 2008-09, a review panel awarded funding for one project in literacy, one in science, one math-science combination, and two in Spanish. The total amount of funds available for awards in 2008-09 was \$344,398. The total amount recommended for the five chosen projects was \$346,877. The additional money came from funds not awarded in 2007-08. For 2009-10, a review panel selected funding for one project in literacy, one in geography, one in foreign languages, one in writing, and one in art and language arts. The total amount of funds available

for awards in 2009-10 was \$373,508. The total amount recommended for the seven chosen projects was \$290,955. The remaining funds were available for projects that had more participant applications than slots funded or other unexpected costs; any additional remaining funds were carried forward for use in the 2010-11 competition. The total amount of funds available to Nebraska for awards in 2010-11 was \$425,689. The total amount recommended for the five projects that received funding was \$336,154. The remaining funds were available for projects that may have more participant applications than slots funded or other unexpected costs; any additional remaining funds were carried forward for use in the 2011-12 competition. For 2011-12, a review panel awarded funding for one project in world languages, one in science, two in literacy and writing, one in technology, and one in social sciences.

Website redesign – Commission staff, in collaboration with Nebraska.gov, redesigned the Commission website in 2010. The new site features the same information and navigation, but with an updated design. Also, visitors to the site can click to the *Issues in Education* blog, home to news and information about the Commission, as well as general education news. The Commission completed this project at no cost beyond staff time.

Charitable Giving

The Commission has had 100% employee participation in the State of Nebraska's Combined Charities Campaign for the past seven years. Also:

- The Governor formally recognized the Commission for 100% participation in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- The Governor formally recognized the Commission in 2011 for increasing employee contributions.
- In 2011, Commission Executive Director Marshall Hill was honored by the Governor for Leadership in Giving.
- In 2010, Commission employee Kadi Lukesh was honored by the Governor as a "Most Valuable Player" for her work as the agency's campaign coordinator.

Additionally, the Commission conducts a year-round donation campaign for the City Mission's personal items pantry. And each December, Commission staff "adopts" the Tuesday night support group at Voices of Hope (formerly Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center) and provides Christmas gifts for the families of women who have left or are leaving a domestic violence situation.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board
Purpose: On behalf of Nebraska Corn producers the Board is permitted to develop, carry out, and participate in programs of research, education, market development and promotion.
How many affectable: 23000
How many served: 23000
Year created: 1978
Year active: 1978
Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Don Hutchens, Executive Director, PO Box 95107, Lincoln, NE 68509 PH 402-471-2676
Authorization citation: Nebraska Statutes 2-3601 to 2-3635
Parent agency: Nebraska Corn Board
Number of members: 9
Who appoints: Governor appoints 8. The 9th is appointed by the Board
Legislative approval: Governor appoints 8. The 9th is appointed by the Board
Qualifications of members: The Board shall be composed of nine members who (1) are citizens of Nebraska, (2) are at least 21 years of age, (3) have been actually engaged in growing corn in this state for a period of at least five years, and (4) derive a substantial portion of thier income from growing corn.
Per diem: \$25 per day, when they represent the Board
Expense reimbursement: yes
Term Length: 3 yrs
Terms rotate or expire at once: every 3 years
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 4 Held: 6
FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4
FY 11-12: 4 Held: 6

Operations

Support staff: yes
Shared or separate: separate
FY 09-10 budget: 3,220,000
FY 10-11 budget: 3,500,000
FY 11-12 budget: 3,500,000
Other funding sources: none at this time
Spending authority: yes, authority to fund necessary programs to carryout mission of the Board

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: 1. The Nebraska Corn Board worked closely with the National Corn Growers Association and congressional leaders to pass the Energy Bill and the Renewable Fuels Standard. 2.Publication of a Nebraska Corn Quality Report in Japanese, Spanish and English has helped document the quality, consistency and abundance of Nebraska Corn. 3.The Nebraska Corn Board teamed up with the Nebraska Corn Growers Association to create a Best Management Practices (BMP) program to serve as an education program to better inform producers on ways to protect the groundwater and other environmental concerns. This along with "know before you grow" and "respect the refuge" helps protect

the use of biotechnology. 4. The Nebraska Corn Board for the 1st time in history has had to defend high corn prices and the conversion of corn to ethanol. Corn has been blamed for obesity, starvation, using too much water, erosion, chemical use and poor energy conversion. We developed a number of communication programs to support our industry. 5. The Board and Staff developed a comprehensive business plan that spelled out the need for more research and support of our in-state livestock and ethanol industry and how additional resources could be invested if and when they might come about. 6. Through a special project funded in part by the Nebraska Corn Board, elevator managers, corn producers and government officials traveled to Mexico to promote Nebraska corn. Mexico is expected to exceed the quota under the North American Free Trade Agreement by 1 million metric ton. Each year the Nebraska Corn Board participates in a trade show in Mexico to meet potential importers of Nebraska Corn. 7. The Nebraska Corn Board, in cooperation with the Nebraska Press Association, developed stories, photos, and artwork for a corn tabloid that appeared in over 70 Nebraska newspapers each January. The Tabloid details the importance of corn to the state's economy. The Nebraska Corn Board also presents 3 awards each year to members of the Nebraska Press Association for accomplishments that help promote Nebraska Corn. 8. The Nebraska Corn Board was the first corn checkoff state to design and implement its own home page on the Internet. A host of information about the Nebraska corn checkoff program is now available electronically. This website now includes a section for merchandisers and media, along with a crop progress report, so anyone can track the progress of the Nebraska corn crop. 9. Nebraska Corn Board members were successful this last year in occupying key leadership positions. Alan Tiemann serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Grains Council Board, Mark Jagels serves on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, Bob Dickey serves as Past-President of the National Corn Growers Association, and Jon Holzfastr was newly elected to the National Corn Growers Association. Don Hutchens, as the Executive Director was selected to serve on the National Ag Industry Council. Most board members and staff serve on other committees or action teams of our national cooperators. 10. The Nebraska Corn Board members/staff conducted extensive strategic planning and established performance measures. 11. The Board is helping to document the quality of Nebraska's corn through the University of Nebraska Food Processing Center and the Nebraska Inspection Service agencies. The results are forwarded to both buyers of corn here and around the world. This project is ongoing every other year in a text called the Nebraska Corn Quality report. It is available in English, Spanish and Japanese. 12. The Nebraska Corn Board is actively promoting Nebraska beef through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Beef Council, and the U.S. Meat Export Federation. One project in this area was a commitment to the Nebraska Cattlemen's Association for a Nebraska Corn Fed Beef project and work with a Japanese food chain to market Nebraska beef. Over the last five years the Nebraska Corn Board has sponsored representatives from Nebraska Farm Bureau, Woman Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE), Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA), Nebraska Pork Producers (NPPA), Nebraska Cattlemen and Nebraska Cattlewomen to learn more about International markets via the U.S. Meat Export Federation. 13. The Nebraska Corn Board developed a campaign to meet California customers who represent the largest export market for Nebraska corn, via the Nebraska LEAD Alumni and Nebraska Corn Board members, and participate in the World's largest Ag Expo in Tulare, CA. 14. Sponsored a beef campaign in Japan to help regain lost market shares. 15. Corn has diverse application, not only as food, feed, or fuel, but in a host of industrial applications from golf tees to road deicers, from degradable plastic to a water absorbent powder, and now textiles and carpeting. Corn is fast becoming a modern miracle. The Board maintains a varied showcase of corn products for educational purposes. Flatware eating utensils, golf tees, and ink pens are inexpensive items made from corn that can be handed out at trade show activities. Nebraska was the first state in the U.S. to build a polylactic acid plant using corn in Blair, Nebraska. The Nebraska Corn Board and Economic Development have offices carpeted with corn based carpeting. 16. Corn displays are available for use at conferences, trade shows, and other special events. 17. Updated computer hardware and software programs have allowed a six-member staff to maintain peak performances through the networking of information and files, not only within the Corn Board, but also with other agencies; thus enhancing services to corn producers and the public. The Corn Board continues to increase communications with international buyers, producers, agribusiness, and the public through the use of the Internet, e-mail, etc. Staff stays connected via cell phones and blackberry's. 18. Funding for programs such as FFA, LEAD, NAYI, Ag in the Classroom, and Ag Awareness Coalition are all programs that help educate and promote Nebraska's most valuable commodity . . . Corn. 19. The Nebraska Corn Board provides a traveling booth that is available in banks across the state for display. Also, new banner displays are available. 20. The Nebraska Corn Board provides an E-85 van for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) officers to use. This provides great promotional opportunities for E-85 and provides a safe vehicle for the officer team to drive. A promotional trailer display has been created for parades, fairs and special events. 21. The Nebraska Corn Board has hosted International teams to learn about how we grow, store and process corn. 22. The Corn Board staff helped over a thousand Nebraska farmers file for claims available to them through a class action settlement on Starlink. This effort helped bring our \$11 million to Nebraska Corn Producers. 23. Initiated a joint ethanol promotion titled: "Let's Get With It, Nebraska", that helped increase ethanol market penetration from 22% to nearly 50%. Also, more recently developed the "Powering Nebraska's Economy with Corn" campaign. 24. The NCB has also implemented a program to expand on opportunities on behalf of corn producers via applying for state and federal grants. To date we have been the recipient of over 1 million dollars of grant funding. 25. The NCB has placed more emphasis on the support of our livestock industry. We have participated in the NE Cattlemen, NE Pork Producers and NE Beef Council meetings, along with financial support of the Alliance for the Future of

Agriculture in Nebraska (AFAN). The livestock industry is Nebraska's corn industries #1 market and needs our support. 26. The Board also developed in coordination with the animal science department at UNL two handbooks on how to better utilize distillers grain which is a co-product of the ethanol industry. 27. The Nebraska Corn Board helped to establish the Nebraska Renewable Fuels Association. 28. The Nebraska Corn Board's staff member, Kelly Brunkhorst, and the Board's Research Committee worked to establish a Research Consortium and streamlined the distillers grains research portfolio. 29. The Nebraska Corn Board developed and sponsored, over the last 2 years, a joint Nebraska Cattlemen's Association and Corn Board Washington lobbying effort to promote policies that support our mutual interests. 30. Nebraska Corn Board in collaboration with the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, developed a series of co-products manuals that have been updated and reprinted with current findings from years of Nebraska Corn Board funded research. 31. A major effort supported by the Nebraska Corn Board has been the Corn Farmers Coalition which has helped educate Congress and the media on the facts about corn and that producers are growing more corn on fewer acres with less erosion and fewer inputs.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1986; Year active; Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-1057.** (1) The board shall consist of ten professional members and two public members appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165. (2) The professional members shall include: (a) One school owner who is also licensed as either a cosmetologist, nail technician, or esthetician; (b) One salon owner who is licensed as a cosmetologist; (c) Two cosmetologists who are not school owners; (d) One nail technician who is not a school owner; (e) One esthetician who is not a school owner; (f) One electrologist; (g) One practitioner of body art; (h) One nail technology instructor or esthetics instructor who is not a school owner; and (i) One cosmetology instructor who is not a school owner. (3) No members of the board who are school owners, salon owners, electrologists, nail technicians, instructors, cosmetologists, or practitioners of body art may be affiliated with the same establishment. (4) As the terms of the members serving on December 1,

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2008, expire, successors shall be appointed in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.

38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2012; 1 term expires in 2013; 3 terms expire in 2014; 4 terms expire in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 12

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 12

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FY 11-12: 1 Held: 12

*A number of work sessions were also during this period.

Operations

13. Support staff: 6.5; Shared or separate: A portion of 6.5 staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$46,963
FY 10-11 budget: \$88,968
FY 11-12 budget: \$79,303
15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
 - Board finalized the initial drafting of revisions to 14 sets of regulations relating to the various professions, establishments, and schools regulated under their practice act. These revisions include changes to school curriculums, continuing education, and sanitation.
 - Contracted for body art facility inspections and are in the process of contracting for cosmetology and nail technology establishment inspections.
 - Eliminated the paper/pencil administration of the licensure examination (was offered 6 times a year), all examinations are now administered via a computer testing site, which offers testing 5 days a week.
 - Recommendations for licensure on 5,518 applications

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General Information

Formal Name: Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents

Purpose: The board tests and licenses local officials and their agents charged with overseeing the construction, maintenance and operation of county roads and municipal streets. The initial License, Class B, is issued to registered professional engineers (P.E.) by equivalency; all other candidates must pass the written examination, which is administered twice yearly. Licensing promotes competency in local planning and administration as part of a policy of providing for the efficient management, operation and control of an integrated system of state and local highways, roads and streets. Since January 2005, licensees who have held a Class B License for two or more full calendar years and who have either been the appointed superintendent of a county or municipality, or can document comparable experience, can upgrade to the optional Class A License at the time of renewal of their Class B license.

How many affectable: 425 persons hold one or both licenses. All but four of the 93 counties and all but two of the 530 municipalities have appointed a licensee as their highway or street superintendent (whether on staff or as a private consultant) and are drawing state Ince

How many served: All those affectable were served.

Year created: 1969

Year active: 1969 (first examination administered in 1970)

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: LeMoyne D. Schulz, Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, Liaison Services Section, Government Affairs Office, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509, (402) 479-4436

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 39-2301

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Roads (provides administrative support but does not oversee the board's licensing activities.)

Number of members: Seven (7)

Who appoints: appoints Governor (who may give consideration to lists submitted by the Nebraska Association of County Officials and the League of Nebraska Municipalities)

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Four (4) representing counties of different sizes (no more than one member may be from any of the seven county population classes). Three (3) representing municipalities of different sizes and geographic dispersion (one representing a metropolitan or primary class city, one a first class city, and one a second class city or village; one from each Congressional District). All members must hold a county highway or city street superintendent's license.

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four (4) years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Partial rotation (every fourth year, four [4] members' terms expire; the terms of the other three [3] expire the following year.)

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: As may be necessary Held: Seven (7)

FY 10-11: As may be necessary Held: Seven (7)

FY 11-12: As may be necessary Held: Seven (7)

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared - Nebraska Department of Roads

FY 09-10 budget: \$16,984.60

FY 10-11 budget: \$15,987.04

FY 11-12 budget: \$10,971.12

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No. (NDOR is required to provide support-Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 39-2305.)

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Administered eight (8) examinations. A total of 71 persons took the exam, of which 43 passed and were licensed. Also licensed 17 registered professional engineers (by equivalency). Reissued Class B licenses for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, and Issued Class A licenses for 2009-2011, 2010-2012, 2011-2013, and 2012-2014. Assisted NDOR and the UNL College of Engineering's Technology Transfer Center in presenting eight (8) three-day workshops for examination applicants. (The workshops are offered twice annually, free of charge, in Kearney.)

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
2. Purpose: The purpose of the program is to assist innocent victims of crime with medical expenses, mental health counseling, loss of wages, funeral bills in cases of homicide, residential crime scene clean-up, loss of earning power, and other expenses directly related to the criminal act.
3. How many affectable: N/A
How many served: N/A
4. Year created: 1978 Year active: 1979 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Bruce Ayers, Chief, Budget & Accounting
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
PO Box 94946
Lincoln, NE 68509-4946
(402) 471-0359

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-1802 to 81-1805
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (e.g. Crime Commission)

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Required. Membership requirements are listed in 81-1802. The committee shall consist of five members of the commission and two public members to be appointed by the Governor subject to approval by the Legislature. One public member shall represent charitable organizations, and one public member shall represent businesses. The members of the committee shall select a chairperson who is a member of the commission.
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 4 Years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required: None
FY 09-10: Held: 4
FY 10-11: Held: 2
FY 11-12: Held: 3

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared; Crime Commission
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0.00
FY 10-11 budget: \$0.00
FY 11-12 budget: \$0.00
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
LB 598, passed in 2009, allowed for the creation of a nonprofit organization, to be known as the Community Trust. The Community Trust may accept contributions and make distributions to assist those who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or a natural disaster. The Crime Victim's Reparations (CVR)

Committee is the oversight committee for the Community Trust. The Community Trust has not yet been created. The CVR Committee continues to discuss ways to implement LB 598.

With the passage of LB 510 in 2010, Nebraska's CVR program is eligible to receive funds from a court fee and a percentage of wages from work release inmates at the Department of Corrections. As a result of these additional revenue sources, the CVR Committee voted to add felony assault victims to the list of crimes to be considered for payment. The number of claims requesting funds from the Crime Victim's Reparations program increased from 57 in FY 10-11 to 106 in FY 11-12.

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General Information

Formal Name: Critical Incident Stress Management Council
Purpose: Provide policy direction for the program, appoint a Statewide Clinical Director and representatives on the Critical Incident Stress Management Council, Interagency Management committee
How many affectable: Statewide
How many served: Statewide
Year created: 1989
Year active: 1990
Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Dean Cole, DHHS, Emergency Medical Services/Trauma Program, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE. 68509, 402-471-0124
Authorization citation: 71-7101 to 71-7113
Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Number of members: Five
Who appoints: Governor
Legislative approval: 1991
Qualifications of members: Must have experience in the profession they represent for example: Nebraska State Patrol Colonel must have background in law enforcement.
Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement: None
Term Length: None
Terms rotate or expire at once: These individuals serve at the discretion of the Governor
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0
FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0
FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: 0
Shared or separate: 0
FY 09-10 budget: 0
FY 10-11 budget: 0
FY 11-12 budget: 0
Other funding sources: 0
Spending authority: 0

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Interagency Management Committee met once in 2010 to officially appoint a statewide clinical director for the program. It has had no reason to meet since then. There have been no proposed legislative changes to CISM statutes or statewide clinical director vacancy

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General Information

Formal Name: Critical Incident Stress Management, Interagency Management Committee

Purpose: Planning and development to achieve organizational and operational goals; program evaluation; coordination of activities and emergency response providing a mechanism for quality assurance, which may include certification of CISM Program members; identify program regions; develop regulations and standards; arrange for the support training of CISM Program members and provide support for regional programs and committees.

How many affectable: Statewide

How many served: Statewide

Year created: 1989

Year active: 1990

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Dean Cole, DHHS, Emergency Medical Services/Trauma Program, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402-471-0124

Authorization citation: 71-7101 to 71-7113

Parent agency: DHHS

Number of members: Six

Who appoints: Critical Incident Stress Management Council

Legislative approval: 1991

Qualifications of members: Must have experience in the profession they represent. For example: State Patrol representative must be a member of the State Patrol and have experience in law enforcement, management and operations.

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes, the clinical director who is not a state employee and a member of the committee receives mileage, meals and overnight expense reimbursement. The other five members of the committee who are state employees receives reimbursement from their agencies i

Term Length: None

Terms rotate or expire at once: Members serve at the discretion of the Critical Incident Stress Management Council member they represent on the committee

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: Two Held: Five

FY 10-11: Two Held: Three

FY 11-12: Two Held: Two

Operations

Support staff: Seven, six support staff provide 10% of their time supporting the CISM Program in six regions. One support staff provides 20% of his/her time supporting the statewide program and this committee. Shared or separate: These positions are shared with HHSS

Shared or separate: blank

FY 09-10 budget: \$4,000

FY 10-11 budget: \$4,000

FY 11-12 budget: \$3,000

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Reviewed current policy and procedures and developed proposed updates plus made recommendations for rule and regulation changes to be adopted in 2013. Conducted eight basic trainings for new members plus five refresher course and four statewide conferences. A total of 317 CISM debriefings and 81 defusings were conducted. CISM services were provided to 2,981 providers and their families since 2008. There 321 active volunteer CISM team members

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board
2. Purpose: On behalf of the dairy producers of Nebraska, the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board oversees programs to increase sales, foster innovation and inspire consumer confidence of dairy products and practices.
3. How many affectable: 217 dairy farmers
333,872 students enrolled in Nebraska schools;
1.8 million Nebraska consumers
How many served: 217 dairy farmers
304,278 enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 school program;
795,000 consumers impacted by all promotions
4. Year created: 1992 Year active: 1999 Sunset date: None
5. Contact person: Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, Assistant Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, PO Box 94947, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Authorization

6. Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 2-3951.
7. Parent Agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9 voting members, and 1 ex officio member
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualification of members: Voting members of the board shall 1) be residents of Nebraska, 2) be at least 21 years of age, 3) have been actually engaged in the production of milk in this state for at least five years, and 4) derive a substantial portion of their income from the production of milk in Nebraska. The ex officio member of the board is a designee of the Director of Agriculture.
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms overlap
12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: 2 Held: 2
FY 10-11: 2 Held: 4
FY 11-12: 2 Held: 2

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes. The Board contracts with Midwest Dairy Association for program and administrative services.
Shared or separate: Shared. In addition to contractual staffing services from Midwest Dairy Association, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture provides accounting services and oversight for the Board.
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$13,348 for administration and board costs
FY 10-11 budget: \$13,516 for administration and board costs
FY 11-12 budget: \$14,496 for administration and board costs
15. Other funding sources: Yes, \$1,165,000 from dairy checkoff assessments.
16. Spending authority: Yes, the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board funds programs to increase sales, foster innovation and inspire consumer confidence of dairy products and practices.

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17. Accomplishments since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board supported a major change in the delivery of dairy promotion programs during the last four years. Its contractor, the American Dairy Association/Dairy Council of Nebraska, became part of Midwest Dairy Association as of Jan. 1, 2011. The Nebraska Division of Midwest Dairy now exists with 10 producer board members who elect two from their ranks to the Midwest Dairy Corporate Board. Midwest Dairy provides the Nebraska dairy producers with program and administrative services. Primary benefits include the sharing of costs among farmers from nine other states and gaining the expertise of more than 30 staff experts while maintaining three dedicated staff members in Nebraska. Prior to this arrangement, the Nebraska dairy checkoff was obligated to spend \$350,000 on national program development before beginning to implement programs locally. The new structure allows this obligation to be met by the larger organization.

Dairy promotion in Nebraska through checkoff funding has reached significant numbers of people. For instance, our efforts to help people understand more about where their dairy foods come through visits to dairy farms drew more than 16,000 people in just the last two years.

Outreach activities at the Omaha Zoo and the Nebraska State Fair have impacted more than 360,000 people, while involvement at the Lincoln Marathon reached 10,000 participants. A display at the River City Roundup exposed 100,000 people to dairy information.

Checkoff staff members in Nebraska work closely with key school districts, as well as with school-related organizations, to extend the national program Fuel Up to Play 60, which is designed to encourage students to eat healthier and get 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Currently in Nebraska:

- 1,073 schools, serving 304,278 students, are enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60;
- More than \$240,000 in funds have been awarded to schools by the checkoff to help them implement programs that increased access to nutrient-rich foods and physical activity during the 2011-2012 school year; and
- Each year, the organization participates in meetings and conferences related to school officials, bringing resources and information to more than 1,000 school officials.

In addition, outreach to health professionals such as physicians and dietitians takes place regularly, with an estimated annual reach of well over 2,000 such individuals at conferences and in newsletters.

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General Information

Formal Name: Mental Health Advisory Committee to the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Purpose: The Mental Health Advisory Committee's purpose is to provide advice to the NCDHH Mental Health Specialist in promoting accessible mental health and alcohol/drug abuse services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens in Nebraska.

How many affectable: 5.4% of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing adult population incur serious mental illness and 2.6% of the same population have severe and persistent mental health problems. Of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth population, it is estimated that 5.0 % have serious

How many served: 337

Year created: 1995

Year active: 1995

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Dr. Peter Seiler, Executive Director, and Peggy Williams, Mental Health Specialist, NCDHH, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510. Ph: 402-371-3593

Authorization citation: Revised Statutes of Nebraska: 71-4728

Parent agency: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Executive Director

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Three counselors familiar with mental health, alcoholism and drug abuse disorders in Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons; and two human services professionals.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: 74,997

FY 10-11 budget: 78,175

FY 11-12 budget: 80,755

Other funding sources: No

Spending authority: no

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: * A series of seminars were held on domestic violence and sexual assault for Deaf women and men conducted by two national Deaf trainers. * A booklet was written to offer guidelines to help health care personnel care for and serve people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. * NCDHH designed specialized web based resources for hospitals to access

information on legal requirements, facility accommodation checklists and communication strategies for assisting their Deaf and hard of hearing patients. An eight-minute video can be accessed by medical personnel. Several hospitals required their personnel to view this video as part of their training requirements. *The Commission secured grant funds in 2009 from the Omaha Enrichment Foundation for the purpose of providing domestic violence/sexual assault advocacy training to Deaf people interested in becoming domestic violence/sexual assault advocates. This training created a network of Deaf individuals in Douglas and Sarpy Counties for the purpose of offering support and resources to Deaf victims and survivors experiencing domestic violence/sexual assault. This two-day training was attended by 13 Deaf women. *In 2010, The Commission offered two different training opportunities. The first training was provided to 26 professional sign language interpreters on issues and ethics in interpreting for Deaf victims of domestic violence/sexual assault in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. The second training was offered to staff at various domestic violence/sexual assault agencies and shelters created to provide a better understanding and awareness on working with victims of domestic violence/sexual assault who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. *On April 22, 2011, three speakers (Diane DeLair, an attorney at the Nebraska Advocacy Services; Barbara Woodhead, Assistant Director for UNL Services for Students with Disabilities; and Dr. Seiler, Executive Director for NCDHH) presented information to over 60 healthcare professionals on the delivery of healthcare services to people who are deaf or hard of hearing. This presentation was made possible by Bryan LGH Medical Center and a grant from the Region V CLAS Coalition.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Purpose: The mission of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to provide advocacy, communication access and information to enhance awareness and services for improving the quality of life for all who experience hearing loss. Being a proactive state agency, the Commission works towards building support, cooperation, and understanding regardless of hearing ability resulting in fairness and equality for all Nebraskans.

How many affectable: 17% of the state population: 310478 people

How many served: 99,496

Year created: 1979

Year active: 1980

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Dr. Peter J. Seiler, Executive Director

Authorization citation: Neb. Revise Statutes:74-4721 to 71-4728

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 9

Who appoints: The Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Three Deaf persons, three hard of hearing persons, and three persons who have an interest in and knowledge of issues related to deafness. Of the 6 persons with a hearing loss, four must be able to use sign language.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years with a second consecutive term permitte. After a one term absence, persons can re-apply for additional terms.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Agency:10

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: 814,453

FY 10-11 budget: 760,963

FY 11-12 budget: 810,650

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes; funds are allocated between the Hearing Impaired Fund and the Mental Health Program

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: -In 2011, seven support groups were established in an effort to provide monthly, in-person educational sessions to Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing Nebraskans statewide. Cities with support groups are Gothenburg, Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney, North Platte, Omaha and Scottsbluff with several more sites in the planning stages. Some of the topics covered included the Americans with Disabilities Act, hearing aid technologies and communication tips. -NCDHH

invested in new materials pertaining to sign language, mental health resources and Deaf history and culture and more. This was done in an effort to provide up to date materials for Nebraskans seeking information about hearing loss and people working in the hearing loss field. A special focus was made on the field of sign language interpreting and parenting a child with a hearing loss. -Peggy Williams, Mental Health Specialist, was selected as Employee of the Year and awarded a certificate and plaque by Governor Heineman. -Dr. Peter Seiler, Executive Director, was honored by the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired with the Commissioners' Advocacy in Blindness Award -NCDHH partnered with Lincoln Fire and Rescue during Lincoln's 2010 Smoke Alarm Rally. Effort was made to provide specialized smoke alarm systems designed for people who are deaf or hard of hearing at no cost. Over 50 homes were installed with equipment designed for people who are deaf. Nearly 150 homes were installed with equipment designed for people who are hard of hearing. An added benefit to this program was the ability to provide an environment in which people with a hearing loss could interact with LFR team members in a non-emergency situation. LFR team members gained invaluable experience while learning to communicate with people who have varying amounts of hearing loss, from mild hearing loss to complete deafness. -NCDHH was given the opportunity to provide training seminars at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. Law enforcement personnel from all over Nebraska participated. This included police officers, sheriffs, deputies and office staff. This training will be continue through 2011. In addition to this training, NCDHH was able to train the Lancaster County Sheriff, Seward Sheriff/ Police, Ralston Police and the UNL Police department on how to best serve deaf and hard of hearing citizens. NCDHH continues to train with the Lincoln Police Department and Correctional facilities when new staff are hired. -Sign Language Interpreter Licensure: Approximately 75% of Interpreter/Transliterator licenses were renewed by their holders before June 30, 2009. Concern about a lack of available resources for the Continuing Education Unit requirement was quickly put to rest as most interpreters met and exceeded the educational requirement needed for licensure renewal. NCDHH will continue to sponsor, promote and develop resources for Nebraska's interpreters.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Dentistry**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 10; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-1114.** The board shall have ten members. The members shall consist of two public members; six licensed dentists, including one official or member of the instructional staff from each accredited school or college of dentistry in this state; and two licensed dental hygienists.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 6 terms expire in 2014; 2 terms expire in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 6
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 6
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 5

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$47,583
FY 10-11 budget: \$51,202
FY 11-12 budget: \$41,067
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 1,160 applications

Published newsletters in June 2009, June 2010, and February 2012

Served as examiners for clinical licensure examinations

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation, including the establishment in 2008 of a dental locum tenens license similar to a locum tenens license in medicine and surgery to accommodate licensed dentists from other states to participate in the Mission of Mercy program in Nebraska

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

Revised 172 NAC 56 Regulations for Dentistry and Dental Hygiene based on the Uniform Credentialing Act. Regulations became effective 6-23-12.

The Board established a Dental Anesthesia Committee to work on changes in the statutes pertaining to dental anesthesia administration by dentists and dental hygienists.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities**
2. Purpose: The advisory committee shall advise the department regarding all aspects of the funding and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities. The advisory committee shall provide sufficient oversight to ensure that persons placed in the custody of the department under the Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act are receiving the least restrictive treatment and services necessary.
3. How many affectable: All individuals in the state of Nebraska who either have a developmental disability or have a family member with a developmental disability.
4. How many served: Approximately 4,800 individuals served – community-based and ICF/MR.
5. Year created: 1991 Year active: Continuously Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Jodi Fenner, Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Section 83-1212.01
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 13 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: There is hereby created the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities. The advisory committee shall consist of a representative of a statewide advocacy organization for persons with developmental disabilities and their families and not more than fifteen additional members, at least one-third of whom shall be persons with developmental disabilities, at least one-third of whom shall be families of persons with developmental disabilities, and no more than one-third of whom shall be elected officials or interested community persons
10. Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 0 Held: 4
FY 10-11: 0 Held: 3
FY 11-12: 0 Held: 3

Operations

13. Support staff: None are allocated, usually 2 or 3 staff prepare or attend meetings.
Shared or separate: Shared.
14. FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0 *No budget is directly allocated to the Committee. Meetings are paid for through the Division's operating budget.
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: 83-1201-227

Accomplishments:

17. **Since July 1, 2009:**
In 2009, ideas developed during a Committee brain storming meeting were used to help develop/finalize/implement the new waivers.

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General Information

Formal Name: Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The Council shall advise the director of the Office of Dispute Resolution on the administration of the Dispute Resolution Act.

How many affectable: 10,000 per year

How many served: 8,500 per year

Year created: 1991

Year active: 1991

Sunset date: none

Authorization

Contact person: Debora Brownyard, Dir. Office of Dispute Resolution, State Court Administrator's Office, P. O. Box 98910, Lincoln, NE 68509 402-471-2766

Authorization citation: Neb.Rev.Stat. Section 25-2905 (1991)

Parent agency: Nebraska State Court Administrator's Office

Number of members: 11 plus 3 ex-officio

Who appoints: Nebraska Supreme Court

Legislative approval: Not applicable

Qualifications of members: Membership shall include a representative from the Nebraska District Court Judges Association, the Nebraska County Court Judges Association, and the Nebraska Bar Association. Nominations to be also solicited from the Nebraska Mediation Coalition, the Public Counsel, social workers, mental health professionals, educators, and others. Two nonvoting, ex officio members shall be appointed by the council from among the approved [mediation] centers. A Nebraska Supreme Court Justice serves as an ex officio member of the Council.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: If budget allows.

Term Length: Three years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: State Court Administrator's Office

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution has made significant policy recommendations in regard to the Legislature's adoption of the Parenting Act in 2007, including (a) Policy for Approval of Parenting Act Mediators and (b) Nebraska Standards and Ethics for Family Mediators. It advised the Office in regard to the statutorily designed Specialized

Alternative Dispute Resolution (SADR) for use in court-ordered mediation for high conflict or domestic abuse cases. It made revisions to the ODR Manual of Mediation Center Standards and Ethics and the ODR Training Standards. The Council advised the Office in regard to the launch and successful expansion of child welfare mediation and facilitation for juvenile judges to order in child abuse and neglect cases. The Council supported the highly-regarded 2009 Heartland Regional (NE, IA, KS, MO) Conference of Mediators at the Scott Conference Center, Omaha. The Council conducted annual program reviews and renewals (2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011) of the ODR- approved regional nonprofit mediation centers located in Scottsbluff, Kearney, Beatrice, Omaha, Lincoln, and Fremont. In 2011 and 2012 the Council coordinated with the Nebraska Mediation Association and Chief Justice Mike Heavican to recognize and honor Nebraska citizens, legislators, judges, and mediators for the 20th Anniversary of the Dispute Resolution Act. Accomplishments noted over the 20 years included the handling of over 30,000 conflicts and disputes by the mediation centers impacting upward toward 100,000 people or more. These are primarily conflicts within families, workplaces, communities. The Council oversaw the continuing ability of the mediation centers to perform with fiscal accountability and to leverage state Dispute Resolution funds (17% of the total budget) to achieve \$1.5 million dollars in total annual revenues in 2011. The Council's subcommittee on Mediator Ethics worked to draft proposed Ethics Advisory policies and procedures. The Council's subcommittee on Mediation in Guardianship and Conservatorship cases worked on draft forms and protocols. Members of the Council are active on the 2011-2012 Parenting Act Evaluation Advisory Panel. The Council added a representative from the Douglas County District Court Conciliation and Mediation Office as an ex officio member in 2011.

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

- 1. Formal Name: Nebraska Dry Bean Commission
- 2. Purpose: The mission of the Dry Bean Commission is to develop and participate in programs of research, education, advertising, publicity, and promotion to increase total consumption of dry edible beans on a state, national, and international basis.
- 3. How many affectable: Total Nebraska population
How many served: ...3,000 dry bean growers and processing companies
- 4. Year created: 1987 Year active: 1987 Sunset date: none
- 5. Contact person: ...Lynn Reuter, Executive Secretary
Nebraska Dry Bean Commission
4502 Ave I
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308)632-1258.....

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation: ...Dry Bean Resources Act created by LB 145 in the 1987 session §2-3753.....
- 7. Parent Agency none

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: 9
- Who appoints: 7 appointed by Governor 2 At-large appointed by Commission
- 9. Legislative approval: No
- Qualifications of members: Grower representatives must be citizen of Nebraska, at least twenty-one years of age, have been actively engaged in the growing of dry beans for at least three years and derive a substantial portion of their income from growing dry beans. Grower representatives must complete grower petitions with signatures of at least ten dry bean growers in representative district. Processor representatives must be a resident of Nebraska and the company must have been in business for at least three years.
- 10. Per diem: No..... Expense reimbursement: Yes.....
- 11. Term length: ...3 years.....
- Terms rotate or expire at once: ...Rotate.....
- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: .5 Held:5.....
FY 10-11: .5 Held: .5
- FY 11-12: .5 Held: .5.....

Operations

- 13. Support staff: ..1.....Shared or separate: Separate
- 14. FY 09-10 budget: ..\$275,913.....
FY 10-11 budget: \$284, 794
FY 11-12 budget: \$304,498
- 15. Other funding sources: USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant
- 16. Spending authority: Yes.....

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
Through collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, USDA ATO in China, and the Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology, the Commission held the first SINO-US Dry Bean Seminar in 2011 in Beijing, China. The 2011 seminar was attended by 70 Chinese food scientists and food science graduate students. In July 2012, the Commission in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture sponsored a reverse trade mission of Chinese food manufacturers to visit western Nebraska’s dry bean growing region. In August 2012, the second seminar was held in Beijing, China and 120 participants from Chinese food manufacturing companies, Chinese food scientists and food science graduate students were in attendance. In 2009, the release of a new great northern variety, “Coyne” by the University of Nebraska dry bean breeding program which is in part funded by the NDBC. The Coyne variety is disease resistant and has improved drought tolerance, giving Nebraska dry bean growers an improved variety of Great Northern beans. Since 2008, the NDBC has been in partnership with the Nebraska Pork Producers co-sponsoring the “New” Pork and Bean recipe challenge. In 2008, the recipe challenge was a state-wide competition. In 2009-11 this recipe challenge is now a national challenge encouraging consumers across the United States to submit their family’s favorite recipes for Pork and Beans.

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal name - Early Childhood Education Endowment Board of Trustees
2. Purpose - To administer the Early Childhood Education Grant program with respect to children from birth to age three (79-1104.03)
3. How many affectable - approximately 31,950 children birth to age three and their families
How many served – 308 during the 2010-2011 school year
4. Year created – 2006, Year active – 2007, Sunset date - none
5. Contact person – Melody Hobson, Nebraska Department of Education, P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509. 402-471-0263

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 79-1104
7. Parent agency : Nebraska Department of Education

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 6
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: none
Qualifications of members: 79-1104.04
 - (a) The Commissioner of Education of his or her designee
 - (b) The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee
 - (c) The following persons appointed by the Governor, in his or her discretion
 - a. Two persons nominated by the endowment provider;
 - b. An early childhood professional representing an urban at-risk area
 - c. An early childhood professional representing a rural at-risk county
10. Per diem – none Expense reimbursement – yes
11. Term length – three years – initial terms varied in length
Terms rotate or expire at once – Terms rotate
12. Number of meetings required
 - FY 09-10 - none Held – 6
 - FY 10-11 - none Held – 7
 - FY 11-12 - none Held – 7

Operation

13. Support Staff – None
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$8,000
FY 10-11 budget: \$8,000
FY 11-12 budget: \$8,000
15. Other funding sources: no
16. Spending authority: yes

17. Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2008

- a. Approved grants to 11 school districts and their partners
- b. Completed 2 program evaluations

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council

Purpose: The Council shall advise and assist the collaborating agencies in carrying out the provisions of the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, sections 79-1101 through 79-1104, and other early childhood care and education initiatives under state supervision. (Neb.Rev.Stat) 43-3401 through 43-3403.

How many affectable: Approximately 240,300 children Birth through age 8

How many served: Same

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Melody Hobson, Administrator, Office of Early Childhood, Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. 402-471-0263

Authorization citation: Neb.Rev.Stat. 43-3401

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of members: 30

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: None

Qualifications of members: Members of the council shall include, but not be limited to: (1) parents of children who require early intervention services; and (2) Representatives of school districts, social services, health and medical services, family child care and center-based early childhood care and education programs, agencies providing training to staff of child care programs, resource and referral agencies, mental health services, developmental disabilities services, educational service units, Head Start, higher education, physicians, the Legislature, business persons, and the collaborating agencies.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years, members may serve up to two consecutive terms.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 5

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: Federal IDEA Part C, Federal Child Care Development Funds, Quality Set Aside

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Created the biennial Strategic Report to the Governor on the Status of Early Childhood, December 2010
http://www.education.ne.gov/ecicc/reports_to_governor/2010.pdf

http://www.education.ne.gov/ecicc/reports_to_governor/2010_exec_summary.pdf Approved annual performance reports for IDEA Part C <http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/data/C-APR2009%20final%20.pdf> <http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/data/C-APR2010.pdf> Applied and received a Statewide Advisory Council Grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Economic Development Commission
Purpose: Maintain and develop the economy of the State to provide opportunities for the people that will enhance and expand the quality of their lives.
How many affectable: NA
How many served: NA
Year created: 1986
Year active: 1986
Sunset date: NA

Authorization

Contact person: Catherine Lang, Director, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, 402-471-5919, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509
Authorization citation: 81-1201.02
Parent agency: Department of Economic Development
Number of members: 9
Who appoints: Governor
Legislative approval: Yes
Qualifications of members: These members shall represent each congressional district in Nebraska. No more than five members shall belong to the same political party.
Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
Term Length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 4 Held: 3
FY 10-11: 4 Held: 2
FY 11-12: 4 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: No
Shared or separate: Shared-Parent Agency
FY 09-10 budget: \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0
FY 11-12 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The department and the commission promoted the: Expansion of personal income through the development of business and employment opportunities Development of an economy that contributes to and enhances the environmental quality of the state Development of a stable economy within the state Development of economic health and opportunities throughout the communities and counties of the state Development of an economy that is capable of providing the necessary revenue for state government, local governments, and other political subdivisions of the state

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board

Purpose: To assist the Governor in developing estimates of General Fund revenue pursuant to RRS 81-125, and to assist the Legislature in setting the rates of the income tax and sales tax pursuant to RRS 77-2715.01.

How many affectable: blank

How many served: blank

Year created: 1984

Year active: 1985

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Tax Commissioner

Authorization citation: RRS 77-27,156

Parent agency: Legislative Fiscal Office and NE Department of Revenue

Number of members: 9

Who appoints: Legislature 5; Governor 4

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: "Each member of the board shall have demonstrated expertise in the field of tax policy, economics, or economic forecasting."

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate, Governor's and Legislature's appointments are separated by two years.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 2 Held: 2

FY 10-11: 3 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 2 Held: 2

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared; Legislative Fiscal Analyst and NE Department of Revenue

FY 09-10 budget: Less than \$5,000

FY 10-11 budget: Less than \$5,000

FY 11-12 budget: Less than \$5,000

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Provided General Fund revenue forecasts for use in the budget process for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 sessions of the Nebraska Legislature.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: State Board of Education

Purpose: Constitutional body that sets policy and insures that the State Department of Education functions effectively within the framework developed by the Legislature and the Board, by law. The Board and Department have broad leadership functions to carry out certain regulatory and service activities. Specific duties are listed in Nebrask Revised Statutes 79-318 and 79-319.

How many affectable: All

How many served: 368,000 students, educators

Year created: 1953

Year active: 1955

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education

Authorization citation: Constitution, Article VII

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of members: 8

Who appoints: Nebraska Voters

Legislative approval: Noone

Qualifications of members: Nebraska Rev. Stat 79-313: No person shall be eligible to membership on the Board (1) who is actively engaged in the teaching profession (2) who is a holder of any state office, a member of a state board or commission unless limited to an advisory capacity, or a candidate for any state office or board or commissioner unless advisory capacity (3) citizen of U.S.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 12

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 12

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 12

Operations

Support staff: None

Shared or separate: blank

FY 09-10 budget: blank

FY 10-11 budget: blank

FY 11-12 budget: blank

Other funding sources: blank

Spending authority: blank

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: blank

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Educational Finance Authority

Purpose: The Legislative purpose of NEFA is to provide a means whereby the private colleges and universities in Nebraska can finance the construction and/or purchase of campus buildings and equipment without the appropriation of tax funds.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1981

Year active: 1981

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Linda Beaver, Executive Director

Authorization citation: Sections 850171 to 85-1763

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 7

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: At least one member in the field of: Public Accounting, Ed. Building Construction, Finance, and Trustee, Officer, Director or Employee of one or more Private Higher Educational Institutions. No more than 4 members shall be of the same political party.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 3

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 2

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: 251,539.82

FY 10-11 budget: 225188.68

FY 11-12 budget: 258594.07

Other funding sources: Yes- all of NEFAs revenue comes from fees charged

Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Completed 7 issuances totaling \$138,350,000.

General Information

1. **Formal Name** Board of Educational Lands and Funds
2. **Purpose** The Board of Educational Lands and Funds is the Constitutionally established Trustee of Nebraska's School Trust Lands. The Board has a mandatory fiduciary duty to maximize the income from, and preserve the value of, Nebraska's K-12 School Trust Land. The primary duty of the Board is to manage the nearly 1.272 million acres of land now held in Trust for Nebraska's K-12 public schools and in fulfilling this duty the Board serves as both land owner and land manager. In its capacity as land owner, the Board makes expenditures for maintenance, conservation and improvement of the land under its care and a substantial portion of its budget each year is dedicated to these purposes. In its capacity as land manager, the Board issues and services both surface leases, primarily for agricultural uses, and subsurface leases permitting exploration for and extraction of oil and gas, minerals and other natural resources. The Board currently establishes and collects rentals on, issues and manages approximately 3,500 leases. Sales and trades of School Trust Land are also discretionary with the Board.
3. **How many affectable** All beneficiaries of the School Trust. For 2012, the total School Age Census (ages 5-18) was 350,029 (information furnished by NE Dept. of Education).
4. **Year created** The Trust was established in 1867 with the Enabling Act. The Board was created in 1936 **Year active** 1939 **Sunset date** Not Applicable
5. **Contact person** Richard Endacott, Executive Secretary and CEO. Board of Educational Lands and Funds, 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68505-2353, (402) 471-2014 or belf.office@nebraska.gov Website: www.belf.state.ne.us

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation** Article VII, Section 6 of the Nebraska Constitution. Sections 72-201 et seq. of the Nebraska Statutes.
7. **Parent agency** Not Applicable.

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members** 5 **Who appoints** Governor
9. **Legislative approval** Yes **Qualifications** The Board consists of five members, four from Nebraska's congressional districts as they existed on January 1, 1961, and one at large. See Section 72-201.
10. **Per diem** None.
Expense reimbursement Yes, for each day actually engaged in performing the duties of their office.

Memberships and Meetings, continued

11. Term length 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once Terms rotate one each year.

12. Number of meetings required in	FY 09-10	12	Held	12
	FY 10-11	12	Held	12
	FY 11-12	12	Held	12

Operations

13. Support staff Yes		Shared or separate	Separate
14. FY 09-10 budget	\$3,852,175	Budget Expended	\$3,479,036
Plus R.E. Taxes	\$7,030,000	R.E. Taxes Expended	\$6,648,868
FY 10-11 budget	\$3,628,940	Budget Expended	\$3,519,834
Plus R.E. Taxes	\$7,310,000	R.E. Taxes Expended	\$7,269,634
FY 11-12 budget	\$3,761,650	Budget Expended	\$3,454,059
Plus R.E. Taxes	\$7,538,300	R.E. Taxes Expended	\$7,846,033

15. Other funding sources None.

16. Spending authority Yes. Article VII, Section 9 of the Nebraska Constitution requires that the costs of administering Nebraska's School Trust Lands be deducted from the income before that income is distributed to the beneficiaries.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008 The Board manages approximately 1.272 million acres of land held in Trust for Nebraska's K-12 public schools which had a total market value of approximately \$1 billion as of June 30, 2012. This market value does not include an additional estimated \$40 million in enhanced or recreational value. The market value as of July 1, 2008 was \$677.03 million on \$1.303 million acres. This shows the School Land has appreciated \$323 million over the last 4 years on 31,000 fewer acres (not including enhanced value).

Rental established by the Board was \$28.75 million for 1.302 million acres effective January 1, 2011, and \$32.02 million for 1.293 million acres effective January 1, 2012. The Board sold 6,603.73 acres of K-12 Educational Trust Lands for deed, for total sale proceeds of \$2,515,250 from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

Accomplishments, continued

A promising new source of revenue is wind development. The Board has entered into agreements on nearly 48,000 acres of land for potential wind development. A wind project near Broken Bow is now in the construction phase and includes three wind turbines on School Land.

New rare mineral development, including recent uranium leases, will also benefit the School Lands.

The rate of return on the School Lands from income and appreciation has exceeded that of the investments in the Permanent School Trust Fund, managed by the Nebraska Investment Council, by over 4% during the last 20 years.

Effective January 1, 2001, certain leased public property became taxable to the leaseholder (lessee) as if it were owned by the lessee. The Board has chosen to voluntarily pay these taxes and collect them from the lessees as part of the rent. During FY 2011-2012, the School Lands paid real estate taxes of \$7,846,033. About 60% of these taxes also benefit the public schools in the counties where the land is located with the remainder going for other local needs.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Purpose: To advise the Nebraska Department of Education with regard to the state's participation in and compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and to appoint a military family education liaison to assist families and the state in implementing the compact.
How many affectable: Unknown. No data. See answer to question #17
How many served: No data. See answer to question #17
Year created: 2012-2013
Year active: 2012-2013
Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Scott Swisher, Deputy Commissioner of Education, P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509
Authorization citation: 5. Nebraska Revised Statute 79-2204
Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Education
Number of members: 6
Who appoints: Four ex-officio members and two members appointed by the State Board of Education
Legislative approval: None
Qualifications of members: The Chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature The compact commissioner, who is the Deputy Commissioner of Education pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-2205 The military family education liaison The superintendent of a school district that has a high concentration of children of military families (appointed by the State Board of Education) A representative of a military installation located in the state (appointed by the State Board of Education)
Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement: Reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1174- 81-1177
Term Length: No term of office for ex-officio members. members appointed by the State Board of Education serve three year terms..
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms of appointed members expire at once
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: N/A Held: blank
FY 10-11: blank Held: blank
FY 11-12: blank Held: blank

Operations

Support staff: Yes
Shared or separate: Shared
FY 09-10 budget: N/A
FY 10-11 budget: blank
FY 11-12 budget: blank
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The statute creating the Council became effective on July 1, 2012. At the time of responding to this survey, the Council had not yet met. Therefore, information to answer this question is not available.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council

Purpose: 79-1246. (1) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council shall work toward statewide coordination to provide the most cost-effective services for the students, teachers, and school districts in each educational service unit. The council's duties include, but are not limited to: (a) Preparation of strategic plans to assure the cost-efficient and equitable delivery of services across the state; (b) Administration of statewide initiatives and provision of statewide services; and (c) Coordination of distance education.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 2007

Year active: July 1, 2008

Sunset date: Not Applicable

Authorization

Contact person: Matt Blomstedt, Executive Director; 455 South 11th St, Suite C; Lincoln, NE 68508; (402)499-6756

Authorization citation: 79-1245

Parent agency: Not Applicable

Number of members: 17

Who appoints: ESU Administrators serve ex officio, by reason of their position

Legislative approval: Not Applicable

Qualifications of members: The members are required by their position as administrator of each Educational Service Unit. According to statute, "The council shall be composed of one administrator from each educational service unit." Neb. Rev. Statute 79-1245

Per diem: Not Applicable

Expense reimbursement: Not Applicable

Term Length: Not Applicable

Terms rotate or expire at once: Not Applicable

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: At least once annually Held: Seven full Council meetings / numerous committee meetings

FY 10-11: At least once annually Held: Seven full Council meetings / numerous committee meetings

FY 11-12: At least once annually Held: Seven full Council meetings / numerous committee meetings

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: In FY 09-10 the ESUCC employed an Executive Director, maintained office space, contracted for legal counsel, paid for state audit, and other operating expenses. The approximate expenditures for these purposes was \$150,000.

FY 10-11 budget: In FY 10-11 the ESUCC employed an Executive Director, 1/2 time Administrative Assistant, maintained office space, contracted for legal counsel, paid for a state audit, and other operating expenses. The expenditures for these items was approximately \$180,0

FY 11-12 budget: In FY 11-12 the ESUCC employed an Executive Director, 1/2 time Administrative Assistant, maintained office space, contracted for legal counsel, paid for a state audit, and other operating expenses. The expenditures for these items was approximately \$180,0

Other funding sources: The ESUCC manages statewide projects including cooperative purchasing, special education student records, distance education, e-learning, instructional materials, and professional development. Projects are generally funded by ESU and school district parti

Spending authority: Yes - The ESUCC manages all of the statewide collaborative projects in addition to the ESUCC functions

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: **Organization and Structure:** July 1, 2008 was the first date of existence of the ESUCC. The ESUCC organized and established by-laws, created a master service agreement to encompass all of the statewide activities, adopted a combined 14 month budget of the ESUCC and all projects run by fiscal agents, and began to establish operating procedures and processes. The ESUCC decided to hire and did hire an executive director in December of 2008. By January of 2009, the ESUCC had developed a decentralized structure and began to explore how to best reorganize/centralize the entity which included long standing projects in Cooperative Purchasing, Instructional Materials/media, Professional Development, Special Education Student Records System, e-learning, distance education, and ESU Professional Development. Each of these projects was run separately by different ESUs serving as fiscal agents. By the close of the first fiscal year, a foundation had been established for future recommendations for change. The second fiscal year, beginning September 1, 2009 the ESUCC remained decentralized but organized strategic planning session in October and again in April, 2010. While all projects were still operating in transition, the ESUCC decided to reorganize the structure to begin to centralize the financial structure of the projects. This was a significant undertaking as it involved 6 projects, 11 employees, and 5 fiscal agents. The ESUCC directed the Executive Director to implement a new structure. Additionally, the ESUCC was conducting the first audit of 2008-09 fiscal year and using the State APA to assist in developing recommendations policies and processes to structure the effort. Audit recommendations were to consider a more centralized system and that supported the plans adopted by the ESUCC. During the summer of 2010, all fiscal agents transferred projects and employees to the ESUCC and under a single entity. Project advisory boards roles were more clearly defined and by mid Fall 2010 the majority of the transition had been completed. The ESUCC continues to develop policies and procedures and enhance its operating structure using recommendations of the State APA as well as implementing plans adopted by the Council. The ESUCC adopted four strategic priority areas in January 2012 (1. ESUCC Processes, 2. Accountability & Communication, 3. Technology Infrastructure/Integration, 4. Partnerships with Stakeholders).

Rule 84: The ESUCC in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education worked to review Rule 84, the accreditation of ESUs starting in May of 2011. NDE staff organized a working group that included the ESUCC Executive Director and representation from ESU Administrators. Collectively the NDE staff, ESUCC staff, and ESU administrators discussed and analyzed opportunities to improve Rule 84 as well as coordinate future activities between the NDE and ESUs. The effort was successful in developing a new Rule supported by the ESUCC and adopted by the State Board. The ESUCC continues to work with ESUs and the NDE on improving collaborative efforts and will begin to implement new joint planning efforts required in Rule 84.

Statewide Professional Development: The ESUCC has facilitated a number of annual programs for Professional Development and continues to work to modernize Professional Development for school improvement and accountability. Additionally, this is now including facilitating certified trainer programs for data analysis and school improvement intended to efficiently increase statewide capacities in data analysis and school improvement. Professional development for ESUs has been facilitated through a website esupdo.org. Future efforts will expand that to include professional development for schools across the state.

BlendEd Initiative & Nebraska Virtual Partnership: Over the past three years the ESUCC has helped facilitate collaboration among those interested in digital education. The ESUCC helped establish the Nebraska Virtual Partnership in the fall of 2011 and continues to work with partners on those efforts (see www.nebraskavirtual.org). Additionally, the ESUCC decided to strategically align/manage its projects on Distance Education, E-Learning, and Instructional Materials. A new effort to combine efforts has been initiated and will be implemented in the Fall of 2012. Also, in 2011 the ESUCC launched a new site to further assist the exchange of distance education opportunities for Nebraska's schools and colleges involved in dual credit. That site is found at nvis.esucc.org.

Modernization of the Cooperative Purchasing Web Procurement system: The ESUCC decided to update and upgrade the capabilities of the online cooperative purchasing system. A custom system (NECPAS) that had served the project for a decade was in need of replacement. A modern web procurement system that will launch in the Fall of 2012 will provide school districts and vendors a platform that will economize their procurement processes, track data, and improve delivery tracking. Each ESU participates in this process to help their local districts accomplish sufficient savings through bulk purchasing of an increasing variety of products.

Data Systems and Data Analysis: The SPED Student Records System is used by the vast majority of school districts across the state. The system has undergone a programming architecture change over the past three years. The heart of the program was to create a system in partnership with stakeholders/users that met the needs of the Federal and State government as well as met the needs of local special education directors and staff. The project electronically collects special education records and organizes necessary reports. The upgrade will allow more rapid changes to respond to data reporting mandates for Special Education. SRS is unique in the country both for its rate of adoption and for its stakeholder involvement.

Statewide Leadership: The evolution of the ESUCC has included participating in various roles and providing leadership in a variety of educational areas. Since the creation of the ESUCC, the opportunity to provide leadership has grown and the creation of a system of ESU services has started to develop. The restructuring of statewide efforts has allowed shared capacities across projects and across ESUs. Ultimately, these efforts are intended to improve

educational opportunities, enhance efficiency, and assist school districts in their efforts. Additionally, the ESUCC continues to organize efforts to enhance the state's capacity to continuously improve education.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Act creates the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission for the purpose of (1) promoting and establishing noncommercial educational telecommunications facilities within the State of Nebraska, (2) providing noncommercial educational telecommunications programs throughout the State of Nebraska by standard broadcast, by closed-circuit transmission, or by other telecommunications technology distribution systems, and (3) operating statewide educational and public radio and television networks and services. The commission shall seek funding from federal, state, foundation, and private sources for capital construction and annual operations.

How many affectable: 1,826,341

How many served: 1,000,000

Year created: 1963

Year active: 1963

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Rod Bates, General Manager. 1800 No. 33rd St, Lincoln, NE 68503. 402-472-3611

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes; Sections 79-1313 to 79-1325

Parent agency: State of Nebraska

Number of members: 11

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: (1) The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission shall be composed of eleven members, as follows: (a) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee; (b) the President of the University of Nebraska or his or her designee; (c) a representative of the state colleges; (d) a representative of the community colleges; (e) a representative of private educational institutions of the State of Nebraska; and (f) six members of the general public, none of whom shall be associated with any of the institutions listed in subdivisions (a) through (e) of this subsection and two of whom shall be from each congressional district. No more than four of the members shall be actively engaged in the teaching profession or administration of an educational institution.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: The members described in subdivisions (1)(c) through (1)(f) of this section shall be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature for terms of four years, and the term of the member described in subdivision (1)(d) of this section shall be

Terms rotate or expire at once: See term length narrative

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: Meetings scheduled as designated by the Commission Held: 6

FY 10-11: Meetings scheduled as designated by the Commission Held: 5

FY 11-12: Meetings scheduled as designated by the Commission Held: 5

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$9,967,967

FY 10-11 budget: \$9,741,505

FY 11-12 budget: \$9,793,925

Other funding sources: Yes, thru our Cash Fund. NOAA and cell phone company annual leases of our tower space.

Spending authority: Yes, as established in the Nebraska Revised Statutes

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Debt on digital conversion (\$31 million) and building renovation (\$15 million) paid in full; Moved from satellite to terrestrial distribution of its signal resulting in 75% cost savings; Installed systems that allows NET to stream live coverage from 11 different state government venues, including the main legislative chamber, seven committee hearing rooms, the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Nebraska Appellate Court, the Governor's hearing room and from the Nebraska Department of Education; Listeners and viewers connect with NET on multiple platforms, including podcasts, e-newsletters, NET on Demand, online as well as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Flickr; Built audience in radio and television, with more than 1 million viewers watch NET Television and nearly 100,000 listeners tune in to NET Radio each week; NET received numerous awards for its documentaries, news and public affairs programs; Digital recording, editing and storage has replaced film and videotape and a new Content Management System has been built as a file repository and media management tool; Robotic cameras have been installed in the State Capitol for improved efficiency; NET Radio and University of Nebraska-Omaha's KVNO Radio have partnered to share classical music programming and expand station reach; NET Radio's HD channel HD-2 is now available statewide, offering news all day / jazz all night; A new app for NET Radio is offered free for iPhone and Android phones, providing users with classical and jazz music as well as news and public affairs stories; Library of Congress honored former Nebraska veterans U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel and professor Thomas Hagel along with NET for contributing hours of raw interview footage from "Echoes of War" documentary to commence the Vietnam Veterans Collections Campaign for the Library; Nebraska Virtual Partnership is a collaborative effort between the Nebraska Department of Education, University of Nebraska, Educational Service Units and Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET) to serve K-12 students and emphasize science, technology, engineering and math as a centralized resource for students, parents and teachers across the state Partnership with UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications, the Hixson/Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to guide interns through valuable hands-on work experience in journalism, television and radio; and Designed and produced interactive multimedia projects and websites for custodial services training, career readiness, alcohol and drug abuse, and environmental quality training.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska State Electrical Division

Purpose: Public safety through safe and code compliant installations. The electrical division issues electrical licenses, electrical permits, and conducts electrical examinations.

How many affectable: All building construction projects exact number of people unknown

How many served: 10,598 in FY11/12 Several individuals could be added to each one served since this affects more than the permit and license holder.

Year created: 1969

Year active: 1975

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Randy Anderson, Executive Director, 800 S. 13th Street, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68509-5066

Authorization citation: 81-2101 - 81-2143

Parent agency: Governor

Number of members: 7

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: All members must be residents of the State of Nebraska. 1 - Journeyman Electrician, 1-Electrical Contractor, 1-Certified Electrical Inspector, 1-Licensed Professional Electrical Engineer, 1-Public Power District or Rural Electrical Cooperation in Nebraska, 1-Representative of a Municipal Electrical System, and 1-of any of the above groups.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Five years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 6 Held: 9

FY 10-11: 6 Held: 8

FY 11-12: 6 Held: 7

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared with State Electrical Division

FY 09-10 budget: 1,735,965.00

FY 10-11 budget: 1,823,817.00

FY 11-12 budget: 1,605,796.00

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes, 81-2104 Board allocates funds to operate the State Electrical Division

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Issued 36,376 electrical permits, performed 81,235 electrical inspections, conducted 2599 electrical exams, administered electrical code classes for 2091 applicants, and issued 4253 electrical licenses. We investigated 9 electrocutions to determine if dangerous electrical wiring existed. We updated our on-line permit application process, added the ability to search for license holders on line and the amount of continuing education attended by each. Updated the on-line license renewal process. Updated our credit card payment process. We added an on-line inspection request process and added smart phones

to all inspectors, this allowed inspectors to be in the field a minimum of 5 hours more each week which calculates out to 3900 man hours or 1.8 employees per year. It also streamlined the inspection process. We are almost ready to roll out an on-line apprentice registration system and exam application process, this will not only speed up the process it will relieve the paper work load in the office and allow applicants to apply from their home or office.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Emergency Medical Services**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1997; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 17; Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes; Qualifications of members: **38-1215** (1) The board shall have seventeen members appointed by the Governor with the approval of a majority of the Legislature. The appointees may begin to serve immediately following appointment and prior to approval by the Legislature.
(2)(a) Seven members of the board shall be active out-of-hospital emergency care providers at the time of and for the duration of their appointment, and each shall have at least five years of experience in his or her level of licensure at the time of his or her appointment or reappointment. Of the seven members who are out-of-hospital emergency care providers, two shall be first responders or emergency medical responders, two shall be emergency medical technicians, one shall be an emergency medical technician-intermediate or an advanced emergency medical technician, and two shall be emergency medical technicians-paramedic or paramedics. (b) Three of the members shall be qualified physicians actively involved in emergency medical care. At least one of the physician members shall be a board-certified emergency physician. (c) Five members shall be appointed to include one

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member who is a representative of an approved training agency, one member who is a physician assistant with at least five years of experience and active in out-of-hospital emergency medical care education, one member who is a registered nurse with at least five years of experience and active in out-of-hospital emergency medical care education, and two public members who meet the requirements of section 38-165 and who have an expressed interest in the provision of out-of-hospital emergency medical care. (d) The remaining two members shall have any of the qualifications listed in subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection. (e) In addition to any other criteria for appointment, among the members of the board there shall be at least one member who is a volunteer emergency medical care provider, at least one member who is a paid emergency medical care provider, at least one member who is a firefighter, at least one member who is a law enforcement officer, and at least one member who is active in the Critical Incident Stress Management Program. If a person appointed to the board is qualified to serve as a member in more than one capacity, all qualifications of such person shall be taken into consideration to determine whether or not the diversity in qualifications required in this subsection has been met. (f) At least five members of the board shall be appointed from each congressional district, and at least one of such members shall be a physician member described in subdivision (b) of this subsection.

(5) The Governor upon recommendation of the department shall have power to remove from office at any time any member of the board for physical or mental incapacity to carry out the duties of a board member, for continued neglect of duty, for incompetency, for acting beyond the individual member's scope of authority, for malfeasance in office, for any cause for which a professional credential may be suspended or revoked pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act, or for a lack of license required by the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section and notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, a member of the board who changes his or her licensure classification after appointment or has a licensure classification which is terminated under section 38-1217 when such licensure classification was a qualification for appointment shall be permitted to continue to serve as a member of the board until the expiration of his or her term.

38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year

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prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171**. Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-1215** (3) Members shall serve five-year terms beginning on December 1 and may serve for any number of such terms. The terms of the members of the board appointed prior to December 1, 2008, shall be extended by two years and until December 1 of such year. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of his or her term. Any vacancy in membership, other than by expiration of a term, shall be filled within ninety days by the Governor by appointment as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Terms rotate or expire at once: 5 terms expire in 2012; 5 terms expire in 2013; 6 terms expire in 2016; 1 term expires in 2017.
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10:	1	Held:	6
FY 10-11:	1	Held:	6
FY 11-12:	1	Held:	9

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$74,241
FY 10-11 budget: \$74,330
FY 11-12 budget: \$69,399
15. Other funding sources: Funded by General Funds and Cash
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
 - Recommendations for licensure and certification on 3,490 applications
 - Proposed rules and regulations currently being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office
 - Updated rules and regulations with the Uniform Credentialing Act changes
 - Utilization of paperless board meetings
 - Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions
 - Reported to the Unicameral in 2011, the Board's findings regarding the emergency care needs of the citizens of Nebraska

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General Information

Formal Name: Board of Engineers and Architects

Purpose: The Board of Engineers and Architects administers the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act and Rules regulating the practice of engineering and architecture in the State of Nebraska in order to safeguard life, health, property and promote public welfare. The Board assures that the qualifications of those who practice engineering and architecture qualifies them to serve the public, ensures the enforcement of Nebraska statute through education and enforcement, and provides quality and responsive regulatory services.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1937

Year active: 1937

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 81-3401 to 81-3455

Parent agency: N/A

Number of members: 8

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 81-3428

Per diem: \$60

Expense reimbursement: Yes - All necessary expenses to perform duties authorized by Board.

Term Length: 5 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 11

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 10

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 13

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: 759,095

FY 10-11 budget: 755,164

FY 11-12 budget: 689,468

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes - All expenses certified by the Board as properly and necessarily incurred in the discharge of duties, including compensation and administration of staff and any expenses incidental to the administration of the Act.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Proposed changes for the Board's Rules and Regulations were explored by a Board convened Negotiated Rulemaking Committee during the summer of 2010. On April 14, 2011, LB 45 was enacted into law, allowing a 16-hour Structural Engineering exam offered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and to reflect the new exam format. Other housekeeping matters clarified or updated existing provisions in the Engineers and

Architects Regulation Act. Online reciprocal applications for engineers and architects and a Facebook account were implemented in 2011. On May 9, 2012, a strategic planning session was held to review the Board's financial position, consider possible statute and rule changes, formulate goals, and assign Board subcommittees to carry out assigned tasks. Significant topics of discussion included educating licensees and public on issues such as ethics, alternative delivery systems, building information management (BIM), analyzing approaches and past successes with compliance efforts, and identifying strategies to promote value of architectural and engineering licensure.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1963; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 6; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-1307.** The board shall consist of six members. One member shall be a public member who meets the requirements of section 38-165. Each of the other members shall have been engaged in environmental health for at least ten years, shall have had responsible charge of work for at least five years at the time of his or her appointment, and shall be a registered environmental health specialist. At the expiration of the three-year terms of the members serving on December 1, 2008, successors shall be appointed for five-year terms.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice

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while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 4 terms expire in 2013; 2 terms expire in 2014.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 1
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 1
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 1

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Operations

- 13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
- 14. FY 09-10 budget: \$82
 - FY 10-11 budget: \$597
 - FY 11-12 budget: \$557
- 15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
- 16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2008:
 - Recommendations for registration on 19 applications
 - Proposed rules and regulations currently being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office
 - Updated rules and regulations with the Uniform Credentialing Act changes
 - Utilization of paperless board meetings
 - Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

Formal Name: Environmental Quality Council

Purpose: To adopt standards, rules and regulations administered by the Department of Environmental Quality.

How many affectable: Statewide

How many served: All Nebraska Citizens

Year created: 1971

Year active: 1971

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Carla Felix, NDEQ Governmental Relations

Authorization citation: Neb Rev Stat 81-1503

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Number of members: 17

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: 17 members represent specific interest areas identified in Nebraska Revised Statute 81-1503.

Council members represent: the food manufacturing industry; conservation interests; the agricultural processing industry; the automobile or petroleum industry; the chemical industry; heavy industry; the power generating industry; crop production; labor; the livestock industry; county government; municipal government (two members, one of which represents cities not of the primary or metropolitan class); a professional engineer; a biologist; a representative of minority interests; and a doctor with knowledge about the human health aspects of air, water and land pollution.

Per diem: \$40

Expense reimbursement: Yes, for actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 3

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: Dept. of Environmental Quality

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: blank

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Environmental Trust

Purpose: Conserving, enhancing, and restoring the natural physical and biological environment in Nebraska, including the air, land, ground water and surface water, flora and fauna, prairies and forests, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and natural areas of aesthetic or scenic values.

How many affectable: Entire state population

How many served: Entire state population

Year created: 1992

Year active: 1992

Sunset date: Not Applicable

Authorization

Contact person: Mark A. Brohman, Executive Director, 700 S.16th, P.O. Box 94913, Lincoln, NE 68509-4913, 402-471-6795

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-15,167 to 81-176

Parent agency: Not Applicable

Number of members: 14

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Consist of the Director of Environmental Quality, the Director of Regulation and Licensure, the Director of Natural Resources, the Director of Agriculture, the secretary of the Game and Parks Commission, and nine citizens (three from each Congressional District). The citizen members shall represent the general public and shall have demonstrated competence, experience, and interest in the environment of the state. Two of the citizen appointees shall also have experience with private financing of public-purpose projects.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$456,324

FY 10-11 budget: \$542,970

FY 11-12 budget: \$544,141

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes, the Nebraska Environmental Trust allocates funds to successful grant applicants for environmental projects after the board scores all grants received each year by authority granted in Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-15,175.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska Environmental Trust has awarded \$65,570,456 since July 1, 2008, to successful grantees

across the state of Nebraska for projects related to ground and surface water, air quality, soil management, waste management and recycling, and wildlife habitat.

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General Information

1. Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission
2. Purpose: The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC) is a quasi-judicial administrative agency of the State of Nebraska created by state law for the purpose of receiving, investigating, rendering formal determinations on and conciliating charges of unlawful discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations. The NEOC provides information and assistance in matters of civil rights law compliance to citizens and organizations upon request.
3. How many affectable: Entire State of Nebraska population. The Commission served approximately 9,500 persons.
4. Year created: 1965
Year active: 1965
Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Barbara Albers, Executive Director
Nebr. Equal Opportunity Commission
P O Box 94934, Lincoln, NE 68509-4934
402-471-2024

Authorization

6. Section 48-1116 of the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act states, “There is hereby established an Equal Opportunity Commission.” The Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 led to the creation of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. Under the Civil Rights Act, a specific paragraph, commonly known as “Section 706” states that where there is a local or state agency with powers and duties equal to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission upon receiving a complaint of discrimination must defer that case back to the appropriate state agency and lend substantial weight to the finding of that agency. Based upon the passage of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, Senator Edward Danner introduced LB 656 in the Nebraska Legislature. LB 656 was passed by the Seventy-Fifth session of the Nebraska Legislature, and the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission became effective on August 2, 1965.
7. The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission does not have a parent agency—it is an independent, non-code agency.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7 Commissioners appointed by the Governor

9. Legislative approval is not required. The Qualifications of the members are determined by the Governor.

10. Per Diem: Commissioner receive \$50 per day plus expenses

11. Term Length: 3-year terms, which terms are staggered so they do not all expire at the same time.

12. The law doesn't require a specific number of meetings.

FY 09-10: 12 meetings held

FY 10-11: 12 meetings held

FY 11-12: 12 meetings held

*Commissioners also attend up to three training sessions per year in the form of local, state and national organization conferences.

Operations—Full Budget for the Commission (includes Commissioner expenditures)

13. Support staff: The Commissioners do not have support staff separate from the enforcement program which has 4 support staff.

14. Total Commission expenditures:

FY 09-10: \$1,216,032 General Funds +\$712,854 Federal Funds =\$1,928,886 Total

FY 10-11: \$1,201,913 General Funds +\$583,796 Federal Funds =\$1,785,709 Total

FY 11-12: \$1,109,476 General Funds +\$604,448 Federal Funds =\$1,713,924 Total

15. Other funding sources: The NEOC receives federal funds through contracts with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD.)

16. Spending authority: Section 48-1116 of the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act gives the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission spending authority. The Commissioners approve the budget request and allocation of the funds appropriated by the Legislature.

Accomplishments

INVESTIGATIONS.

Since July 1, 2008 the NEOC has modified its intake and investigative procedures to more efficiently implement the Commission's mission of eradicating discrimination. The task was crucial due to the reduction in general funds over the last several years which resulted in the elimination of staff support positions, the public information officer position, two investigator positions and one management position. Central to the Commission's approach is effective intake screening and the implementation of a charge categorization system. While individuals are always given an opportunity to file a charge, intake investigators provide potential Complainants with an initial assessment of their allegations and inform them of any known jurisdictional or standing problems. Investigative procedures have been developed to ensure that each charge receives the appropriate level of investigation. Cases with jurisdictional issues are

quickly identified, the necessary documents are obtained, and cases are dismissed if appropriate. Respondents are required to submit a thorough position statement and supporting documents unless they opt to participate in mediation or settlement. In many cases, the Commission has sufficient information to complete the case after receipt of the Respondent's position statement and requested supporting documentation. This enables the Commission to conduct in-depth investigations on the more complex cases. Another important accomplishment since 2008 has been the development and implementation of a case management system (CMS) that supports the investigative processes of the agency and provides more management level information for decision making. CMS streamlines the investigative procedures by providing a direct link from the data base to standard letters and forms thus eliminating the need to enter redundant information. All contacts from the public are entered into CMS.

ADR PROGRAM.

NEOC developed the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program in 2004/2005 which essentially added mediation as an alternative option to the Commission's pre-determination settlement process. Prior to this date, the NEOC referred mediation requests to the EEOC for processing and the agency was therefore not reimbursed if the case was successfully resolved by EEOC in mediation. Another component of ADR is the pre-determination settlement process (PDS). Prior to July 2010, unless the Director of Conciliation was specifically requested to handle a PDS, such cases were assigned, on a rotational basis, to investigative staff. As of July 1, 2010, all requests for ADR, whether as a mediation or PDS, are handled by the Director of Conciliation. This not only allows investigative staff to concentrate solely on the investigation of cases but reduces overall case processing time given that most ADR cases close within 3-6 months of the charge filing.

The focus of ADR is to resolve pending charges prior to a determination being issued by the Commission. Mediation typically involves the parties meeting face to face with a mediator to discuss resolution whereas the pre-determination settlement (PDS) process involves discussion of resolution between the parties as relayed (usually via telephone) by the mediator. Both methods are voluntary, informal and have the specific goal of resolving the charge – no determination is made with respect to whether a law violation has occurred.

Participation and resolution of charges through the ADR program has benefits for both Complainants and Respondents. While the case is pending in the ADR program, Respondents are not required to submit a written position statement or produce any requested documents. Both parties have the opportunity to share information that may assist each party in making an informed decision on the risk of moving forward to investigation. Cases are immediately assigned to ADR when both parties agree to participate and the claim is processed as expeditiously as possible. The NEOC has no vested interest in the outcome of mediation and the terms are negotiated solely by the parties. Should ADR be unsuccessful, the case is assigned to investigation and a determination is made on the merits of the claim.

The NEOC ADR program has been extremely successful over the past several years. Since FY 2008/2009, the NEOC ADR program handled an average of 58 cases each fiscal year with an average success rate of 77%. During this same time frame the NEOC ADR program generated an average of \$265,366 in monetary relief for Complainants. Most recently, in 2011/12, the

NEOC ADR program processed 56 cases with 74% successfully resolved and a total of \$314,600 in monetary relief obtained for Complainants.

While most cases are settled prior to a decision through the ADR program, the NEOC attempts to resolve employment and public accommodation cases during an investigation. The average cases resolved during the investigation is 18 cases, with an average monetary relief of \$59,630.

In addition to the NEOC ADR program, the Director of Conciliation also seeks to resolve cases subsequent to a reasonable case determination. Since FY 2008/2009, the NEOC has had an average of 47 cases in conciliation. While the average success rate of conciliations is not as high as that obtained in the ADR program (average 45% successful), an average of \$158,238 in monetary relief was obtained for Complainants in conciliation during this same time period. In the most recent fiscal year (2011/2012), 21 cases were processed through the conciliation unit, with a success rate of 48%, including a total of \$119,700 in monetary relief. One reason conciliation is less successful is Complainants' intention to pursue the matters into court with an attorney.

Although the financial relief obtained for Complainants is significant, the NEOC ADR program and Conciliation efforts have provided a variety of other benefits to Complainants, such as job training/education, employment opportunities, letters of reference, and removal of adverse material from personnel files – just to name a few. Respondents have also been required to provide EEO training to staff and/or change discriminatory policies/practices when necessary.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.

There are several categories of education and outreach activities stemming from the work of the NEOC in compliance with legislative intention and statutory requirements which state that under the laws it enforces, the NEOC shall also participate in this activity. The NEOC without cost to over 8,500 recipients has made available in-person speakers who provided technical training, written materials which addressed guidelines of best practices for employers and housing industry professionals using current court decisions and federal and state legal instructions, and technical resources via our web site and by telephone contact. The NEOC has also addressed employee and housing consumer issues through voluntary and mandatory participation in seminars and other settings. Through collaborations with other agencies and departments, the NEOC has developed cooperative working relationships to share information with partners in the employment and housing industry to assure the anti-discrimination laws are enforced. The activity of this area has been reduced with the reduction of staff, but the NEOC has countered this by upgrading its web site material to accomplish a similar coverage.

Beginning before 2008 and continuing, the NEOC has partnered with realtors in providing technical training on issues of housing discrimination for which the realtors obtain 3.0 C.E.U. credits through the Nebraska Real Estate Commission. On the average, over 150 persons each year have participated in this training without cost, conducted in the cities of Chadron, Gering, Scottsbluff, Norfolk, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, Columbus, and Grand Island, to name a few, and persons have traveled over 50 miles to attend from Alliance, Gordon, South Sioux City, Bellevue, and Battle Creek. Staff has regularly attended quarterly realtors' meetings to inform the participants of NEOC activities related to housing including common housing issues filed in

complaints. Tenants and prospective tenants have attended training on the Nebraska Landlord and Tenant laws to learn their rights and responsibilities, but housing providers have attended similar sessions geared to their reign. NEOC was asked to make presentations to professional colleagues at regional meetings covering housing issues. In 2009 the Regional Executive Council on Civil Rights organization asked for a presentation on disability discrimination in housing, and in 2011, the Kansas City HUD office requested a technical training on presenting evidence of an investigation.

The NEOC has conducted training pursuant to successful mediations, pre-determination settlement agreements, as part of successful conciliations of cases decided reasonable cause by the NEOC, and for businesses referred to the NEOC for training by EEOC or HUD for cases the NEOC has not investigated. The number of attendees for a session related to mandatory training is generally smaller though some businesses have required entire staff to participate, such as a business in Fremont which required all 700 plus employees to attend. In some instances there may be one or two persons to attend training– but the impact is enormous because persons attending the smaller sessions are decision-makers who establish a policy and practice for a business. Professional organizations and law offices have asked the NEOC to present to its members and clients on topics covering current discrimination issues or more specific topics such as interpretation of the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act.

Educational institutions and settings are highly favored for making presentations, and the high schools, colleges, and universities of the state have requested and received specific topic coverage. These reservoirs of Nebraska's future have benefitted from exposure to topics covering non-discrimination and diversity, preventing workplace harassment, and other work and shelter issues. NEOC may claim it has provided education and resources for current and future businesses and that its presentations include ethical and non-discriminatory practices for future business pioneers. New immigrant communities/persons have been attracted to and afforded holistic orientation to Nebraska culture and resources in seminars coordinated by the NEOC working with other agencies in the communities.

The NEOC web site continues to attract reviewers, and serves to begin a search of material as guidance for pressing technical questions related to popular topics. Perhaps due in part to the persistence of the public to seek information about lawful requirements, and perhaps because the reputation of the NEOC is of a reliable provider of labor law related to discrimination, the NEOC web site reaches over 300 persons each month and is a source of reliable information about discrimination and NEOC activities.

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2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. *Formal Name:*

Nebraska Ethanol Board

2. *Purpose:*

The Nebraska Ethanol Board (NEB) helps to coordinate and promote a grain alcohol fuels industry in the state. The Board administers the Agricultural Alcohol Fuel Tax Fund, with 95% of revenues coming from the industry it promotes.

The NEB's legislated mandate is to establish procedures and processes necessary for the manufacture and marketing of agricultural ethanol and its co-products. In addition, the NEB is directed to establish procedures for entering this fuel and its co-products into the marketplace; to analyze the marketing process and test marketing procedures to assure acceptance in the marketplace; to sponsor research and development of industrial and commercial uses for ethanol and co-products; to promote state and national air quality improvement programs; to influence federal legislation encouraging the use of ethanol; to promote the use of ethanol as a replacement for imported oil; to participate in the development of national legislation; and to promote the use of fuels oxygenated with ethanol.

Other NEB directives:

- Find efficient and less-polluting energy sources and reserves which will make Nebraska less energy dependent, reduce atmospheric carbon monoxide levels and retain Nebraska dollars in the local economy to achieve an economic multiplier effort, thereby generating additional jobs and tax income to the state rather than the export of Nebraska energy dollars;
- Maximize the use of alternative local outlets for Nebraska agricultural products which can be utilized, particularly in times of depressed grain prices;
- Cooperate with private industry to establish ethanol-related production facilities in Nebraska to create demand for agricultural products;
- Provide sponsorship of research and development of industrial and commercial uses for agricultural ethanol in order to enhance economic feasibility and marketing potential of such products and processes.

The Nebraska Ethanol Board continues to strengthen Nebraska's leadership in the ethanol industry through: rural development for Nebraska communities; state and national policy leadership; single source assistance for ethanol developers; site development and assessment; ethanol, distillers grains and environmental research; ethanol fueling infrastructure support; and consumer promotion and education.

3. *How many affectable:*

The economic lives of most Nebraskans are directly or indirectly affected by increased economic activity resulting from the state's rapidly growing ethanol industry. Nebraska currently ranks second among states in ethanol production and is the largest producing state west of the Missouri River. \$5.3 billion has been invested in the state's twenty-four operating plants and others currently in the construction phase. Combined annual payrolls at the plants exceed \$75 million and, collectively, the industry pays nearly \$33 million in local and state taxes. The average plant purchases \$135 million of locally produced goods and services each year. Gross sales by Nebraska plants approached \$5 billion. In the aggregate, these numbers greatly expand the economic base of rural Nebraska as well as the state as a whole.

How many served:

Among those directly served by NEB programs are the state's 55,000 corn producers who, in 2011, received an additional \$3.7 billion in revenues by virtue of increased corn prices resulting, in part, from the ethanol industry's growing demand for corn. In 2011, 730 million bushels of corn were converted into ethanol and related products at Nebraska plants. Nebraska plants have the capacity to produce 2.1 billion gallons annually. That number will grow to 2.4 billion gallons in 2013.

Five thousand Nebraska livestock feeders have access to ethanol's major co-product, high-protein distillers grains, to blend in feed rations and increase feed efficiency and profitability.

Fourteen hundred Nebraskans are directly employed at ethanol plants and 7,500 more are employed in indirect jobs created by the increased economic activity. Twenty-four Nebraska communities with ethanol plants averaged a one-time boost of \$142 million in increased economic activity during the plant construction phase as well as the on-going contributions of direct and indirect employment and increased retail sales.

Nebraska's entire fleet of state-owned vehicles runs on ethanol. Most use the standard 10% blend. More than 1,300 state fleet vehicles are flexible fuel vehicles (FFV), not including FFVs in the University of Nebraska fleet. Flexible fuel vehicles run on unleaded gasoline or any combination of ethanol-blended gasoline up to 85% ethanol.

4. *Year created:*

1971

Year active:

1971

Sunset date:

None

5. *Contact person:*

Todd C. Sneller, Administrator, Nebraska Ethanol Board,
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509,
Phone: 402-471-2941, Fax: 402-471-2470, web: www.ne-ethanol.org
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Authorization

6. *Authorization citation:*

Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 66-1330 to 60-1348

7. *Parent agency:*

Nebraska Ethanol Board

Memberships and Meetings

8. *Number of members:*

7

Who appoints:

Governor

9. *Legislative approval:*

Yes

Qualifications:

Four members shall be actually engaged in farming in this state, one in general farming and one each in the production of corn, wheat and sorghum. One member shall be actively engaged in business in this state. One member shall represent labor interests in this state. One member shall represent Nebraska petroleum marketers in this state. No more than four members of one political party shall serve on the Board at the same time.

10. *Per diem:*

\$25 per day

Expense reimbursement:

Yes

11. *Term length:*

4 years, eligible for reappointment

Terms rotate or expire at once:

Terms rotate

12. *Number of meetings required in*

FY 09-10: 1, shall meet at least annually *Held:* 5

FY 10-11: 1, shall meet at least annually *Held:* 4

FY 11-12: 1, shall meet at least annually *Held:* 4

Operations

13 *Support staff:*

yes, 4 staff members

Shared or separate:

Separate

14: *FY 09-10 budget*

\$782,434

FY 10-11 budget:

\$551,622

FY 11-12 budget:

\$564,185

Board activities, to effectively focus and monitor budgeted resources, are divided into tasks in five general categories: education/promotion, industry assistance program, legislative/regulatory, market development, and research.

15: *Other funding source:*

None for operations.

16: *Spending authority:*

Section 66-1334-48, Nebraska Revised Statutes

Accomplishments

17: *Since July 1, 2008:* the NEB continues to carry on:

To effectively manage resources, the NEB conducts all activities within five broad areas. Promotion/Education, Industry Assistance Program, Market Development, Research, and Legislative/Regulatory Issues.

NEB promotion/education programs are designed to educate and inform Nebraskans and others about the economic, environmental, and national security benefits of the domestic ethanol industry. The goals are to help develop popular acceptance of ethanol fuels and to create a favorable climate in which they can be successfully produced and marketed. Activities include development and distribution of educational print materials, press releases and briefings, editorial responses and maintenance of the agency web site at www.ne-ethanol.org. The Board and staff routinely participate in industry trade shows, fairs, meetings, conferences, etc. and make public presentations and speeches across the state and nation. The NEB also maintains a comprehensive industry data base and houses the nation's most extensive library on the topic of ethanol fuels.

Recent projects include publishing a series of Issue Briefs that provide in-depth examinations of critical industry issues. An "Ethanol Blended Fuels" curriculum was designed and is regularly updated for use in Nebraska schools. Publishing annual editions of the "Ethanol Fact Book" provide a timely compilation of technical summaries and research work from scientific and academic communities assessing the ethanol industry.

The NEB presents a series of public Special Presentations that feature industry experts addressing issues critical to the development of the industry. Recent topics include water usage, environmental impacts of ethanol production, environmental permitting, ethanol pipelines, transportation, biomass feedstock sustainability, co-product utilization and developing production technologies. Finally, the NEB's annual Emerging Issues Forum brings together national experts to address timely and vital industry issues for the benefit of ethanol producers in Nebraska and the region.

The NEB is a one-stop pivot point for ethanol developers. The industry assistance program includes project and plant recruitment; project development assistance; site selection and evaluation; financial packaging assistance; ethanol marketing assistance; regulatory compliance; local government relations; statistical resources; and market and industry trend forecasting.

As ethanol plants have expanded capacity over time and new plants have been attracted to the state there has been a notable increase in demand for employees with specific skills. A shortage of trained plant personnel prompted the NEB to work with Northeast Community College to develop an Ethanol Production Curriculum to meet increased industry staffing needs.

In the legislative/regulatory arena, the NEB influences legislation and regulatory policy in targeted states and in Congress. State and federal policy have had a dramatic impact on the ethanol industry and continue to do so. For decades, the NEB has been a respected voice and diligent advocate for ethanol. The NEB

has historically taken on the task of national ethanol advocacy work in an effort to expand political support for ethanol development and to encourage increased production and use of ethanol. The NEB provides legislative and regulatory testimony; serves as a Nebraska representative on the Governors' Ethanol Coalition and advises the National ASTM Standards Board, as well as serving on boards of several national ethanol organizations.

The NEB also played a key role in the development of the national Renewable Fuel Standard, a federal roadmap for dramatic increases in ethanol production and usage in the U.S.

Market development activities includes production and distribution of multi media advertising programs; point-of-sale materials; dealer promotions; dealer relations; consumer and market surveys; media guides; media appearances; cooperation in national marketing programs; identifying and developing emerging markets; membership in national marketing organizations; conducting statewide auto mechanic seminars; maintaining a national buyer's list; and auto industry interaction on technical and marketing issues. The NEB played a lead role in the development of regional and national branding programs that replace other state product identifications and gives ethanol blended fuels a more homogenous commercial image.

The NEB partners with the University of Nebraska and other institutions to discover ways to further improve the efficiency of ethanol production, assess environmental benefits, measure the value of feeding co-products to livestock and other issues that relate to ethanol production and use. NEB research activities focus on these areas as well as water quality testing programs; development of livestock/ethanol production concepts; USDA new uses grants; and E85 development and station start-ups. On-going projects involve remediation of ethanol spills and the value of co-products in livestock feed rations.

Nebraska is the only state in the union with a government agency devoted solely to the development and support of the ethanol industry. Established in 1971, the Nebraska Ethanol Board has helped Nebraska become a national leader in the production of this homegrown fuel-creating renewable domestic energy for America and helping Nebraska agriculture, rural communities and the state to enjoy economic vitality.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board

Purpose: Provide assistance to the State Fire Marshal in matters pertaining to the performance of his or her duties. When requested to do so by the State Fire Marshal, it shall be the duty of the board to make a study of the specific problems, questions, or appeals presented to the board.

How many affectable: The Appeals Board could affect a single Nebraska citizen or any number of Nebraska citizens when it provides an opinion on an administrative appeal matter.

How many served: Any Nebraska Citizen or group of citizens

Year created: 1971

Year active: Every year

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Regina Shields, Agency Legal Counsel

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-502.01

Parent agency: State Fire Marshal Agency

Number of members: 9

Who appoints: The Governor

Legislative approval: None

Qualifications of members: The Board is comprised of a representative of the fire insurance industry with experience in fire prevention inspections, an architect licensed in this state, a member of a board of education of a public school district, a fire protection engineer, a member of the inspection division of a paid fire department in this state, an active member of a volunteer fire department in this state, two representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services and a representative of the Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes - actual expenses 81-1174 to 81-1177

Term Length: four years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: July 23, 2009

FY 10-11: blank Held: blank

FY 11-12: blank Held: blank

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: no separate budget

FY 10-11 budget: no separate budget

FY 11-12 budget: no separate budget

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Board has met to discuss the internal functions and roles of board members. The members have been contacted on various occasions to start an appeals process but have not needed to have a full meeting as the requesting party

has chosen an alternative method for resolution.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-162.** Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act: (1) Each board shall consist of four members; (2) Each board shall have at least one public member; and (3) If a board has eleven or more members, it shall have at least three public members.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2014; 2 terms expire in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 6
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 5
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: 2.5; Shared or separate: A portion of 2.5 staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$5,252

FY 10-11 budget: \$4,794

FY 11-12 budget: \$4,546

15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- Board finalized revisions to regulations relating to funeral directors and embalmers, funeral establishments and branch establishments; plan to schedule regulation hearing in the next 6 months.
- Developed a Consumer Brochure.
- Recommendations for licensure on 130 applications

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Purpose: The mission of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is the stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park and outdoor recreation resources in the best long-term interests of the people and those resources.

How many affectable: Most Nebraskans and countless Non-Residents

How many served: Over 12 Million park facility visitations per year

Year created: February 24, 1879

Year active: N/A

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: James Douglas, Director

Authorization citation: 37-101 through 37-110

Parent agency: N/A

Number of members: 9

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Members shall be legal residents and citizens of Nebraska and shall be well informed on wildlife conservation and restoration matters under the jurisdiction of the Commission. At least three members shall be actually engaged in agricultural pursuits and not more than five of the members shall be affiliated with the same political party.

Per diem: \$35 per day with a maximum of 45 days per year

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 Years (only 4 years for those with terms expiring on or after January 1, 2012.

Terms rotate or expire at once: All will expire on January 1 beginning in January of 2013

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 6

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 6

Operations

Support staff: None

Shared or separate: Shared, Assisted by Agency Staff

FY 09-10 budget: \$16,242.29

FY 10-11 budget: \$15,011.95

FY 11-12 budget: \$27,927.20

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Empowered to allocate/spend the entire budget

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Several pieces of legislation have been approved; various land acquisitions; and Approved RDR Plan, Focus on the Future Strategic Plan, and an approved Organizational plan as a result of the Administrative Study Committee.

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General Information

Formal Name: Geographic Information Systems Council of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC)

Purpose: The Legislature's stated intent was to create a Geographic Information System Council with statewide responsibilities to take an active role in implementing the Geographic Information System (GIS). The committee would help facilitate acquisition of such technology at all levels of government and make recommendations to the Legislature for program initiatives and funding and the fostering of communications, training, and education. The Nebraska Geographic Information System Council's adopted mission statement is to encourage the appropriate utilization of GIS technology and to assist organizations to make public investments in GIS technology and geospatial data in an effective, efficient, and coordinated manner.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1991

Year active: 1991

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§ 86-570

Parent agency: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Number of members: 27

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: 19 designed by statute (Â§86-570) representing specific sectors (state agencies, local and regional public entities) involved in GIS, and additional 8 representatives designed by NITC Council Charter as per statute.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 5

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 8

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 9

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Office of the CIO

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: A cooperative grant for \$50,000 was provided during 2011-2012 to the GIS Council to conduct a Geospatial Strategic Plan for the State of Nebraska. The funding support comes from the Fifty States Initiative implemented between the Federal Geographic Data C

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The activities and accomplishments of the GIS Council are contained in the biennial progress reports to the Governor and Legislature submitted by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission. The November 15, 2010 Progress Report is posted at: <http://nitc.ne.gov/reports/>. The next report will be posted by November 15, 2012.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Board of Geologists

Purpose: The Board of Geologists administers the Geologists Regulation Act and Rules regulating the practice of geology in the State of Nebraska in order to safeguard life, health, property, and promote public welfare. The Board assures that the qualifications of those who practice geology qualifies them to serve the public, ensures the enforcement of the Nebraska statute through education and enforcement, and provides quality and responsive regulatory services.

How many affectable: Unknown (all of Nebraska)

How many served: Unknown

Year created: 1998

Year active: 1998

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-3501 to 81-3541

Parent agency: N/A

Number of members: Seven

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-3520; Six licensed professional geologists including one education member from the University of Nebraska and one public member.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes - all necessary expenses to perform duties as authorized by the Board

Term Length: 5 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 5

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 4Yes

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared with the Board of Engineers and Architects

FY 09-10 budget: 31,649

FY 10-11 budget: 31,852

FY 11-12 budget: 41,852

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes - all expenses certified by the Board as properly and necessarily incurred in the discharge of duties and incidental to the administration of the Act

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: In the summer of 2008, the Board moved its licensee and application date into a new database and tracking system, making it more efficient for staff to issue license documents and generate reports. In the fall of 2011, the Board began a revision of the agency's retention schedule to bring it into line with the current business practices of the agency. The last revision was in 2005. It was completed and implemented in the spring of 2012. This enable the Board to review and dispose

of records in a timelier manner. In the fall of 2012, the Board will host the annual meeting of the National Association of State Board of Geologists (ASBOG). ASBOG is the national not for profit organization through which Member Boards may act and counsel together to better discharge their responsibilities in administering the practice of geology. It also develops and administers the licensing exams used by most states.

Operations

- 13. Support staff – No Shared or separate – Shared
- 14. FY09-10 Budget - \$0
FY10-11 Budget - \$0
FY11-12 Budget - \$0
- 15. Other funding sources – None
- 16. Spending authority – Expense reimbursements and public notices

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2008: Conducted eight (8) annual inspections of the Residence, identified items for corrective action and reviewed all corrective actions taken; conducted inventory of all of the Residence's contents to ensure all property is properly accounted for and recorded; viewed several Residence deferred repair projects including Landscape Upgrades and Sun Room Furnishings Re-upholstering.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Governor's Technical Advisory Committee on Assessment
Purpose: Review the statewide assessment instruments and advise the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the State Department of Education on the development of statewide assessment instruments and the statewide assessment plans.
How many affectable: 280,000 students in public education
How many served: n/a
Year created: 2008
Year active: 2008
Sunset date: blank

Authorization

Contact person: Roger Breed
Authorization citation: Quality Education Act, Sec. 79-760
Parent agency: Education
Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Governor
Legislative approval: Yes
Qualifications of members: 3 assessment experts, external to Nebraska 1 superintendent within the state 1 teacher within the state
Per diem: none
Expense reimbursement: Travel Costs
Term Length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: all at once
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: not specified Held: 2
FY 10-11: blank Held: 2
FY 11-12: blank Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: 0
Shared or separate: blank
FY 09-10 budget: 7000
FY 10-11 budget: 7000
FY 11-12 budget: 7000
Other funding sources: General Funds
Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Advised on the development, implementation and reporting of state tests in reading, mathematics, science and writing. Advised on the development of a state accountability model.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board

Purpose: The Board is authorized by statute to develop, carry out, and participate in programs of research, education, market development, promotion, and federal legislative affairs on behalf of producers of grain sorghum in Nebraska in an effort to ensure sorghum's profitability for Nebraska producers.

How many affectable: 2200+ sorghum producers

How many served: 2200+ sorghum producers

Year created: 1981

Year active: 1981

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Barbara Kliment, Executive Director

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 2-4001 - 2-4020

Parent agency: N/A

Number of members: 7

Who appoints: 6 by Governor; 1 by the Board

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: a. Citizen of the State of Nebraska; b. at least 21 years of age; c. derive a portion of their income from growing grain sorghum. The Director of Agriculture and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources serve as ex-officio members of the Board, but have no vote in Board matters.

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes - Actual and Necessary

Term Length: Three (3) years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 5

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Executive Director

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$118,386/\$114,470

FY 10-11 budget: \$101,473/\$131,734

FY 11-12 budget: \$94,770/\$97,917

Other funding sources: Passback from national sorghum checkoff

Spending authority: Yes, among marketing, research and education activities.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board continues its mission to carry out programs of market development, research, producer/consumer education, and federal legislative affairs. In July 2008 the Secretary of Agriculture approved the implementation of the United Sorghum Checkoff Program which initiated the national checkoff. As a Qualified State Organization, the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board was granted USDA approval to receive state passback funds to conduct market development, research and educational programs. These funds are maintained and accounted for separately from the

state checkoff funds. **MARKET DEVELOPMENT** The Board maintains its membership in the U.S. Grains Council, the international marketing arm for the grain industry. As a member of the Council, the Board's delegate was active and involved with the Rest of the World A-Team and provided input and guidance into marketing plans in specific regions of the world. Sorghum exports account for 30-50% of the sorghum produced annually. In 2088, the Council, with support from sorghum checkoff funds, hired a sorghum specialist to focus and coordinate sorghum promotion/education efforts in the foreign marketplace. Mexico and Japan remain primary markets for U.S. sorghum. Customers new to sorghum include Viet Nam, Morocco, and Sudan. The Grain Sorghum Board has provided added emphasis in the promotion of sorghum for food uses. Included in this effort are the development and distribution of sorghum recipes and nutritional information. Board staff has participated in milling industry meetings, presented at food nutrition seminars, conducted baking/cooking demonstrations, and developed and published a sorghum cookbook. Sorghum is a gluten-free grain and has become a valuable and increasingly popular dietary choice for individuals who are intolerant of the glutenous protein found in wheat, barley and rye. **RESEARCH** Sorghum research efforts focus on improving the genetics and production efficiency of grain sorghum. In particular, improved traits for yield, cold tolerance, drought resistance, herbicide tolerance, and water-use efficiency are important to producers. Research efforts toward herbicide tolerance is supported at the national level and holds tremendous promise for commercial availability in the near future. Positive preliminary research findings of Board-supported research at UNL relative to the role of sorghum lipids in reducing cholesterol have launched more indepth study in this area at the national level. The Board continues to work with the National Sorghum Producers in securing additional Federal research appropriations for national sorghum research initiatives. **EDUCATION/PROMOTION** Program funds are invested in educational efforts to keep producers informed on their checkoff investment. Producers can take advantage of education activities such as field tours, sorghum profitability seminars, research conferences, and farm shows. Board support is also provided through funding or goods and services to other educational and leadership development programs such as the Nebraska FFA, Nebraska Ag Youth Institute, Nebraska LEAD Program, Women in Ag, Ag in the Classroom, Ag Day promotions and Ag Safety Day Camps. **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES** State program funds invested in federal legialtive issues are provided to the National Sorghum Producers for their work with Congress toward a viable farm bill that contains policy that is good for sorghum producers and the agriculture industry as a whole. Those efforts also include work toward establishing advanced biofuel status for sorghum under the supplemental rule of the Renewable Fuels Standard 2 (RFS2). Because NSP was able to fix crop insurance price elections in the 2008 Farm Bill from 90.6 to 97.7 percent of corn, sorghum producers received an additional 44 cents per bushel of sorghum lost. Nationally, sorghum producers received an additional \$23.9 million in 2011. Other initiatives supported nationally include the D.C. Fly-In, Leadership Training, representation at the annual Commodity Classic, addressing Ag Market Service Price Reporting, passage of the national sorghum checkoff referendum, and programs to incentivide ethanol production utilizing alternative renewable energy sources, such as sorghum.

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. *Formal Name:* Nebraska Grape and Winery Board
2. *Purpose:* The purpose of the board is to further the growth and economic development of the grape-growing and wine-making industry in the state of Nebraska to a maximum level as supported by the favorable soil and climatic conditions existing in Nebraska, and to satisfy the market demand for grapes and wine inside and outside of Nebraska. The end objective is to create an economically viable alternative farm crop and wine industry in Nebraska that will enhance the economic condition of the farm industry and the state of Nebraska.
3. *How many affectable:* All adult Nebraska citizens and out-of-state tourists. In 2008, a winery tourism study indicated 259 jobs; \$16.4 million was the estimated economic impact on Nebraska's economy in 2010. (Source: "Nebraska Wine & Grape Industry Facts." Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers' Association publication.)

How many served: An estimated 110,000 visitors to Nebraska wineries every year (Source: "The 2006 Economic Impact of Nebraska Wineries and Grape Growers." University of Nebraska – Lincoln publication from the Bureau of Business Research.)

4. *Year created:* July 2000
- Year active:* November 17, 2000
- Sunset date:* N/A
5. *Contact person:* Max McFarland, Chairman
2702 N Adams St
Lexington, NE 68850
Phone: (308) 324-5375

Authorization

6. *Authorization citation:* Nebraska Revised Statutes §§53-301 through 53-305.
7. *Parent agency:* None

Memberships and Meetings

8. *Number of members:* Five
- Who appoints:* Governor
9. *Legislative approval:* No.
- Qualifications:* All board members shall be (a) citizens of Nebraska, (b) at least twenty-one years of age, and (c) either engaged in or previously engaged in wine or grape production or research in this state. At least two board members shall be members of the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers' Association. In addition, the Director of Agriculture and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or their designees, shall be ex-officio members of the board but shall have no vote in board matters.
10. *Per diem* No.
- Expense reimbursement:* Yes. All voting board members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses while attending meetings of the board or while engaged in the performance of official responsibilities as determined by the board.
11. *Term length:* Each board member serves for a term of three years, upon completion of which he or she may, at the Governor's discretion, be reappointed.
- Terms rotate or expire at once:* Terms expire at once.
12. *Number of meetings:*
- Required in FY 09-10: 2
- Held: 3 (Oct. 30, 2009; March 4, 2010; March 31, 2010)
- Required in FY 10-11: 2
- Held: 4 (Aug. 20, 2010; Nov. 20, 2010; March 3, 2011; June 2, 2011)
- Required in FY 11-12: 2
- Held: 4 (July 26, 2011; Nov. 30, 2011; April 2, 2012; May 21, 2012)

Operations

13. *Support staff.* Yes
- Shared or separate:* Both. For administrative purposes, the board's Winery and Grape Producers Promotional Fund is located in the Department of Agriculture. The department provides staff assistance to the board. In addition, an individual, hired on a part-time contractual basis by the board, assists the department in fulfilling the clerical responsibilities associated with board activities.
14. *FY 09-10 budget:* See attached (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)
FY 10-11 budget: See attached (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011)
FY 11-12 budget: See attached (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)
15. *Other funding sources:* None.
16. *Spending authority:* Yes. There are three funding sources from which the board collects their funds:
(1) Twenty dollars for every 160 gallons of juice produced or received by a facility is collected by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producers Promotional Fund;
(2) Shipping license fees are collected by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producers Promotional Fund; and
(3) The excise tax of one cent per pound levied upon all grapes sold through commercial channels in Nebraska or delivered in Nebraska is remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund.
- All revenue credited to the fund pursuant to the charge imposed by section 53-304, excise taxes collected pursuant to section 2-5603, shipping license fees pursuant to section 53-123.15, and any funds received as gifts, grants or bequests and credited to the fund shall be used by the department, at the direction of and in cooperation with the board, to develop and maintain programs for the research and advancement of the growing, selling, marketing, and promotion of grapes, fruits, berries, honey and other agricultural products and

their byproducts grown and produced in Nebraska for use in the wine industry.

The board authorizes and approves the Department of Agriculture's expenditure of funds collected pursuant to §53-304.

Accomplishments

Overview of Activities for FY08-09

The Board of Directors met four times this fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2008, and ended June 30, 2009. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraska's grape and wine industry.

Legislation approved on May 30, 2007, amended §§53-123.15 and 53-304 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and repealed the original sections. The act, relating to alcoholic liquor, changed the provisions relating to shippers' license fees and provided an excise tax on grapes. Within the act, terms were defined, powers and duties were assigned, and a penalty was enacted. Until April 30, 2012, shipping license fees were to be collected by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producers' Promotional Fund. Additionally, an excise tax of one cent per pound was levied upon all grapes sold through commercial channels in Nebraska or delivered in Nebraska. Excise taxes are also remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producers' Promotional Fund. The license fees and excise taxes resulted in a substantial increase in board revenue for the second year in a row. The board's revenue increased from \$110,620.08 in 2008 to \$152,437.58. Some of the invoices from projects funded under the previous fiscal year were not submitted until after June 30, 2008. As a result, these payments were made during the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year.

The revenue increase has enabled the board to fund several meaningful projects that have aided in the betterment of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. In March 2008, the board decided to fund four projects for this fiscal year totaling \$96,316. At the November 2008 meeting, the board allocated an additional \$36,000 to fund more projects, most of which were allocated to the University of Nebraska – Lincoln's (UNL) Viticulture Program and the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers' Association (NWGGA).

The board sent out a Nebraska Grape Growers' Survey. Sponsored by the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board, in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) and the NWGGA, the survey was designed to collect aggregate data on the number of grape growers in Nebraska, the number of plants each grower owns, and pounds of grapes harvested in 2008.

The board believed it was imperative to fund additional projects to help further promote and expand Nebraska's burgeoning grape and wine industry. Consequently, the board sent out a news release in December 2008 seeking grant proposals from individual growers, farm wineries, organizations, industry groups or academic institutions or partnerships between producers, industry groups, academics, or other organizations that were designed to assist in the betterment of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. Interested parties wishing to receive funds were to submit detailed proposals to the board. The proposals were to clearly explain how the money was to be used and how it would enhance the competitiveness of the state's grape and wine industry. The board developed a grant proposal process in order to provide all interested parties with an opportunity to access these funds. Grant proposal guidelines and application information was made available to the public in December 2008 and was available on UNL's Viticulture Program web site. Information could also be obtained by contacting NDA or the board chair. Applications were due on or before Friday, January 30, 2009.

A total of 15 contracts totaling \$162,246 were granted funding during this fiscal year. Priority funding was given to marketing and research projects targeted at increasing the sales and production of Nebraska grapes and/or wines.

The board released a second RFP soliciting grant proposals for the next fiscal year, which began July 1, 2009 and ended June 30, 2010. Once again, proposals were aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. Among the proposals submitted, four were approved for funding totaling \$102,458. Once again, priority funding was given to marketing and research projects targeted at increasing the sales and production of Nebraska grapes and/or wines.

Four of the five members were reappointed by the Governor to serve another three year term. One board member decided not to seek reappointment. The Governor appointed a vineyard owner to fill the vacated position.

Overview of Activities for FY09-10

The Board of Directors met three times this fiscal year. The fiscal year began July 1, 2009, and ended June 30, 2010. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraska's grape and wine industry.

The revenue increase has enabled the board to fund several meaningful projects that have aided in the betterment of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. Priority funding was given to marketing and research projects targeted at increasing the sales and production of Nebraska grapes and/or wines. The board released an RFP soliciting grant proposals on November 17, 2009. Proposals were aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. In response to the RFP, eight proposals were submitted, of which the board voted to fund five. By the time the fiscal year ended, the board had decided to fund 21 projects totaling \$206,863.

The board allocated \$5,000 to pay the salary of a part-time clerical assistant to assist with board duties to enhance the accountability and reporting requirements of board-funded projects. The board asked the department to find an individual to fill this position. A University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) student was hired and was under the direction and supervision of the department. This position was vacated in July 2010.

During this fiscal year, the board decided to increase its public profile by developing a web site. An RFP for this project was announced and three bids were received. Nebraska Interactive, LLC was chosen by the board to establish the web site. The web site was completed and presented to the board at the March 31, 2010, meeting. All documents and information pertinent to the board's functions and history can be accessed on the web site at: <http://www.grapeandwineryboard.nebraska.gov>.

At the October 2009 meeting, the board decided to develop a strategic plan that would clearly provide a framework of the board's future goals. At the subsequent board meeting, the strategic plan was presented and approved. Following the development of the board's web site, the strategic plan was posted to the web site for public viewing.

To further promote the Nebraska grape and wine industry, the board commissioned a Wine Quality Assurance Feasibility Study. The board approved a proposal of study from a Colorado enologist. The project was completed by June 30, 2010.

Overview of Activities for FY10-11

The Board of Directors met four times during this fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2010, and ended June 30, 2011. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraska's grape and wine industry.

Legislation approved on May 30, 2007, amended §§53-123.15 and 53-304 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and repealed the original sections. The act, relating to alcoholic liquor, changed the provisions relating to shippers' license fees and provided an excise tax on grapes. Within the act, terms were defined, powers and duties were assigned, and a penalty was enacted. Until April 30, 2012, shipping license fees were to be collected by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producers' Promotional Fund. However, legislation approved on May 18, 2011, amended §53-123.15, which removed the April 30, 2012, sunset date.

The board's revenue for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year totaled \$166,519.37. The board's total available cash amounted to \$205,655.28.

The revenue over the past several years has enabled the board to fund several meaningful projects aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. Once again, priority funding was given to marketing and research projects targeted at increasing the sales and production of Nebraska grapes and/or

wines. A total of 13 projects received funding, which totaled \$143,120;

The board also allocated \$5,000 to pay the salary of a part-time clerical assistant to assist with board duties that enhanced the accountability and reporting requirements of board-funded projects. Another University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) graduate student and was under the direction and supervision of NDA. This individual was primarily responsible for collecting and compiling final reports for board funded projects dating back to 2006. To see a copy of all contracts and their respective final reports, please go to <http://www.grapeandwineryboard.nebraska.gov>. The student vacated this position in May 2011.

In April 2011, the board released an RFP seeking grant proposals from individual growers, farm wineries, organizations, industry groups, or academic institutions that aimed to assist in the betterment of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. Approximately 17 proposals were received, which were voted upon for funding under the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year.

Overview of Activities for FY11-12

The Board of Directors met four times during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2011, and ended June 30, 2012. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. As in previous years, priority funding was given to marketing and research projects targeted at increasing the sales and production of Nebraska grapes and/or wines. The board approved 18 projects totaling \$151,995.99. The board's revenue totaled \$179,692.78; the board's ending cash balanced equaled \$91,838.33. (See below fiscal report)

The board assistant position was vacated in May 2011. In cooperation with NDA, the board decided to change this position to that of a Board Services Contractor. An RFP, which was released in November 2011, provided an overview of the duties, qualifications, background information, scope of work, agreement terms, compensation, application submission instructions, and evaluation and selection criteria associated with this position. Four applicants applied; one of which was selected to fulfill this position on January 31, 2012.

The board released an RFP in April 2012 seeking grant proposals from individual growers, farm wineries, organizations, industry groups, or academic institutions that aimed to assist in the betterment of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. A total of 14 proposals were received, of which 10 were voted upon for funding under the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year.

Promotion of Nebraska's grape and wine industry continues to be a primary goal of the board. The board helps the grape and wine industry in becoming a strong and important part of Nebraska's thriving economy. They stay abreast of recent legislation affecting Nebraska's grape and wine industry, supports NWGGA activities, and works closely with UNL to receive guidance and education based upon industry research.

WINE & GRAPE PRODUCTION PROMOTION BOARD
JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

DESCRIPTION	FY2010-11 BUDGET	JUNE, 2010	FY2010-11 YR-TO-DATE	YTD AS % OF BUDGET
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 73,379	\$ 135,108.88	\$ 73,378.89	
REVENUE:				
Shipper License Fees	\$ 125,000	\$ 3,500.00	133,000.00	
Check-Off Fee	9,696	0.00	9,696.05	
Crushed Grape Fees	16,281	0.00	16,647.64	
Investment Interest	2,000	332.91	2,876.66	
Total Revenue	\$ 152,977	\$ 3,832.91	\$ 162,220.35	106%
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$ 226,356	\$ 138,941.79	\$ 235,599.24	
EXPENDITURES:				
Printing (Annual Report)	\$ 310	\$ 0.00	\$ 310.94	
Room Rental	210	0.00	165.00	
Board Meeting Notices	400	0.00	307.38	
NWGGA Contracts				
NWGGA - Exec. Dir. & Marketing	50,000	14,665.68	44,665.68	
NWGGA - Wine Trail Package	18,000	16,733.93	16,733.93	
NWGGA - Passport Program	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00	
NWGGA - Web Site	7,000	6,130.00	6,130.00	
NWGGA - Grower Field Days	2,500	0.00	2,500.00	
NWGGA - Vine Balance Books	3,750	0.00	3,134.60	
UNL Contracts				
UNL - Extension Grape Cluster	1,900	0.00	1,776.83	
UNL - Viticulture 18-01-188	56,618	10,000.00	56,618.00	
Grape & Winery Conference	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	
UNL - Extension	4,200	0.00	4,200.00	
UNL - Grape Genotypes	3,100	3,100.00	3,100.00	
UNL - Netting & Fertilizer	3,150	3,150.00	3,150.00	
UNL - Scottsbluff Planting	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Contracts (Misc.)				
Mac's Creek - Yr 3 Cold Hardiness	3,940	0.00	3,940.00	
Mac's Creek - Training Workshop	3,700	3,700.00	3,700.00	
NDA Fee Collection	2,500	0.00	1732.04	
Quality Assurance Feasibility Study	10,000	6,349.66	7,157.26	
Grape & Wine Board Web Site	3,000	250.00	250.00	
SENE Wine Trail Assn	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	
HN Wine Trail (dba/Mac's Creek)	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	
WHT Wine Trail Assn	5,000	4,748.87	4,748.87	
SchillingBridge - Cultivar Grafting	1,505	723.00	723.00	
Board Assistant	2,000	254.74	1,009.06	
Board Expense	3,500	0.00	3,410.74	
Total Expenditures	\$ 213,283	\$ 96,805.88	\$ 196,463.33	92%
Adjustment to Fund Balance	0	(3,000.00)	0.00	
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 13,073	\$ 39,135.91	\$ 39,135.91	

*The end cash balance is 100% invested in the short-term investment pool. Percent of Fiscal Year Elapsed: 100%
 FY08-09 Revenue to Date: \$152,437.58 FY08-09 Expenditures to Date: \$169,202.90

**WINE & GRAPE PRODUCTION PROMOTION BOARD
JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011**

DESCRIPTION	FY2010-11 BUDGET	JUNE, 2011	FY2010-11 YR-TO-DATE	YTD AS % OF BUDGET
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 39,136	\$ 127,194.70	\$ 39,135.91	
REVENUE:				
Shipper License Fees	\$ 125,000	\$ 2,500.00	142,000.00	
Check-Off Fee	8,600	0.00	8,746.80	
Crushed Grape Fees	14,600	0.00	13,168.79	
Investment Interest	2,500	325.62	1,867.78	
Other Revenue	\$ 0	0.00	736.00	
Total Revenue	\$ 150,700	\$ 2,825.62	\$ 166,519.37	110%
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$ 189,836	\$ 130,020.32	\$ 205,655.28	
EXPENDITURES:				
Printing (Annual Report)	\$ 500	\$ 0.00	\$ 451.41	
Room Rental	354	0.00	354.00	
Board Meeting Notices	400	0.00	184.29	
NWGGA Contracts				
NWGGA - Exec. Dir. & Marketing	50,000	12,200.00	51,100.00	
NWGGA - Nutrition Project	2,745	0.00	2,745.00	
NWGGA - Website Update	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	
NWGGA - Passport Program (2010)	10,000	2,886.24	2,886.24	
NWGGA - Wine Quality Program Yr 1	12,000	6,000.00	6,000.00	
NWGGA - DMACC Training	4,500	0.00	0.00	
UNL Contracts				
UNL - Viticulture	47,718	23,859.00	47,718.00	
Contracts (Misc.)				
Mac's Creek - Cold Hardiness Study (Yr 4)	6,092	6,092.00	6,020.00	
NDA Fee Collection	2,500	0.00	2,028.28	
SchillingBridge	1,565	1,060.00	1,060.00	
Amateur Wine Club	1060	633.00	1,060.00	
Grape and Winery Board Display Booth	2,000	0.00	0.00	
Wine Quality Feasibility Study (2010)	189	0.00	188.69	
WHT Wine Trail Assn (2010)	251	0.00	251.13	
Board Assistant	5,000	137.78	3,297.62	
Board Expense	3,500	427.52	3,513.84	
Total Expenditures	\$ 155,374	\$ 58,223.54	\$ 133,858.50	86%
Adjustment to Fund Balance	0		0.00	
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 34,462	\$ 71,796.78	\$ 71,796.78	

*The end cash balance is 100% invested in the short-term investment pool.

Percent of Fiscal Year Elapsed: 100%

FY09-10 Revenue to Date: \$162,220.35

FY09-10 Expenditures to Date: \$196,463.33

WINE & GRAPE PRODUCTION PROMOTION BOARD
JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012

DESCRIPTION	FY2011-12 BUDGET	JUNE, 2012	FY2011-12 YR-TO-DATE	YTD AS % OF BUDGET
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 71,797	\$ 168,333.35	\$ 71,796.78	
REVENUE:				
Shipper License Fees	\$ 142,500	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 155,000.00	
Check-Off Fee	7,783	0.00	7,783.22	
Crushed Grape Fees	12,407	0.00	12,406.94	
Investment Interest	1,300	375.60	2,262.25	
Other Revenue	2,240	0.00	2,240.37	
Total Revenue	\$ 166,230	\$ 2,875.60	\$ 179,692.78	108%
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$ 238,027	\$ 171,208.95	\$ 251,489.56	
EXPENDITURES:				
Printing (Annual Report)	\$ 500	\$ 0.00	\$ 367.42	
Room Rental	354	110.00	369.25	
Board Meeting Notices	400	31.91	446.69	
NWGGA Contracts				
NWGGA - Exec. Director	36,000	5,800.00	32,800.00	
NWGGA - Premium Wine Mktng Camp.	6,100	6,100.00	6,100.00	
NWGGA - Wine Expo/Festival	12,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	
NWGGA - Winery Council Wrksp	5,000	918.01	918.01	
NWGGA - Wine Quality Program Yr 1	6,000	0.00	0.00	
NWGGA - DMACC Training	4,500	300.00	300.00	
NWGGA - Strategic Plan Facilitation	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	
NWGGA - Grape Grower Workshop	5,000	0.00	0.00	
NWGGA - 10/11 Passport Program	7,114	0.00	7,113.76	
NWGGA - 2011 Winery Bucks	12,000	4,990.00	4,990.00	
NWGGA - Travel Buddy Magazine	35,000	35,000.00	35,000.00	
NWGGA - Wine Festival Campaign	8,000	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Grape and Winery Board Display Booth	1,022	0.00	1,021.50	
WQA - Phase III	18,000	0.00	0.00	
UNL Contracts				
UNL - Viticulture	38,038	0.00	38,038.00	
Contracts (Misc.)				
Mac's Creek - Cold Hardiness Study (Yr 4)	5,500	5,500.00	5,500.00	
NDA Fee Collection	2,500	0.00	1,978.20	
Mid-Nebraska Wine Trail	5,000	0.00	0.00	
Grape Growers Survey	1,000	0.00	714.72	
Board Assistant	5,000	425.00	1,700.00	
Board Expense	3,500	137.40	2,793.68	
Total Expenditures	\$ 222,528	\$ 78,812.32	\$ 159,651.23	72%
Adjustment to Fund Balance	0	(558.30)	0.00	
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 15,499	\$ 91,838.33	\$ 91,838.33	

*The ending cash balance is 100% invested in the short-term investment pool.

Percent of Fiscal Year Elapsed: 100%

FY10-11 Revenue to Date: \$166,519.37

FY10-11 Expenditures to Date: \$133,858.50

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board
2. Purpose: Oversee the delivery of Department of Labor Workforce Investment Act Funds

3. How many affectable? Youth, Adult and Dislocated Workers
How many served: Approximately 900 since 7-1-2011

4. Year Created: 1988 Year Active: 1998 Sunset Date: none
5. Contact Person: Jason Mauseth

Authorization:

6. Authorization Citation: Department of Labor
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Labor

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 52 Who appoints: Governor for CEOB, CEOB for Board Members.
9. Legislative Approval: No
Qualifications of Members: Business leaders, Mandated Partners, Chief Elected Officials

10. Per diem: Expense Reimbursement: Yes Lodging, Mileage, meals
11. Term length: 3 years Terms rotate or expire at once:
12. Number of meetings required in: FY 09-10 3 annually Held: June, October, February
FY 10-11 3 annually Held: June, October, February
FY 11-12 3 annually Held: June, October, February

Operations

13. Support Staff: Shared or separate:
14. FY 09-10 Budget \$156,857 this include Program and Fiscal year funds
FY 10-11 Budget \$130,628 Includes Program/Fiscal
FY 11-12 Budget \$228,302 Includes program/fiscal
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: Nebraska Department of Labor

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008
Partnership in other grants, i.e., HELP grant, Synergy, National Emergency Grant-OJT's, Library Commission, Game and Parks Youth Hiring initiative, and others.
Grand Island relocated and established as the sole Comprehensive One Stop Career Center
Established Defined Specialist focusing on youth participants
Participant Occupational Skills Training to get participants into meaningful employment.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission
Purpose: To officially recognize Nebraskans who have achieved prominence.
How many affectable: 1.86 million
How many served: 1.86 million
Year created: 1961
Year active: 1961
Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Michael J. Smith, Director
Authorization citation: NRS:72-724
Parent agency: Non applicable
Number of members: Seven
Who appoints: Governor appoints six; seventh is Director, Nebraska State Historical Society
Legislative approval: Not applicable.
Qualifications of members: Knowledge and experience in Nebraska's history. No more than three commissioners from one political party
Per diem: \$0
Expense reimbursement: Expenses reimbursed in accordance with DAS procedures
Term Length: 6 year rotating terms
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms Rotate
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 1 Held: 4
FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0
FY 11-12: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: One
Shared or separate: Shared with Nebraska State Historical Society
FY 09-10 budget: 0
FY 10-11 budget: 0
FY 11-12 budget: 0
Other funding sources: Contributions for design and preparation of busts of the honorees are accepted
Spending authority: Agency budgets

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Selected and installed in the Hall of Fame, Dr. Charles E. Bessey (1845-1915), pioneerig botanist and educator who was associated with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for much of his career. Solilcited and received 12 nominations for the 2010-2014 five year nomination/selection period.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **State Board of Health**
2. Purpose: **71-2601.** (1) The State Board of Health shall promote and protect the health and safety of all people in Nebraska.
71-2610. The State Board of Health shall advise the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding: (1) Rules and regulations for the government of the division; (2) The policies of the division as they relate to support provided to the board; (3) The policies of the division concerning the professions and occupations described in section 71-2610.01; (4) Communication and cooperation among the professional boards; and (5) Plans of organization or reorganization of the division.
71-2610.01. The State Board of Health shall: (1) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the government of the professions and occupations licensed, certified, registered, or issued permits by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, including rules and regulations necessary to implement laws enforced by the division. These professions and occupations are those subject to the Asbestos Control Act, the Radiation Control Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Professions Practice Act, the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, the Uniform Credentialing Act, or the Wholesale Drug Distributor Licensing Act; (2) Serve in an advisory capacity for other rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the division, including those for health care facilities and environmental health services; (3) Carry out its powers and duties under the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act; (4) Appoint and remove for cause members of health-related professional boards as provided in sections 38-158 to 38-167; (5) At the discretion of the board, help mediate issues related to the regulation of health care professions except issues related to the discipline of health care professionals; and (6) Have the authority to participate in the periodic review of the regulation of health care professions. All funds rendered available by law may be used by the board in administering and effecting such purposes.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1953; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Dave Montgomery, Administrator, Office of Research, Policy & Quality Improvement, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **71-2601.** (1) The State Board of Health shall promote and protect the health and safety of all people in Nebraska.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 17; Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes; Qualifications of members: **71-2601.** (2) The board shall consist of seventeen members to be appointed by the Governor with the consent of a majority of the members of the Legislature. Two members shall be licensed to practice medicine and surgery in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice dentistry in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice optometry in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice pharmacy in this state, two members shall be licensed to practice nursing in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery or as an osteopathic physician in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice podiatry in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice chiropractic in this state, one member shall be licensed to practice physical therapy in this state, one member shall be a professional engineer in this state, one member shall be an administrator of a hospital in this state which

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is licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, one member shall be a credentialed mental health professional, and two members shall be public members who at all times are public-spirited citizens of Nebraska interested in the health of the people of the State of Nebraska and not less than twenty-one years of age. If a member fails at any time to meet the qualifications for the position for which he or she was appointed, such member may be removed by the Governor pursuant to section 71-2603. (3) The Governor shall also be an ex officio member of such board but shall be permitted to vote on matters before the board only when necessary to break a tie.

10. Per diem: \$20.00; Expense reimbursement: **71-2605**. The members of the State Board of Health shall receive the sum of twenty dollars per diem, while actually engaged in the business of the board, and shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees.
11. Term length: 5 years – **71-2602**. The Governor shall appoint the members of the State Board of Health. Each member of the board serving on October 1, 2003, shall hold office until August 1 of the calendar year in which his or her term would otherwise expire. Appointments made for the succeeding members shall be for terms of five years. The term of office of each member of the board shall expire on August 1 of the appropriate year. If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a term, the Governor shall appoint a successor with similar qualifications for the remainder of the unexpired term. No member of the board shall serve more than two consecutive, full terms. If the Legislature is not in session when an appointment is made by the Governor, the member shall take office and act as a recess appointee until the Legislature convenes.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 5 terms expire in 2013; 5 terms expire in 2014; 7 terms expire in 2015.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 4; Held: 5

FY 10-11: 4; Held: 5

FY 11-12: 4; Held: 5

71-2607. Board; meetings; notice; open to public. The State Board of Health shall meet at least once each quarter and at such other times as it deems necessary. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson or pursuant to a call signed by five other members of which the chairperson and the other members of the board shall have at least three days' notice. All regular meetings shall be held in suitable offices to be provided in the state office building described in section 81-1108.37 or elsewhere. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act of a majority of the members of the board shall be deemed to be the act of the board. All meetings shall be open to the public. The minutes of the meetings shall show the action of the board on matters presented and shall be open to public inspection.

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this Board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$.131,262
FY 10-11 budget: \$.117,315
FY 11-12 budget: \$102,242
15. Other funding sources: General Funds
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

The State Board of Health has:

- Approved 39 sets of rules and regulations governing health care professionals
- Reviewed 37 sets of rules and regulations governing health care facilities and services or environmental health programs
- Conducted 302 interviews (out of approximately 503 applicants) of applicants seeking appointment to a health care professional board
- Appointed 198 individuals to professional boards
- Hosted, at their own expense, four legislative luncheons to educate senators on the HHS committee about programs and discuss how the Board of Health can support the senators on health related legislation
- Testified before the Legislature, and provided letters of support and technical expertise
- Attended 38 professional board meetings to stay informed on issues important to the specific professions
- Served on several state task forces and committees

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1969; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 6; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-1508** The board shall consist of five professional members and one public member appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165. The professional members shall consist of three licensed hearing instrument specialists, one otolaryngologist, and one audiologist until one licensed hearing instrument specialist vacates his or her office or his or her term expires, whichever occurs first, at which time the professional members of the board shall consist of three licensed hearing instrument specialists, at least one of whom does not hold a license as an audiologist, one otolaryngologist, and one audiologist. At the expiration of the four-year terms of the members serving on December 1, 2008, successors shall be appointed for five-year terms.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed

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on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2013; 1 term expires in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 2
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 4
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 2

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Operations

- 13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
- 14. FY 09-10 budget: \$3,877
 - FY 10-11 budget: \$9,640
 - FY 11-12 budget: \$3,897
- 15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees
- 16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2008:
 - Recommendations for licensure on 82 applications
 - Served as examiners for Hearing Instrument practical examinations
 - Currently developing rules and regulations that implement the Uniform Credentialing Act changes
 - Utilization of paperless board meetings
 - Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

1. Formal Name: State Highway Commission
2. Purpose: To advise the NDOR Director on policies to carry out the department's duties and responsibilities; primarily to secure as public liaison and facilitate public involvement. The Commission also advises the Governor on the selection of the NDOR Director, project approval and relinquishments.
3. How many affectable: _____
4. Year Created: 1953 Year active: 1953 Sunset date: --- N/A
5. Contact Person: Greg A. Weinert, Public Hearings Officer
1500 Hwy. 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759
(402) 479-4871

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 39-1101
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Roads

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of members: 8
 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes
 Qualification of Members:
U.S. Citizen, at least 30 years old and a resident of the district he or she represents for three years before appointment
10. Per diem: \$20/day Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Six years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: _____ Terms rotate _____
12. Number of meetings required in FY-09-10: 10 Held: 10
 FY 10-11: 8 Held: 8
 FY-11-12: 8 Held: 3/5 (to be held)

Operations:

13. Support of staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared
14. FY-09-10 Budget: \$0.00
 FY-10-11 Budget: \$0.00
 FY-11-12 Budget: \$0.00
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2008: On-going policy advising duties

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska State Historical Society

Purpose: The Nebraska State Historical Society board of trustees is responsible for the ultimate governance of the NSHS. The board has legal, fiduciary and ethical responsibility for the organization. The Nebraska State Historical Society is the primary institution with responsibility to collect, preserve, research, and interpret artifacts, documents, and published materials relating to Nebraska's heritage. Collection, preservation, research, and interpretation are interdependent functions and together they define the mission of the Society.

How many affectable: 1.86 Million

How many served: 1.86 Million

Year created: 1878

Year active: 1878

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Michael J. Smith, Director

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes 82-101 to 118

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 15

Who appoints: Governor appoints one from each congressional district

Legislative approval: None

Qualifications of members: blank

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Documented expenses are reimbursed according to DAS accounting procedures

Term Length: Three year terms. Two Three year terms may be served consecutively

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 3

Operations

Support staff: One

Shared or separate: Shared with Nebraska State Historical Society

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: The NSHS Board of Trustees approves biennial budget submittals and approves yearly budget allocations prepared by NSHS staff to fund programs and activities.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: a) \$5M renovation of the NSHS Headquarters building in Lincoln to ensure the preservation of historical materials and meet fire, life/safety, and ADA codes. b) Expansion of electronic media delivery of historical resources through a variety of online applications. c) development and dissemination of two economic impact reports charting the \$100M impact of historic preservation activity in Nebraska and the \$196M impact of heritage tourism in the state. d) Expansion of teacher

training initiatives with proven improvement in student history test scores.

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General Information

Formal Name: The Homeland Security Policy Group.

Purpose: The policy group is charged with assessing strategic alternatives and recommending broad courses of action for the development of a comprehensive homeland security strategy

How many affectable: the entire State of Nebraska has been affected by the Homeland Security strategy and its emergency planning.

How many served: blank

Year created: The policy group was created in 2005 with no sunset date.

Year active: 2005

Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Al Berndt, Assistant Director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, a division of the Nebraska Military Department.

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-830 developed based on guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security.

Parent agency: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-830 authorizes the Director of Homeland Security for Nebraska, or the Lt. Governor to serve as the Chairperson of the policy group. The policy group's state administrative agency is NEMA

Number of members: Current members of the policy group include the directors or their designees from the Department of Agriculture, State Fire Marshal, Health and Human Services, State Patrol, Emergency Management, and Department of Environmental Quality, Governor Policy Re

Who appoints: These positions are appointed by the Governor and do not require legislative approval. There are no term lengths outlined for the positions. Qualifications of members vary depending on the department or the position in which the person sits.

Legislative approval: n/a

Qualifications of members: blank

Per diem: n/a

Expense reimbursement: n/a

Term Length: n/a

Terms rotate or expire at once: n/a

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: Required 0 Held: 2

FY 10-11: Required 0 Held: 2

FY 11-12: Required 0 Held: 2

Operations

Support staff: The policy group is supported through support from NEMA Administration and Preparedness divisions. Funding provided by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is used to support the efforts of the policy group.

Shared or separate: blank

FY 09-10 budget: n/a

FY 10-11 budget: n/a

FY 11-12 budget: n/a

Other funding sources: n/a

Spending authority: n/a

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The policy group meets on a yearly basis to review and suggest projects as it relates to the DHS investment justifications. Total DHS monies for the four year cycle equal over thirty-six million dollars. The group has oversight of state and local programs for emergency management and homeland security. Projects have included the development of a state wide communication system allowing for the use of technology to enhance our current radio communication.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Purpose: To serve as the advisory body on housing and homelessness/near homelessness issues and to make recommendations on the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Shelter Grant Program and Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund to the Governor and the Legislature.

How many affectable: Entire State

How many served: Entire State

Year created: 1994

Year active: 1994

Sunset date: blank

Authorization

Contact person: Sara Tichota, Department of Economic Development

Authorization citation: Executive Order 98-4 and 94-6

Parent agency: Department of Economic Development

Number of members: 15

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: None specified

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 year

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Department of Economic Development

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness is made up of fifteen public and private housing professionals from across Nebraska appointed by the Governor. The Commission was created by state statute and serves as an advisory body to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, DHHS, NIFA and the Nebraska Legislature. The members of the Commission represent a broad cross section of professionals working in all aspects of housing production and homelessness prevention in the State of Nebraska. The goal of the Commission is to give balanced thoughtful recommendations on housing policy to state government officials. In order to do this, the Commission meets four times per year and has three standing committees that advise policymakers and promote public awareness on issues pertaining to

housing. The first standing committee of the Commission is the Continuum of Care Committee, which serves as an advisor to both the NeDHHS and HUD on matters concerning the prevention of homelessness. Over the past four years this committee, and the Commission as a whole, has been extremely active in reviewing and assisting the seven Nebraska regional continuum of care organizations as they focus on implementing Nebraska's plan to address chronic homelessness and coordinating our state plan goals with those of "Opening Doors", the federal plan (2010) to prevent and end homelessness. The Commission assists in promoting this plan throughout the state. The following issues and programs have been brought before the Commission by the Continuum of Care Committee for discussion, review, comment, and implementation: \$ Statewide expansion of the RentWise rental assistance curriculum \$ Statewide homeless service data collection via NMIS (Nebraska Management Information System) \$ The SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) projects in Omaha and Lincoln to promote benefits acquisitions of homeless consumers \$ Best practices for Continuum-level PIT (point in time) counts of regional homeless populations \$ Project Homeless Connect Programs \$ Development of the balance of State Continuums of Care. In addition, the Commission has reviewed and commented on the funding priorities for the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program which administered funds for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) a component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The second standing committee of the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness is the Policies and Issues Committee. Every year, this committee is responsible for recommendations to the Commission on NIFA's Qualified Action Plan, the blue print for allocating \$3.9 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits used to build affordable housing throughout the state. The Policies and Issues Committee is also responsible each year for drafting the Commission's comment on the Nebraska Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan of the Department of Economic Development. The Plan reflects how resources from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF), Nebraska Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund (NHSATF), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, the Housing for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) program, the HOME program, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will be allocated. It is the regulating document for between \$10 and \$20 million in housing expenditures each year. The importance of the Commission's role in drafting, reviewing and recommending changes to the Qualified Action Plan of NIFA and the Annual Action Plan of DED cannot be overstated. The Policies and Issues Committee is also responsible for bringing before the Commission important legislative measures which effect affordable housing and the prevention of homelessness in Nebraska. In the past four years, the Commission has provided valuable testimony and evidence to the legislature on issues concerning the reduction and reallocation of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the method of assessment for real estate taxes on rent restricted housing projects, housing preservation measures, and other legislation impacting housing and homelessness. Last year, the Commission was instrumental in gathering support for a measure that restored \$1,000,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund from money awarded to Nebraska from the Federal Mortgage Crisis Settlement. The third standing committee of the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness is the Education and Awareness Committee. Over the past four years, this committee has helped the Commission spread awareness of Nebraska's housing needs by sponsoring proclamations during National Home Ownership Month and National Hunger and Homelessness Week. This committee helps the Commission compile and distribute educational packets on housing and hunger resources available throughout the state. The packets included research and statistics for housing, poverty, hunger and homelessness from hundreds of resources. The intent of the packet is not only to increase awareness, but also to be used as a tool in writing grants and to network with agencies serving to low moderate income (LMI) families. The packet was added to the NDED website. In conjunction with this the committee has helped the Commission line up statewide public service announcements on radio and television in order to increase awareness of Nebraska's efforts to end homelessness. The Education and Awareness Committee has also engaged the help of the seven largest high schools in Nebraska and the North Platte High School Student Council in an effort to identify families in need of housing assistance. Recently the Education and Awareness Committee worked with DED staff to assist with the implementation of the Analysis of Impediments to the 2011 Fair Housing Choice Plan. Members of the Commission will continue to work with designated agencies on issues related to fair housing testing and education under this plan.

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. **Formal Name:** Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs
2. **Purpose:** The Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs is dedicated to advancing the interests and opportunities of Native Americans in Nebraska, and to the resolution of problems affecting Native Americans and their communities. The Commission brings together representatives from throughout the state, each with a unique understanding of the needs of his or her community and the expertise necessary to meet those needs. It is the state liaison between the four headquarter tribes of the Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago Tribes of Nebraska and helps ensure the sovereignty of both tribal and state governments are recognized and acted upon. The Commission serves off-reservation Indian communities by helping assure they are afforded the right to equitable opportunities in the areas of housing, employment, education, health care, economic development and human/civil rights within Nebraska.
3. **How many affected:** The Commission directly affects the four tribes headquartered in Nebraska and surrounding tribes with service areas in Nebraska including all enrolled and non-enrolled tribal members and any persons who identify as Native American regardless of race. In addition, non-Indian populations frequently contact our agency for information and assistance. Lastly, our agency interacts with numerous governmental and community organizations as well as individuals throughout the country to impact the lives of people in Nebraska. All citizens of Nebraska are affectable.

How many served: Through our agency's various programs including but not limited to repatriation services, veterans programs, our youth leadership program, Chief Standing Bear Breakfast, scholarships and essays, constituent requests, service on various boards, youth basketball camps, grant workshops, cultural festivals, conferences, and partnerships with numerous academic, governmental, and community organizations, our agency services 20,000.

4. **Year created:** 1971 **Year Active:** 1971 **Sunset date:** NA

5. **Contact person:**

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Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, Sections 81-1214 to 81-1219.01
7. **Parent agency:** Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** 14 Commissioners and 3 Ex-Officio Members
Who appoints: Governor
9. **Legislative approval:** NA
Qualifications of Members: Members of the Commission must be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe and reside in Nebraska.
10. **Per diem:** Members of the Commission are entitled to compensation in the current amount specified in R.R.S., 1943, Section 81-1218 for each day spent in the performance of duties; however, the Commission passed a motion to forgo per diems.
Expense reimbursement: The Commission adheres to the expense reimbursement and payment policies set forth in the Nebraska Accounting System Manual. These expenses may be paid by the Commission: business travel, moving expenses, job applicant expenses, and conferences.
11. **Term length:** Four-year term
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. **Number of meetings required in**

FY 09-10: 4	Held: 3
FY 10-11: 4	Held: 3
FY 11-12: 4	Held: 3

Operations

13. **Support staff:** 3 **Shared or separate:** Separate
14. **FY 09-10 budget:** \$190,125
FY 10-11 budget: \$185,250
FY 11-12 budget: \$179,486
15. **Other funding sources:** FY 11-12 Shakopee gift \$10,000
16. **Spending authority:** Yes (see 81-2503)

Accomplishments

17. **Since July 1, 2008:**

Co-Teacher UNL Native Daughters-Oklahoma (2012)

- Co-Teaching the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Journalism and Mass Communications' Native Daughters class, a collection of stories, profiles and multimedia projects about a diverse group of Native American women in Oklahoma.

Sower Award (2012)

- Received the 2012 Sower Award in the Humanities from the Nebraska Humanities Council

Doane Board of Trustees Appointment (2012)

- Appointed to the Doane Board of Trustees.

National Congress of American Indian Mid-Year Conference (2012)

- Served on planning committee for a major national gathering of tribal leaders in Lincoln Nebraska.

Chief Standing Bear Event (2012)

- Successfully completed the Seventh Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast in Omaha, Nebraska. Scholarships of \$2,500 were presented to four Native students and four essay contest winners were announced in front of a record crowd of 730+.

Chief Standing Bear Trail Project (2012)

- Received a planning grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council to establish a Chief Standing Bear Trail from Nebraska through Kansas ending in Oklahoma.

First People of the Plains Exhibit (2012)

- Served as an advisor to development of *First People of the Plains* exhibit at the University of Nebraska State Museum. This modern exhibit explores the enduring traditions of Native American cultures of the Great Plains.

Co-Teacher UNL Native Daughters-Nebraska (2011)

- Co-Taught University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Journalism and Mass Communications' Native Daughters class, a collection of stories, profiles and multimedia projects about a diverse group of Native American women in Nebraska.

Principal Advisor to "Standing Bear's Footsteps" (2011)

- Served as principal advisor to Standing Bear's Footsteps, a documentary that weaves interviews, re-creations and present-day scenes to tell a story about human rights that resonates powerfully in the present.

Ponca Cultural Festival at National Museum of the American Indian (2011)

- Member of planning committee for the development and planning for a major cultural event in Washington D.C. showcasing the history and culture of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. NCIA Executive Director served on a discussion panel at the event.

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Project (2011)

- Established a Sovereign Native Youth Leadership program for 16 Native High School students to participate in a year long program to teach leadership skills, community involvement, personal development and commitment to attending college.

Grant Writing Training (2011)

- In partnership with Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, NCIA conducted a grant writing training for 10 participants in Macy, Nebraska.

Grant Writing Training (2011)

- In partnership with Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, NCIA conducted a grant writing training for 40 participants in Winnebago, Nebraska.

Chief Standing Bear Events (2011, Annual)

- Successfully completed the Sixth Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast at Embassy Suites. Scholarships were once again presented to two Native students in front of a record crowd. A record crowd of almost 600 turned out to hear keynote speaker Joseph Marshall III.

LB 1002 Whiteclay Grant (2011)

- As part of LB 1002, the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs issued two grant awards to three organizations for a total of \$14,900 to address law enforcement, health and economic issues in the Whiteclay, Nebraska area.

Grant Writing Training (2010)

- In partnership with Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, NCIA conducted a grant writing training for 22 participants in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Grant Writing Training (2010)

- As part of LB 1002, the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs in partnership with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, conducted a grant writing workshop in Chadron, Nebraska. Commission staff also met with various area organizations in an effort to find solutions to Whiteclay problems.

Nebraska Tribal Veterans Ceremony (2010)

- The Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs hosted its annual tribal Veterans ceremony on the 14th floor of the Nebraska State Capitol on Wednesday, November 10. This ceremony honored Nebraska's tribal veterans, with special recognition to the contributions of World War II veterans. Representatives of Nebraska's four federally recognized tribes participated at the event which featured keynote speaker Charles "Chuck" Trimble. This event is part of the Indian Commission's observance of Native American Heritage Month and also serves as an opportunity to display the tribal flags of the four Nebraska tribes (Omaha, Santee Sioux, Ponca and Winnebago). These flags are being flown on the 14th floor the entire month of November in recognition of Native American month.

American Indian Heritage Month Read-In / One Book-One Lincoln (2010)

- Coordinated Read-In event with Lincoln Public Libraries at the Ponca Tribal office in Lincoln. Panelists read excerpts from Joe Starita's book "I am a Man" and participated in a panel discussion about the story of Ponca Chief Standing Bear.

OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2010)

- Class Presentation "What Caused the Ponca to Return to Nebraska? What Were the Consequences of That Return?" College of Education and Human Sciences, Tuesday, September 21, 2010, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Pawnee Arts Center (2010)

- Facilitated dialog with Nebraska Art's Council and The Pawnee Arts Center in Dannebrog, Nebraska in order for these two entities to collaborate and work together.

United Way of Lincoln & Lancaster County Board of Directors (2010-Present)

- Board member; work to improve the lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Lincoln and Lancaster County Community.

Nebraska Rural Development Board of Commissioners (2010-Present)

- Commissioner; propose administrative and policy changes that enhance the quality of life and the business environment making Nebraska the premiere state in which to live and to develop business opportunities. Advocate for rural Nebraska by proposing solutions to rural challenges, stimulate rural development innovation and foster information transfer to, from, and within rural Nebraska, focus attention on and increase awareness of the opportunities and needs of rural Nebraskans, strengthen community sustainability and growth in rural Nebraska through increased community-based wealth creation, expanded economic opportunity, and improved quality of life.

Racial Profiling Advisory Committee/LB746 (2010-Present)

- Member; Advise the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in the conduct of his or her duties regarding the review required pursuant to subsection (6) of section 20-504, provide an analysis of the review, and make policy recommendations with respect to racial profiling.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2010)

- ALEC 466 and 866, Diversity and Leadership Class, Diversity Panel, March 10, 2010

Nebraska Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, Social Work Legislative Day (2010)

- "Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)," presentation, Thursday, March 25, 2010

National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) Annual Conference (2010)

- Partnering with Native Communities panel discussion participant

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Training (2010)

- "Working Effectively with American Indians Conference," Thursday, April 15, 2010, Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, Denton, Nebraska

Landmarks in American History and Culture Workshop for Community College Faculty, Central Community College (2010)

- “Characteristics of Indigenous Cultures 1780, Genoa U.S. Indian School Presentations,” National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Tuesday, June 22, 2010 and Tuesday, June 29, 2010, Genoa, Nebraska

Malaika Global Education Ambassador (2010-Present)

- Enhance and facilitate the global education for Nebraska Teachers and Colleges of Education. Solicit additional funding from Malaika Foundation, private sector and government sources. Initiatives are closely coordinated with the Nebraska Department of Education and the Educational Service Units.

Great Plains Art Museum Board of Trustees (2010-Present)

- Member; Provide advice to the Director of the Center for Great Plains Studies, identify potential grants, evaluate programs, support staff and advocate the Museum to the public, review the annual budget and provide advice on budget and staffing, participate in development of an institutional strategic plan, contribute financially, if possible, and actively identify, cultivate, and solicit perspective donors of art and funds. Ensure Museum serves a broad public audience, review and approve policies consistent with Museum’s mission and monitor staff implementation of these policies, and ensure the continuity of Museum’s mission, mandate, and purposes.

Chief Standing Bear Events (2010, Annual)

- Successfully completed the Sixth Annual Chief Standing Bear Commemoration Celebration in the State Capitol Rotunda and the Fifth Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast at Embassy Suites. Scholarships were once again presented to two Native students in front of a record crowd. Co-sponsored performance of “Waaxe’s Law” with the Lied Center and Metro Community College. Sponsored a reception prior to the event honoring descendants of Chief Standing Bear.

Passage of LB 1002 Addressing Whiteclay Situation (2010)

- Worked with Nebraska Legislators to help enact passage of LB1002, a bill to address the situation in Whiteclay, Nebraska. This bill creates funding and a grant writer position to be administered by the NCIA with the purpose of gaining grant funding to develop solutions in the Whiteclay area.

Tribal Leaders Meeting With Senator Johanns (2010)

- Representatives of the Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago tribes as well as a representative of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs met with Nebraska Senator Mike Johanns on April 1. The meeting took place at Johanns' Omaha office on April 4. The purpose of

the meeting was to give the tribes an opportunity to meet with Johanns, who is a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, and share with him the issues that each tribe is facing.

American Indian Heritage Month Read-In at Lincoln Walt Branch Library (2009)

- Coordinated Read-In event at Lincoln's Walt Branch Library where twelve Native readers read from Native American literature as part of American Indian Month. The event was filmed and aired on Lincoln City Channel 5.

Nebraska Tribal Veterans Ceremony (2009)

- A tribal veterans ceremony was held on the 14th floor of the Nebraska State Capitol on Thursday, November 12. The one hour program sponsored by the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs honored Nebraska's tribal veterans and gave special recognition to the contributions of women veterans. Representatives of each of Nebraska's four federally recognized tribes spoke at the event which featured songs, drumming and a Native Honor Guard. Governor Dave Heineman was the featured speaker at the event, and also presented admiralships in the Great Nebraska Navy to three female World War II veterans honored at the ceremony. Following the governor's presentations, representatives of the women's tribes presented each of the veterans with a star quilt in honor of their service.

Native American Leadership Roundtable (2009)

- NCIA Executive Director Judi gaiashkibos and Taylor Keen of Creighton University led an exploratory group on the topic of Native Leadership in Nebraska. Participants at the September 11 roundtable meeting held at Union Pacific headquarters in Omaha came from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, communities and experiences. The roundtable served as a forum for participants to meet on a regular basis to explore ways to strengthen tribal ties and to help find ways to give back to tribal communities. The mission of the leadership group is to build a growing community of proactive Native leaders who are seeking to improve the overall quality of life for Natives within the state of Nebraska. The group will serve Native communities through cultural exchange, professional networking and development, mentorship to youth, group advocacy (including lobbying and litigation if necessary) and service based leadership.

Tribal Leaders Health Care Meeting with Senator Johanns (2009)

- Representatives of the Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago tribes as well as representatives of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs met with Nebraska Senator Mike Johanns, his State Director, Nancy Johner, and his Omaha Director of Constituent Services, Emily Brummund at his Omaha office. The purpose of this meeting was to give tribal representatives an opportunity to focus exclusively on Native healthcare issues.

Chief Standing Bear Events (2009, Annual)

- Successfully completed the Fifth Annual Chief Standing Bear Commemoration Celebration in the State Capitol Rotunda and the Fourth Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast at Embassy Suites. Scholarships were once again presented to four Native students and both events were filled to capacity.

Tribal Leaders Meeting With Senator Johanns (2009)

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Advocacy Agencies Senator's Breakfast (2009)

- Co-hosted a senator's breakfast with the Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Equal Opportunity Commission, Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing and the Mexican American Commission. The meeting informed Nebraska senators about the status of Nebraska's advocacy agencies and the unique tasks and obstacles they face.

Great Platte River Road Archway Event-Return of the Pawnee (2009)

- NCIA consulted with representatives of the Great Platte River Road Archway about development of powwow exhibition in conjunction with events celebrating the return of the Pawnee tribe and its sacred corn to Nebraska.

OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2009)

- Class Presentation "State-Tribal Relations: Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs"
"Nebraska's Native Americans," College of Education and Human Sciences, Thursday, September 17, 2009, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Tribal Educational Encounter Kits (2009)

- Presented Ponca, Santee Sioux and Powwow Plains Tribal Encounter Kits to the Nebraska Institute. Jointly sponsored by the Nebraska State Historical Society, and Nebraska Wesleyan

University, with the assistance of Lincoln Public Schools, Friday, July 24, 2009, Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska

Going Global: A Symposium on Educational Strategies for International Learning (2009)

- Performed introduction of Larry Starr and Vick Scow, “The Nebraska Department of Education and Global Education,” Symposium organized by The Malaika Foundation and the Office of International Education, University of Nebraska, Kearney, Thursday, July 16, 2009, Kearney, Nebraska

John G. Neihardt Foundation 28th Annual Spring Conference, “Neihardt and 21st Century Native Realities (2009)

- Presentation “Tribes, State, Community-A Vital Partnership,” Saturday, April 25, 2009, Bancroft, Nebraska

United States District Court for the District of Nebraska Merit Selection Panel (2009)

- Served on a merit selection panel to select replacement for Magistrate Judge David L. Piester, August 2009, Omaha, NE.

Dreams of Eagles 5th Annual Indian/Native American Education Days (2009)

- Attended ribbon cutting ceremony, “Honoring Native America: Past-Present-Future,” Tuesday, September 15, 2009, Metropolitan Community College – Fort Omaha Campus, Omaha, Nebraska

Mayor’s Committee for International Friendship (2009)

- Addressed delegation of African women leaders, guests of the United States State Department with regard to women leaders and politics, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln Rotary Club #14 (2009)

- “Wannabe Indians in Today’s World” address, Tuesday, December 1, 2009, Lincoln, NE

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee (2009)

- Presented vital information on the “Needs of Native Americans in Nebraska,” Thursday, December 3, 2009, Lincoln, Nebraska

Healthy People 2020 Coalition Committee (2009-2010)

- Member; grant awarded from the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to begin developing the Nebraska Healthy People 2020 Objectives. Ultimately develop a web-based model that would facilitate greater access for those that use the information.

President’s Advisory Council, University of Nebraska (2008-Present)

- Member; Provide advice, serve as ambassador and advocate for the University of Nebraska

American Indian Heritage Month Read-In at Bennett Martin Library (2008)

- Coordinated Read-In event at Bennett Martin Library where nine readers read from Native American literature as part of American Indian Month. The event was filmed and aired on Lincoln City Channel 5.

Nebraska Tribal Veterans Ceremony November 2008

- Hosted a tribal veterans ceremony held at the State Capitol. This was a veterans event held specifically honoring Nebraska’s tribal veterans. Four tribal flags were flown on the 14th floor the entire month of November in recognition of Native American month.

Iowa Commission on Native American Affairs Advisory (2008)

- Consultation with Iowa Governor’s Office in the Formation of the Iowa Commission on Native American Affairs.

Nebraska P-16 Leadership Council (2008-Present)

- Member; promote and advocate for greater student success, preschool through college by collaborating with business, government and education. Work to increase high school graduation, college going, and college graduation rates for all Nebraskans.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Academic Conferences Presentation April 2

2008

- Formally presented a workshop on Nebraska’s State-Tribal Protocols at the Integrating Emerging Practices and Traditions: A Path to the Future conference hosted by Indian Health Services (IHS)

for the Aberdeen Area which includes the Omaha, Winnebago, Santee Sioux and Ponca tribes of Nebraska.

Chief Standing Bear Consultative Forum Group/Children's Book Series

- Advising the University of Nebraska Press and the CSB Consultative Forum comprised of scholars and educators including Roger Welsch, Dr. Natalie Hahn, Dr. Jean Lukesh, Lynne Ireland, and Joe Starita on possible Native American Authors for the first book in the children's Series Chief Standing Bear. I will make recommendations on the overall project such as developing website and companion curriculum.

Appleseed Working Poor Families Project Advisory Board (2008)

- Serve with Senator Lathrop and others on the advisory board to address the challenges facing Nebraska's working poor which includes tribal members throughout Nebraska through a national grant. We are currently working on policy options and will finalize the first draft of the complete report to present to the national partners in September 2008.

TERC Workshop/Partner Regional Tribal Operations Committee 2008 (RTOC)

- Plan and facilitate one or more workshops on emergency response planning for tribes. Expected outcomes will be training, technical assistance, and information for the tribes and their stakeholders in planning and responding to an emergency.

Rockwell Chief Standing Bear Exhibit Sponsor May 2008

- Served as sponsor to the traveling exhibit of paintings created by Janice Rockwell depicting the delegation of Ponca Chiefs at the time of their trip to Washington D.C.

YES Network "Yesterdays" with Joba Chamberlain 2008

- Advised the Yankees Network with their program including research on the Winnebago tribe, speakers, gifts and presentation of an Admiralship on the actual program to Winnebago tribal member Joba Chamberlain.

Governors Interstate Indian Council Annual Conference 2008

- President (2006-2010) of this organization and member of the planning committee for the October conference to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota October 12-16, 2008. The GIIC is made up of state Indian Affairs Offices and Commissions from across the country and has been in existence since 1949.

“Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country” Partnership/UNL Library (2008)

- Planning committee member to identify the speakers for this exhibit which will be unveiled October 17-December 4, 2008 in partnership with the Newberry Library and the American Library Association Public Programs Office Grant to UNL Library.

DHHS/Omaha State Tribal Meeting July 24, 2008 (Regarding 2006 Audit)

- Represented NCIA and facilitated the government to government protocols between DHHS and the Omaha tribe concerning the issues surrounding the outcome of the 2006 Audit and advised on possible alternatives for delivery of funds per a third party.

Nebraska Teachers Institute Partner 2008

- Presented the Tribal Encounter Trunks to 40 elementary teachers who are a part of the Institute for the purpose of receiving their Masters in History Education. The tract we are presenting to is entitled Reading Places. The Institute coordinators were John Carter NSHS/Nebraska Wesleyan.

United States Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for Judge Thalken 2008

- Served with a panel this summer to review the public comments concerning the reappointment of Judge Thalken, met and interviewed Judge Thalken and made final recommendation based on the comments and evidence.

Creighton University Chief Standing Bear Naming Committee 2008

- Represented Creighton University to the Ponca Tribal Council for the purpose of naming and dedicating the Chief Standing Bear Center for Multi-Cultural Education Center and supporting the creation of an endowment for the formal opening Fall 2009.

Nebraska Partners in Prevention 2008

- Advisory member to the NePIP/SICA grants applications for community coalitions per the SAMSHA (SPF-SIG) funds for substance abuse prevention for tribal and other communities throughout Nebraska.

University of Nebraska Press Partnership/Native American Editor Fellowship 2008

- Advising UNL Press, a world leader in publishing native studies titles, on expanding their distinguished publishing program and honoring the large body of work by and about Native Americans by establishing a two year post graduate fellowship for native students.

Voices for Children Advisory Board/Racial and Ethnic Equity for Nebraska's Children Report 2008

- As a member of the Board of Advisors, I will attend 1-2 meetings about the Report and provide input via email on drafts of the Report as they are prepared. I will provide the tribal contacts and information for the report similar to the Kids Count report, focusing on the eight areas of child well-being (child abuse and neglect, early childhood care and education, economic well-being, education, health, juvenile justice, nutrition, out of home care and adoption).

Unlocking the Potential for Success (UPS) Advisory Board/Nebraska Children and Family Foundation 2008

- Providing support to the UPS which is dedicated to helping students of Native American decent and those in Foster Care in grades 10-12 to break down the barriers between them and post-secondary education. UPS exists out of a partnership between Nebraska's Children and Families Foundation and the Nebraska Independent College Foundation.

US Census 2010 Advisory/Denver Regional Census Center Partner 2008

- Assist with the collection of information as an important tool for tribal and federal government decision making. Census data is used to help direct the distribution of \$300 billion dollars annually in federal funding. Accurate census data leads to fairer allocation of funds that are vital to tribal programs to help meet community needs.

Chief Standing Bear Events (2008, Annual)

- Successfully completed the Fourth Annual Chief Standing Bear Commemoration Celebration in the State Capitol Rotunda and the Third Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast at Embassy Suites. Scholarships were once again presented to four Native students and both events were filled to capacity.

Independent Agency Presentation (2008)

- NCIA director Judi M. gaiashkibos was the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of Nebraska's independent agency directors in the lower level of the Governor's residence where she presented on NCIA's mission to advocate, educate, and legislate on behalf of Native people in the state of Nebraska. She also presented on topics ranging from tribal sovereignty to current legislation.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) workshop (2008)

- In partnership with the Nebraska State Historical Society, hosted a workshop with THPO expert Albert Lebeau at the Lincoln Ponca Tribal Office to facilitate a dialog between Nebraska's four headquartered tribes to achieve THPO designation by the federal government in order to apply for federal grants.

Advocacy Agencies Senator's Breakfast (2008)

- Co-hosted a senator's breakfast with the Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Equal Opportunity Commission, Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Mexican American Commission, and the Commission on the Status of Women. The meeting informed Nebraska senators about the status of Nebraska's advocacy agencies and the unique tasks and obstacles they face.

ICWA Meeting (2008)

- In conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, co-sponsored an Indian Child Welfare Act Meeting to provide an opportunity for collaboration between and among tribes, DHHS, NCIA, and Indian Center, Inc.

LB1120/Oglala Sioux Tribe (2008)

- Assisted members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in opposing LB1120, a bill to eliminate an exemption for projects of federally recognized Indian tribes in relation to the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act.

LR234/Omaha Tribe (2008)

- Assisted Omaha Tribe with drafting legislation to fully retrocede criminal jurisdiction on the Omaha Reservation. NCIA assisted with testimony and support for the Omaha Tribe.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Commission of Industrial Relations

Purpose: To insure continuous, uninterrupted public service to the citizens of Nebraska, by assisting public employees and management to resolve disputes in questions of representation, wage determinations, and other labor issues.

How many affectable: Indirectly, all Nebraskans

How many served: Indirectly, all Nebraskans

Year created: 1947

Year active: 1947

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Annette Hord, Clerk/Administrator, P. O. Box 94864, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509
402.471.2935

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 48-803

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Required

Qualifications of members: Must be representative of the public, with experience and knowledge in legal, financial, labor and industrial matters.

Per diem: \$475.00

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 rotate, 2 expire at once

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: None Held: 7

FY 10-11: None Held: 7

FY 11-12: None Held: 12

Operations

Support staff: 3

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$332,955

FY 10-11 budget: \$309,981

FY 11-12 budget: \$281,161

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 48-804.02 and 48-806; LB 374

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Commission has handled 31 representation cases, 68 wage cases, and 53 cases involving other types of labor disputes. Twenty-seven opinions have been published--7 wage disputes, 2 representation disputes, 17 unfair labor practice disputes, and 4 appeals of a Special Master decision under the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act. Seventeen elections have been conducted, resulting in the certification of 18 bargaining unit representatives and the de-certifications of 3 bargaining unit representatives. A web page is maintained to provide information to the public, including a search mechanism to search CIR opinions and CIR appeals from the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Court of Appeals for subscribers to

our CIR Reporter service.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Purpose: The mission of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission is to make the State of Nebraska's information technology infrastructure more accessible and responsive to the needs of its citizens, regardless of location, while making investments in government, education, health care and other services more efficient and cost effective.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1998

Year active: 1998

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§ 86-515

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 9 â€¢ voting; 1 â€¢ nonvoting legislative liaison; 1 â€¢ conditional

Who appoints: Governor, except for the legislative member

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: The commission shall consist of (a) one member representing elementary and secondary education, (b) one member representing postsecondary education, (c) the Governor or his or her designee, (d) one member representing communities, and (e) five members representing the general public who have experience in developing strategic plans and making high-level business decisions. A member of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the commission. The Executive Board shall make the initial appointment of such member after January 5, 2011, and shall appoint a member every two years after the initial appointment. At any time that there is not a member of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council serving on the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the technical panel established pursuant to section 86-521, or any working groups established pursuant to sections 86-512 to 86-524 that establish, coordinate, or prioritize needs for education, the Governor shall appoint to the commission one member who serves on the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years (Legislative member appointed every two years. Any member appointed to represent the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council shall be appointed for a term of one year)

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 2

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Office of the CIO

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: The NITC relies of the Office of the CIO for staff and operational support. Those expenses are reflected in Program 101, which is part of the Office of the CIO's appropriation and budget.

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The NITC submits a biennial progress report to the Governor and Legislature documenting the activities and accomplishments of the Commission. The November 15, 2010 Progress Report is posted at: <http://nitc.ne.gov/reports/>. The next report will be posted by November 15, 2012.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Technical Panel of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Purpose: The technical panel shall review any technology project presented to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission including any recommendations by working groups established under sections 86-512 to 86-524. Upon the conclusion of the review of a technology project or request for additional funding, the technical panel shall provide its analysis to the commission. The technical panel may recommend technical standards and guidelines to be considered for adoption by the commission. (Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§ 86-521)

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1998

Year active: 1998

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§ 86-521

Parent agency: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: One representative from the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission; one representative from the office of Chief Information Officer; one representative from the University of Nebraska Computing Services Network; one member with expertise in assistive technology; one member representing K-12 education.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Indefinite

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 7

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 8

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 8

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Office of the CIO

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The activities and accomplishments of the Technical Panel are contained in the biennial progress reports to the Governor and Legislature submitted by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission. The November 15, 2010 Progress Report is posted at: <http://nitc.ne.gov/reports/>. The next report will be posted by November 15, 2012.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Investment Council

Purpose: The purpose of the Council is to formulate and establish such policies as it may deem necessary and proper which shall govern the methods, practices, and procedures followed by the State Investment Officer for the investment or reinvestment of state funds and funds described in section 83-133 and the purchase, sale, or exchange of securities as provided by the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: 309,021

Year created: 1967

Year active: 1969

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Kathy Dawes

Authorization citation: Â§ 72-1237

Parent agency: Not Applicable

Number of members: 5 Appointed, 2 ex officio

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Prior to July 1, 2005, the appointed members of the council shall have at least ten years of experience in the financial affairs of a public or private organization or have at least five years of experience in the field of investment management or analysis. For members appointed on or after July 1, 2005, the appointed members of the Council shall have at least seven years of experience in the field of investment management or analysis or have at least twelve years of experience in the financial management of a public or private organization. There is a preference for members who are appointed to have experience in investment management or analysis.

Per diem: \$75/day

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 Year

Terms rotate or expire at once: blank

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: blank Held: blank

FY 10-11: blank Held: blank

FY 11-12: blank Held: blank

Operations

Support staff: blank

Shared or separate: blank

FY 09-10 budget: blank

FY 10-11 budget: blank

FY 11-12 budget: blank

Other funding sources: blank

Spending authority: blank

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: blank

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Purpose: The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) is an independent, nonprofit quasi-governmental instrumentality whose purpose is to facilitate the provision of safe, decent and affordable housing, to encourage economic and industrial development throughout the state, and to encourage private investments in "blighted" areas. NIFA accomplishes its mission by issuing tax-exempt bonds to provide low interest rate financing for first time homebuyers, certain agricultural operations, manufacturing facilities, health care facilities, and waste water treatment and safe drinking water facilities. NIFA also stimulates the development of affordable residential rental properties through the allocation of federal low income housing tax credits. To further its reach throughout the state, NIFA provides technical assistance and capacity building to local nonprofit community development entities.

How many affectable: Entire population of Nebraska benefits from the impact of NIFA programs

How many served: Difficult to quantify "see Accomplishments section

Year created: 1983

Year active: 1983

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Timothy R. Kenny, Executive Director

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Â§58-201 to Â§58-272

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 9

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Requirements follow Â§58.226 of our Statute, which states in part: (2) The authority shall be composed of nine members as follows: a. The Director of Agriculture, the Director of Economic Development, and the chair person of the Nebraska Investment Council who shall be ex officio members; and b. Six public members who shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: i. One member shall be experienced in real estate development; ii. One member shall be experienced in industrial mortgage credit; commercial credit, agricultural credit, or housing mortgage credit; iii. One member shall be experienced in banking or investment banking; iv. One member shall be experienced in home building or shall be a licensed real estate broker; v. One member shall be experienced in agricultural production; and vi. One member shall be appointed at large. (3) All members shall be residents of the state. Of the public members, two members shall be appointed from each congressional district. Of the six public members, not more than three shall belong to the same political party. The three ex officio members may each designate a representative to perform their respective duties under the act. It shall not constitute a conflict of interest for members of the authority to serve on any other public board or commission.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 10

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 11

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 10

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$5,476,500

FY 10-11 budget: \$5,480,100

FY 11-12 budget: \$5,680,100

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes; spending authority follows statute

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: NIFA continues to increase the supply of affordable housing in the state of Nebraska by facilitating first-time homeownership for Nebraska families, by allocating federal tax credits to finance the development of safe, decent and affordable rental housing and by providing technical assistance & capacity building for urban and rural communities throughout the state. NIFA also continues to assist beginning farmers & ranchers through the financing of low-interest agricultural loans. NIFA accomplishes its mission without the use of state tax dollars. The financial market turmoil and mortgage crisis that unfolded beginning in late 2008 challenged NIFA's traditional tax-exempt financing structures. Due primarily to its historically conservative approach, NIFA remained largely unaffected by the mortgage crisis, and was able to modify its financing strategies to be relevant in the new capital markets environment. Single Family Program Single Family First-Time Homebuyer Program- Since 2008, NIFA has provided low-interest mortgage financing for over 4,850 low and moderate income Nebraska families to purchase their first home, financed by selling over \$473.1 million in single family mortgage revenue bonds. Homebuyer Assistance (HBA) Program- Down payments and closing costs are viewed as the greatest impediments to homeownership for persons of low and moderate incomes. NIFA's HBA program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers. This enables buyers to purchase their first home with as little as \$1,000 down. With this program, NIFA has provided \$3.7 million of down payment and closing cost assistance to over 1,000 borrowers since 2008. Military Home Program- The Military Home Program was created in March, 2012 to assist active military and qualified veterans purchase a home. The benefit of the program is a reduced interest rate, and qualified veterans need not be first-time homebuyers. Outreach Program A critical component to NIFA's mission is outreach to communities providing ideas, tools and resources to address unique housing and other community needs. Partnering with local, state and federal entities, as well as the private sector, NIFA looks for opportunities to share with communities and their local leadership strategies to work on identified issues. Housing Study Grants- The housing study grant program was created for the purpose of stimulating ideas for comprehensive development plans encompassing housing, community, and economic development opportunities in Nebraska. Each grant awarded requires a 1:1 matching cash contribution. Since its inception, the program has awarded 36 grants totaling \$485,715 with matching funds of \$560,705. Housing Study Grants have been completed in numerous neighborhoods, villages, cities, and counties across the state of Nebraska. Affordable Housing Dealmaker's Marketplace- In 2012 NIFA celebrated its 10th year of hosting the Housing Innovation Marketplace, an annual housing conference aimed at stimulating the formation of affordable housing deals. The 2012 conference was attended by nearly 300 participants from such varied industries as banking, real estate, housing development, non-profit, local government, homebuilding and more. National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program- Since 2009, NIFA has served as an intermediary for the NeighborWorks America National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling program, passing through \$457,920 in federal funds to four HUD-certified Nebraska nonprofit counseling agencies. Rental Development Program Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)- NIFA has supported 63 affordable housing projects since 2008, allocating resources in 24 Nebraska counties to provide 3,138 additional units of affordable housing throughout the state. NIFA helps to fund these projects through the allocation of federal housing tax credits to private developers, who use these tax credits to assist in the financing of new rental housing or the rehabilitation of existing rental housing stock. Typically, 60-70% of a project's required capital may be provided through the utilization of the federal rental housing tax credits. NIFA implemented and administered two programs made possible with the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In connection with the Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP), NIFA dispersed \$11,380,566 of federal funds to assist with the development of 374 affordable units. In connection with the Section 1602 program, NIFA dispersed \$29,099,931 of federal funds to assist with the development of 851 affordable units. Agriculture Programs Beginning Farmer / Rancher Program- NIFA continues to assist in the financing of lower interest rate loans for beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland, breeding stock and machinery. This program is carried out through the private placement of NIFA's tax exempt agricultural revenue bonds with participating lenders throughout the state. Important changes in the recent Federal Farm Bill have raised the maximum loan amount from \$450,000 to \$488,600. Since 2008, this program has assisted 35 first-time farmers, with loans totaling \$9.1 million, helping to ensure the tenure of family farm operations in Nebraska. Governor's Ag Excellence Awards- NIFA sponsors and funds the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards, which honors and financially rewards 4-H Clubs & Future Farmers of America Chapters throughout the state. The \$50,000 annual awards fund, with individual clubs and chapters receiving \$500 - \$2500 awards, is designed to help young people prepare for future careers in agriculture. Economic Development Nebraska Asset Modernization Initiative- In 2011, NIFA launched the Nebraska Asset Modernization Initiative, offering financial incentives to Nebraska-based

manufacturers and agricultural/food product processors for investment in modernizing production assets or expanding production lines. The initiative responds to gaps identified in the 2010 Battelle Study and is intended to stimulate modernization of assets by small companies (2 - 200 employees, less than \$10 million net depreciable assets). NIFA has awarded \$550,767 in Modern Asset Grants (MAG grants) to 42 companies which made modernization investments of \$13.6 million across the state. More information on the NIFA programs highlighted above can be found on NIFA's website www.nifa.org under "Programs".

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Jail Standards Board

Purpose: The Nebraska Jail Standards Board is responsible for the development of minimum standards for the construction, maintenance, and operation of criminal detention facilities; for performing such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the policy of the state regarding criminal detention facilities and juvenile detention facilities; and for developing standards for juvenile detention facilities related to physical plant, care, programs, disciplinary procedures and operations.

How many affectable: 78 adult and juvenile detention facilities

How many served: All counties that house prisoners, 79 facilities, countless staff and inmates

Year created: 1976

Year active: 1980

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Denny Macomber

Authorization citation: 83-4,124

Parent agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Number of members: 11

Who appoints: The Governor appoints 9 members, in addition to the Director of the Department of Corrections and the Fire Marshall.

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications of members: Must submit a Board request to the the Governors Office for consideration for appointment.

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: For travel and meals only

Term Length: Three years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: Lincoln, Kearney, Lincoln, Lincoln

FY 10-11: 4 Held: Lincoln, Kearney, Lincoln, Lincoln

FY 11-12: 4 Held: Lincoln, Kearney, Lincoln, Dakota City

Operations

Support staff: 0

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: \$291,886

FY 10-11 budget: \$286,259

FY 11-12 budget: \$287,524

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Crime Commission

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Jail Standards program is established under Chapter 81, Sections 4,124 - 4,134 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska. An eleven-member Jail Standards Board appointed by the Governor is responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of minimum standards for the maintenance, operation, and construction of criminal detention facilities. Staff responsibilities include (1) annual inspections of each jail facility to monitor compliance with the standards, (2) technical assistance for local jails including facility planning and training, and (3) data collection on the characteristics and flow of

inmates through local jails. Each of the state's 75 operational jail facilities and four juvenile detention facilities receive an annual inspection. The Jail Standards Board has met quarterly to review reports and take action. The Board usually meets in Lincoln, but will hold meetings in other parts of the state when issues arise where a meeting in a specific location is warranted. The goal is to have at least one meeting each year outside of Lincoln. This allows the Board to be more accessible and visible. The primary responsibility of the Jail Standards Division is the implementation and administration of the Jail Standards program. The major activities related to this function during the past four years have included: 1. Inspection and Enforcement. During the past four years, staff has conducted annual inspections of each jail facility to monitor compliance with the Standards. Written reports of such inspections have been prepared and submitted to the Jail Standards Board for review and official action. When a facility has been found out of compliance a Field Representative has been available to meet with local officials following their receipt of the official notice of noncompliance from the Board to consult and provide recommendations regarding corrective action plans. Adult facilities have been inspected for compliance with standards regulating personnel, records and statistics, admission and release of inmates, classification, security and control, library materials, rehabilitative services, mail-visiting-and telephone service, health services, food services, inmates' rights, inmate behavior, discipline and grievance processes, and existing and new facility design and construction. Physical plant standards for existing adult jail facilities have never been approved. Therefore, compliance with current Standards does not necessarily reflect adequate facility conditions unless the facility has been renovated or constructed since 1980, the effective date of the Standards. Facilities built or renovated after 1980 are subject to new construction Standards. The juvenile detention facility standards include physical plant standards for existing facilities and new construction. On March 28, 2012, the Governor signed into effect revisions to chapters 2-4 of the Detention and Holding facility standards and an entire new set of standards for Community and Residential facilities. Revisions to standards continue. 2. Technical Assistance. It has been the desire of the Board to provide assistance, where possible, to assist jails in meeting Standards. In the past four years technical assistance has been provided in the following areas: (a) Facility Planning. The Division has the responsibility for review of plans and specifications in jail facility construction and renovation. The Board must give final approval of projects, based on staff review, prior to the letting of bids. Staff has established ongoing working relationships with architects, consultants, and local officials through the duration of such projects, providing input into needs assessment, preliminary planning, pre-architectural programming and design development. In the past four years, seven detention facilities have been constructed or renovated and three other jurisdictions are currently in the planning or approval stages of new facilities. Twenty-seven other detention facilities have been constructed or renovated since the adoption of the Jail Standards in 1980. With the amount of funds being committed by local government subdivisions to construction of new facilities, it is essential for the Jail Standards Division to be responsive to local officials' needs and assist where possible. Detention facilities are among the most expensive kinds of buildings to construct and are a constant subject of litigation by those who are confined in them. The scarce resources used to fund construction of new detention facilities are most wisely utilized when, through careful planning, they are designed to meet constitutional minimums, be adequately staffed and functionally efficient, and be sufficient in size to meet projected capacities. The review and technical assistance services provided by the Jail Standards Division over the past four years have helped local officials through this planning process. (b) Training. The jail standards staff has provided assistance to the Law Enforcement Training Center in the development of curriculum materials for basic and in-service training for correctional officers. Staff has provided half of the initial training offered at the Training Center. Staff has also provided specialized training to individual facilities based on need. The basic training curriculum for jail officers provided by the Training Center was expanded from 36 to 80 hours in 1994 based upon a job task analysis and assessment of training needs coordinated by the Jail Standards Division. Forty-eight hours of the initial training has been revised and updated since 2008. The Jail Standards Division supplements in-service training at local jails by providing the "Jail Bulletin" that is available on the Crime Commission website. There are more than two hundred "Jail Bulletins" currently available on the website for jail staff use. This training key provides useful information on such issues as jail security, legal issues, mental health issues, emergency procedures, and medical care in correctional facilities. Tests on the subject material are also provided. The Jail Standards Division has developed in-service training materials and presented on 27 occasions at the seven regional initial training schools across the State. The Jail Standards Division maintains and is currently updating the comprehensive training program curriculum for care givers working in juvenile detention facilities in Nebraska. This program is utilized in all juvenile detention facilities in the state, assuring that the facilities that utilize the program are in compliance with Chapter 5 of the Nebraska Juvenile Detention Facility Standards governing training. The program includes eighty hours of curriculum, training skills development for facility trainers, and a training skills certification process for trainers. This program was developed in conjunction with the National Juvenile Detention Association, Center for Research and Professional Development at Michigan State University. The Jail Standards Division has also coordinated an annual (15 years running) jail administrators and managers training conference each April. This two day event provides nationally known speakers presenting on pertinent topics in three tracks and vendors from many of the companies leading the way in developing new jail technology and services. This conference has recently been co-hosted by the Nebraska Jail Administrators and Managers Association. Attendance has been strong with 252 registrants from 55 jails during the 2012 conference. (c) Resource Development. The jail standards staff has continued to assess the needs and concerns of local officials as they relate to the program's goals. In an effort to respond to those needs, the Division has

continued to develop resource documents, prepare reports, respond to information requests, and sponsor workshops as needed. Responding to a need to improve documentation capabilities in local jails, the Division developed and maintains a set of model jail records to assist in establishing complete inmate records systems. Additionally, staff have developed and continued to update a comprehensive model policy and procedure resource manual which is available on computer disk along with an inmate handbook. This manual assists jail administrators in documenting jail activities and provides direction to employees of the local facilities. Staff have also developed and recently updated a Jail Planning and Construction manual designed to assist officials involved in planning new jail facilities. This manual provides details and recommendations on meeting the physical plant requirements of the Standards and presents a concise, systematic approach to the jail planning process which local officials may use as a model.

3. Data Collection. The Division collects information on the characteristics and flow of inmates through local jails. The "Jail Inmate Records and Statistical System (JIRS)", the "Jail Admission Management Information Network (JAMIN)" and the "Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS)" provide an on-going database that is critical to both state master planning and planning at the local facility level. For communities planning construction of new jail facilities, this data is essential in determining appropriate size and design characteristics. These systems have provided the capability to track the detention of juveniles as required under the state's participation in the Juvenile Justice Act, to monitor overcrowding, and to measure the impact on local jails from changes in the criminal code. The Jail Standards Division also provides field and other support services to other divisions of the Crime Commission. These services generally include: (a) Assistance to the Juvenile Division in production of an annual monitoring report for the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice. This includes collection of juvenile detention data and field audits of jail facilities to insure compliance with the separation requirements of the juvenile act. (b) Provide technical assistance and support in juvenile justice reform initiatives. The Jail Standards Division attempts to improve conditions and operations in local jails through implementation of Standards to lessen the potential for successful litigation against local officials. Inmate initiated litigation over the past 40 years has resulted in the evolution of a well-defined body of correctional case law by which jails are bound to abide. Inmates have in the past successfully challenged jail conditions and practices when they fall short of these clearly established minima, and in fact they are still seeing success in their litigation in other states. Nebraska, through this program, has accepted the responsibility to monitor and regulate local jails to insure compliance with Standards written to reflect these constitutional requirements. If the Board fails to adequately carry out this responsibility, the state could be held liable as well.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Judicial Branch Education Advisory Board

Purpose: It is essential to the public that judges and judicial branch employees continue their education in order to maintain and increase their professional competence, to fulfill their obligations under the Nebraska Revised Code of Judicial Conduct, and to ensure the delivery of quality judicial services to the people of the State of Nebraska. The Board oversees compliance with rules that establish minimum requirements for judicial branch education for all Nebraska judges and judicial branch employees.

How many affectable: all court users

How many served: 1600 judges and employees are required to take annual education arranged by JBE

Year created: 2004

Year active: 2005

Sunset date: NA

Authorization

Contact person: Carole.McMahon-Boies Director Judicial Branch Education 402-471-3072 3rd Floor Capitol Law Library Lincoln, NE 68509

Authorization citation: 24-205.01

Parent agency: Nebraska Supreme Court

Number of members: 13

Who appoints: Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court

Legislative approval: NA

Qualifications of members: Each level of trial court has a board member, in addition there is a clerk of the District Court, a Clerk Magistrate, a Court Reporter and probation representatives

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes 51 centers per mile, meals and lodging if needed

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: no

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 3 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: yes

Shared or separate: separate

FY 09-10 budget: blank

FY 10-11 budget: blank

FY 11-12 budget: blank

Other funding sources: we pursue grants and \$1.00 from each court filing fee

Spending authority: yes

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Judicial Branch Education has built a system for education delivery that allows for low cost statewide education. Nebraska is one of the first state court systems to implement MOODLE, a university distance learning management system for the purpose of providing computer based education to the judicial branch statewide. MOODLE is an

open source (free of cost) platform that gives the court the ability to host courses for court employees and judges. The Distance learning system allows JBE to provide all required education to 1600 individuals working in the courts without incurring the cost of travel. By seeking grants Judicial Branch Education has been able to fund live education for judges and staff over the last 2 years. Grants that JBE obtained include: SJI: Elder Abuse Training Grant for Judges and Court Staff, \$26,000; NJC and State Highway Safety: Impaired Driving case Essentials for all Judges \$28,000; Funding to send 5 judges to NJC for various educational opportunities, \$11,000; NJC Assistance in sending new judges to NJC for General Jurisdiction \$15,090; SJI: Faculty Development \$18,000; Nebraska State Patrol Domestic Violence education for County Judges \$15,000; CDC Public Health Grant for Judicial Education \$15,000.00; Web based Domestic Violence Curriculum Development grant \$9,000.00; Co-Occurring disorders education provided at the Fall meeting by way of \$15,000.00 + from Community Corrections/Probation.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Judicial Nominating Commissions
Purpose: There are 33 individual Judicial Nominating Commissions. Commissions consider the qualifications of individuals who apply to be judges.
How many affectable: statewide
How many served: statewide
Year created: 1962
Year active: 1962
Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Janice Walker, State Court Administrator
Authorization citation: section 24-801 to 24-808 Constitution V-21
Parent agency: Supreme Court
Number of members: 9 on each of the 33 commissions
Who appoints: Governor, Bar Association, Supreme Court
Legislative approval: NE Constitution V-21
Qualifications of members: The Governor appoints four nonlawyers, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party, the Nebraska State Bar Association elects four attorneys, same as above. The Chief Justice or a justice of the Supreme Court chairs each commission. Alternate members are available for commission members who may need to resign.
Per diem: 0
Expense reimbursement: necessary expenses only
Term Length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: staggered
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4
FY 10-11: 3 Held: 3
FY 11-12: 16 Held: 16

Operations

Support staff: 1
Shared or separate: shared
FY 09-10 budget: \$7,610
FY 10-11 budget: \$4,060
FY 11-12 budget: \$4,060 (under budgeted)
Other funding sources: blank
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Held 23 hearings, appointed 21 judges (2 rehearings)

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Commission on Judicial Qualifications

Purpose: The Nebraska Commission on Judicial Qualifications reviews complaints submitted by any citizen concerning the ethical conduct of judges in Nebraska.

How many affectable: blank

How many served: blank

Year created: 1967

Year active: blank

Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Janice Walker, P O Box 98910, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402-471-3730

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 24-715

Parent agency: Nebraska Supreme Court

Number of members: 10

Who appoints: blank

Legislative approval: blank

Qualifications of members: Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, there is hereby created a Commission on Judicial Qualifications consisting of: (1) Three judges, including one district court judge, one county court judge, and one judge of any other court inferior to the Supreme Court as now exists or may hereafter be created by law, all of whom shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; (2) three members of the Nebraska State Bar Association who shall have practiced law in this state for at least ten years and who shall be appointed by the Executive Council of the Nebraska State Bar Association; (3) three citizens, none of whom shall be a Justice or judge of the Supreme Court or a judge of any court, active or retired, nor a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and who shall be appointed by the Governor; and (4) the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who shall serve as its chairperson.

Per diem: Members of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications shall serve without compensation but they shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred by them in connection with their duties as members of the commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to

Expense reimbursement: blank

Term Length: The term of office of each member of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications, except the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, shall be four years. The term of the Chief Justice shall be permanent. In the event of a vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by

Terms rotate or expire at once: blank

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 6

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 6

Operations

Support staff: blank

Shared or separate: No separate staff

FY 09-10 budget: \$57,000

FY 10-11 budget: \$100,000

FY 11-12 budget: \$119,000

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: blank

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Annual reports of the Judicial Qualifications Commission can be found online:
<http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov/community/adminreports/jqc-annual-reports.shtml>

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Judicial Resources Commission

Purpose: In the event of the death, retirement, resignation, or removal of a district, county, or separate juvenile judge or the failure of a district, county, or separate juvenile judge to be retained in office or upon the request of a majority of the members of the Judicial Resources Commission, the commission shall, after holding a public hearing, determine whether a judicial vacancy exists in the affected district or any other judicial district or whether a new judgeship or change in number of judicial districts or boundaries is appropriate. If the commission determines a vacancy exists in a district or county court district, the commission may also make a recommendation to the Supreme Court of the site for a primary office location. The public hearing may include videoconferencing, or if the judicial workload statistics compiled pursuant to section 24-1007 indicate a need for a number of judges equal to or greater than the number currently authorized by law, the commission may conduct a hearing by telephone conference. If a telephone conference is used, a recording shall be made of the telephone conference and maintained by the commission for at least one year and the telephone conference shall conform to the requirements of subsection (2) of section 84-1411, and the commission shall only determine whether a judicial vacancy exists in the affected district and make no other determinations.

How many affectable: blank

How many served: blank

Year created: 1992

Year active: blank

Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Janice Walker, P O Box 98910, Lincoln, NE 68509. 402-471-3730

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 24-1201 et. seq.

Parent agency: Nebraska Supreme Court

Number of members: Four judges, including one district court judge, one county court judge, one separate juvenile court judge, and one Justice or judge of the Supreme Court, all of whom shall be appointed by the Supreme Court; (2) one member of the Nebraska State Bar Associ

Who appoints: blank

Legislative approval: None

Qualifications of members: There is hereby created the Judicial Resources Commission consisting of: (1) Four judges, including one district court judge, one county court judge, one separate juvenile court judge, and one Justice or judge of the Supreme Court, all of whom shall be appointed by the Supreme Court; (2) one member of the Nebraska State Bar Association from each of the six judicial districts prescribed in Article V, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska who shall have practiced law in this state for at least ten years and who shall be appointed by the Executive Council of the Nebraska State Bar Association; and (3) one citizen from each of the six judicial districts prescribed in Article V, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska appointed by the Governor and one additional citizen who shall be appointed at large, none of whom shall be (a) a justice or judge of the Supreme Court or a judge of any other court, active or retired, (b) a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, or (c) an immediate family member of any person listed in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subdivision. The Justice or judge of the Supreme Court serving on the commission shall also serve as chairperson of the commission. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The commission shall act by a vote of the majority of its members.

Per diem: none

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term Length: The term of office of each member of the Judicial Resources Commission shall be six years. In the event of a vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original member was appointed, and the individual so appointed shall

Terms rotate or expire at once: blank

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 1

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 5

Operations

Support staff: blank

Shared or separate: No separate staff

FY 09-10 budget: \$3,522

FY 10-11 budget: \$2,625

FY 11-12 budget: \$2,625

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: blank

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Commission has met as required by law. Minutes from hearings are available at:
<http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov/commissions/commissionminutes.shtml>

General Information

- 1. Formal Name: ...Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 2. Purpose: Serves as federal mandated advisory body to Juvenile Grant Administrator, guides juvenile state planning and funding decisions.....
- 3. How many affectable: This group has the potential to affect every Nebraska youth and family: 1.7 million (2000 Census).....
 How many served: Unable to determine number served as state planning and youth and family programs reach statewide
- 4. Year created: 1982 Year active: 1982 Sunset date:.....
- 5. Contact person: Audra Cook, Nebraska Crime Commission.....

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute 43-2411.....
- 7. Parent agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: 15 to 33 members.....
 Who appoints: Governor.....
- 9. Legislative approval: No.....
 Qualifications of members: Positions written into statute—members represent each juvenile justice system point as well as service providers and youth.....
- 10. Per diem: No.....Expense reimbursement: Yes.....
- 11. Term length: 3 Years.....
 Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.....
- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 08-09: 4.....Held: 4.....
 FY 09-10: 4.....Held: 4.....
 FY 10-11: 4.....Held: 4.....

Operations

- 13. Support staff: Yes.....Shared or separate: Shared- Nebraska Crime Commission
- 14. FY 08-09 budget: \$0.....
 FY 09-10 budget: \$0.....
 FY 10-11 budget: \$0.....
- 15. Other funding sources: Yes, \$30,000 yearly from Federal grant funds
- 16. Spending authority: Yes, the Coalition approves all juvenile justice grants that the Nebraska Crime Commission administers for Juvenile Justice programs.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The Nebraska Coalition sub-grants 3 federal grants and two state funding sources yearly to juvenile justice programs and initiatives. The Coalition is continually involved in juvenile justice state planning initiatives. The Coalition oversees continued compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act—Nebraska has remained in compliance for said period of time. The Coalition develops and maintains Nebraska’s juvenile justice statewide 3 year plan.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors

Purpose: To enforce and administer the laws relating to regulation of land surveying through licensing in Nebraska and to ensure the quality of land surveying in Nebraska for the protection of the public.

How many affectable: NA

How many served: NA

Year created: 1957

Year active: 1958

Sunset date: NA

Authorization

Contact person: Steven C. Cobb, Secretary, 555 North Cotner Blvd. LL, Lincoln, NE 68505 (402)471-2566

Authorization citation: 81-8,108 through 81-8,127

Parent agency: NA

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: no

Qualifications of members: 4 registered land surveyors and 1 lay member

Per diem: no

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term Length: 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 5

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 5

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: yes

Shared or separate: State Surveyor's Office

FY 09-10 budget: 29,132

FY 10-11 budget: 28,391

FY 11-12 budget: 28,391

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: Yes, the Board has one program.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Board maintained a roster of 312 active and 16 inactive registrants. The Board administered 137 examinations, issued 91 new registrations or certifications and removed 25 registrants from the active roster. The Board remained an active member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects

Purpose: The Board of Landscape Architects administers the Professional Landscape Architect Act and Rules regulating the practice of landscape architecture in the State of Nebraska in order to safeguard life, health, and property; and to promote public welfare. The Board assures the qualifications of those who practice landscape architecture qualifies them to serve the public, ensures the enforcement of the Nebraska statute through education and enforcement, and provides quality and responsive regulatory services.

How many affectable: Unknown (all of Nebraska)

How many served: Unknown

Year created: 1967

Year active: 1968

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8.183.01 to 81-8,208

Parent agency: N/A

Number of members: 6

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Neb. Rev. State. 81-8,186; Five licensed professional landscape architects and one public member

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes - all necessary expenses to perform duties as authorized by the Board

Term Length: 5 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 5

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 5

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared with the Board of Engineers and Architects

FY 09-10 budget: 22,289

FY 10-11 budget: 21,722

FY 11-12 budget: 32,021

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes - all expenses certified by the Board as properly and necessarily incurred in the discharge of duties and incidental to the administration of the Act

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: In September 2009, the Board developed a Strategic Plan covering goals the Board would like to achieve over the following two-three years. Some of the goals set by the Board were to raise public awareness in the profession of landscape architecture; coordinate efforts between related profession's licensing boards with regards to enforcement of statutes, the practice of each profession, and other issues of common concern; review and introduce revised statutes based on

the CLARB model law and the current practice of the profession; improving public safety; and review the possibility of combining with another licensing board or boards to increase efficiency and lower operating costs. LB1140 was introduced during the 102nd Legislature-Second Session (2012) which revised the Professional Landscape Architects Act by changing the provisions related to licensure and the examinations. It also changed registration terminology to licensure. The bill was approved by the Legislature and Governor and became effective July 19, 2012.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Commission on Latino Americans

Purpose: The Commission on Latino Americans serves as a link between the Nebraska state government and the Hispanic/Latino community. We assist our constituents through advocacy, empowerment, and referrals.

How many affectable: 175,050

How many served: 50,000

Year created: 1972

Year active: 1972

Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: Lazaro A. Spindola, Executive Director; P.O. Box 94965, Lincoln, NE 68509; Phone: 402-471-2791

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-8,262 â€” 81-8,271.01

Parent agency: Commission on Latino Americans

Number of members: 10

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications of members: Must be a good civic citizen/steward with an awareness of local issues, and a strong desire to get involved with issues involving Latino-Americans within the state of Nebraska.

Per diem: \$35/day

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 expire each year

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 5

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Yes, 3

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$215,312.00

FY 10-11 budget: \$195,837.00

FY 11-12 budget: \$175,950.00

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: : Yes. The Latino American Commission allocates funds for the support of leadership conferences conducted within our state by other organizations. These organizations include the Nebraska Department of Education (Latino Leadership Summit), the Heartlan

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Education Worked with the Norfolk City Fire Manager, Scott Cordes, regarding resources for persons affected by the condemnation of trailers at the Maple Cow1 trailer park. Designed and Implemented LACs Media Agenda (2007). The media agenda consisted in five (5) components: electronic media, Radio, TV, Press and Public Relations. Created the 2007 Essay Contest Embracing Diversity for high school students in Nebraska. The winners received savings bonds. 170 participated in the contest. Created (2007) the Latino Outreach Consortium with the objective of bringing together a group of

agencies and organizations to meet a common goal: to improve access to information and services to the Latino community in Nebraska. The participating entities are: Mexican-American Commission, Appleseed, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Insurance, Legal Aid of Nebraska, Attorney General's office (Latino Outreach office) and the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. Coordinated and Hosted the First Annual Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration (2007). Over 300 people attended the event. The event also recognized the work of individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact on the quality of life of Nebraskans. The awards given were: Humanitarian Award, Organization Award, Individual Award, and La Familia Award. Organized the Bi-national Teachers Program in conjunction with the Dept. of Education (2004-2008) Co-sponsored the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference Latino (2008-2011). Over 2400 attendees have come to the Conference. Co-sponsored The Annual Latino Educational Summit (2008-2011). In 2008, over 3900 people have attended the event. Created Diversity TV (2008), a bilingual/weekly TV Show. The show airs on channel 13 in the cities of Crete, Seward, Lincoln and Columbus. Exposed and denounced at a national level (2008), a multi-state fraud committed by a fake Indian Tribe called Kaweah. The tribe sold over 14000 fake tribal citizenship papers to Hispanics. Programmed and Executed Outreach Program in Sioux City, IA/ South Sioux City, NE (2008), Grand Island, Columbus, Schuyler, Omaha, and Wakefield in 2010, Grand Island, Hastings, North Platte, Lexington, Kearney, Scottsbluff, Chadron and O'Neill in 2011. Outreach Meeting with new Mexican Consul Jorge Espejel (Event was covered and broadcast by TUVISION-Channel 57) (2008) Partnership (2008) with Education Qwest (Knowhow2go Latino campaign), KnowHow2GO is a national college access campaign that encourages and prepares low-income 8th through 10th graders to actively pursue higher education The Commission coordinated efforts and provided technical assistance to Neighbor Works and its Lincoln Mural project. Thus far, two murals have been completed through this project. One of them was a mural with a Central and South American-Latino theme. The mural is located on 13th & E Street in Lincoln. The Commission provided technical assistance to a group of talented Nebraska filmmakers filming a documentary titled Madison County. Madison County will be filmed on location in the neighboring towns of Norfolk and Madison, Nebraska, where a large Latino community has settled since the 1980s. A release date for this film has not been announced. The Commission organized and led a meeting with newly appointed Mexican Consul Jorge Espejel. Mr. Espejel made a presentation to the Latino Outreach consortium on the mission and current projects of the Mexican Consulate. Over 20 people attended this very informative meeting. Since then, the Commission has met with Consul Espejel or Consulate staff total of 17 times during the 2008-2011 period to determine and address educational, social, and healthcare needs of Mexican Americans living in Nebraska. The Commission has been co-sponsoring and participating in El Dia de los Muertos Celebration at the Sheldon Museum. This two-day event draws an average of 2000 people per year. The purpose of the event is to share and embrace the artistic and cultural values of this ancient tradition. Since the 2008 election, the Commission has organized and hosted a total of 27 voter registration and voter education drives in Omaha, Grand Island, Lincoln, Schuyler, Columbus, and Lexington. A recent voter education tour took the Commission through Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, Kearney, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Chadron, and O'Neill. Over 2000 individuals received voting information and were encouraged to participate in the voting process There have been a total of three radio interviews per year in on Radio La Luz-1420 AM, and Connección con la Comunidad on Radio Lobo 97.7 FM (Omaha). The interviews are intended to enhance public understanding of LAC's mission and its programs, and about LAC's past and current legislative initiatives. With the technical assistance of Radio Lobo's Lenin Parra, the Commission developed a Public Service Announcement (PSA) intended to encourage Latinos to register to vote. The PSA was played effectively on Radio Lobo for several weeks. The Commission has given presentations to NAF (Multicultural Human Development Corp.) Senior Centers, Rotary Clubs, Optimist Clubs, and State Fair participants, on the mission and purpose of the Mexican-American Commission. The presentations have been made before staff members and general public for a total of 2100 individuals of this prestigious organization. Over 30 staff members participated in the session. The Commission has attended Governor's P-16 committee meetings since 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to update all partners and committee members on the P-16 latest progress. LAC staff members and Commissioners have attended the MLK Breakfast and participated in the MLK Capitol celebrations during the last four years. Helped mentor in the Latina Women's Conference at Bellevue University. Partnered with the College of Saint Mary in their Latina Summer Institute. The Commission met with the Director of the Nebraska Safety Council to discussed proposed driver safety taught in Spanish. A similar meeting has been conducted with the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission to produce a hunter education program in Spanish and recruit Spanish speaking instructors. Between 2008-2011, promoted and cosponsored eight Latino Leadership Conferences; two each at Scottsbluff and Grand Island, and two in Omaha. The Scottsbluff and Grand Island Leadership Conferences, the Latino Leadership Summit, and the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference have had a combined attendance of almost 6,000 Latino students who became familiar with higher education opportunities, funding and mentoring resources. Scholarships were given to a record number of high achieving students in order to facilitate their pathway to College. LAC participated in the planning and presentation of Teachers from Mexico Program and Co-sponsored together with the Department of Education Migrant Education Program. Organized the Bi-national teacher's project in conjunction with the Department of Education (2004-2010). During the past four years, 43 teachers have participated in this program. Cosponsored the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference (2004-2010) LAC serves as Advisory Committee with the Department of Education and Co-sponsor the Hispanic Education Summit. Over 3400 participants attended this summit during the last four years. Healthcare Collaborated with the Nebraska Health and

Human Services in outreach activities educating the public about the dangers of the H1N1 virus. Three outreach events. Over 200 people contacted. Collaborated with the Nebraska Health and Human Services Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity in outreach activities conducted to investigate reasons associated with low infant mortality rates. Three outreach events. Over four hundred individuals contacted. Chaired the meetings of the Minority Health Advisory Council for the past four years. This council advises health and Human Services and state government staff on issues affecting racial and ethnic minorities in Nebraska. Provided translation services to three District Health Departments in Nebraska for a total of 52 hours of translation services at no cost. Economic Development Partnered with Nebraska's Business Development Corporation in order to disseminate information about services to constituents. Partnered with Nebraska Rural Development Commission in order to disseminate information about services to constituents. Internal Efficiency

The Latino American Commission web Page was redesigned and is located at www.latinoac.nebraska.gov. Include LAC's strategic plan in the website. In order to save costs, LAC Newsletters are electronic, designed in-house, posted on the web site, and emailed to our constituents. Designed and implemented LAC's media agenda with five components: electronic media, radio, TV, Press, and Public Relations. Inter-Government Relations Worked with Crime Commission gathering information regarding racial profiling problems, and the need to further analyze the data gathered through the years. Worked with community groups and organizations to promote the passing of LB266. Testified (2007) on the following legal proposals: LB239,326,267,205,266. Worked (2008) with community groups and organizations to oppose the passing of the following proposals: LB693, 871, 1124, LR224 and LR233CA. Participated in the Pro-Immigration Coalition led by Sen. Dianna Schimek (Participation of NCLR)(2008) Represented the State of Nebraska at the Annual meeting for State Commissions on Hispanic Affairs celebrated in Chicago, IL. Also represented Nebraska in the 2010 United States leadership Institute Conference, the 2010 NCLR Midwest Affiliate Conference, and the 2011 NCLR Conference. Present during opening session of the Legislature, Governor's state of state address, and closing session ceremonies during 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. During the Legislative session LAC staff monitored legislative bills to determine impact on the Latino community. Formal discussions were held with Senators Avery, Aguilar, Schimek, Wallman, White, McDonald, McGill, Ashford, Karpisek, Engel, Hansen, Fulton, Chambers, Petersen, Howard, Friend, Flood, Kruse, Dierks, Dubas, Laughtenbaugh, Loudon, Nantkes, Wightman, Campbell, Schumacher, Mello, Nordquist, Council, Giese and/or staff. LAC took the research on mobile home inspections to Senator Engle who introduced LB1124. We worked with his staff and other agencies including, HHSS, PSC, NEOC, DMV, City of Lincoln, Realtors Assn, and Sam Franco, community. The bill was heard in the Health and Human Services committee of the Legislature. Bill was not advanced out of committee. Many bills where LAC testified were not advanced from committee including LB871(LAC name change), LB1124 (mobile home inspections), and LB 48. LAC along with the NEOC, Commission on Indian Affairs, Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Commission on the Status of Women all cosponsored an informational breakfast for senators. Each agency presented and outline of mission and activities. Another breakfast sponsored by LAC took place on 2010. Attended the USHLI conference in Chicago in February. Meetings during the first two days were directed specifically for directors from state commissions/ councils/ advisory offices. One objective of the meetings was to formulate a Memorandum of Collaboration between the USHLI and the state groups. Nine states participated in discussions about the 2010 Census, Immigration, Voter Registration, 2008 Elections, and Leadership Development. Proclamation signing recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 October 15. Coordinated and Hosted the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations between 2008-2011 an with an average attendance of 200 individuals per year. The event recognizes individuals and organizations that have had a significant impact on the quality of life of Latinos in Nebraska. The awards given are: Humanitarian award; Organization award; Individuals award; and La Familia award. Organized the Latino leaders Reception given by Governor Dave Heinemann in his residence to the Mexican Consul and 25 Latino citizens representing a broad aspect of Nebraska's life on September 2010. Translated documents for the Nebraska Ombudsman Office, Senators, the Nebraska Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the State Accounting Office and The Office of the Secretary of State for a total of over 100 hours of interpreting and translating work at no cost to State Agencies. Serves as member of sub committees making recommendations dealing with jury selection, interpreters, training, and probation with the Minority and Justice Implementation Committee. Created the Latino Outreach Consortium, a multi agency effort to improve access and services to the Latino community in Nebraska. The Consortium meets on a monthly basis to evaluate outreach efforts and discuss new priorities as they arise. Participated in the Immigration Coalition led by ex-senator Dianne Schimek and Shirley Mora James. The coalition meets monthly to develop strategies to bolster immigration reform at the federal level. Partnered with the Census Bureau and obtained an award for collaboration in the 2010 Census process. Exposed to the Attorney General's Office, a Phone Calling Card fraud denounced by one of our constituents. Programmed and executed outreach programs during 2010, in Columbus, Schuyler, Fremont, Lincoln, Omaha, Grand Island, and Wakefield. The Latino American Commission co sponsors and supports a variety of community events throughout the year. Examples are: MASA (Mexican American Student Association) UNL Campus annual Student Recognition and Awards Program. Central Community College Diversity Program. Letters of Support NE Attorney General grant application for consumer protection brochures in Spanish Banking Opportunities within the Hispanic Community Conference, Omaha NE Folk life Network Project grant application. Equity in Nebraska Immigration Law Clinic grant application. Legal Aid of Nebraska for a grant to assist Elderly Hispanics/Latinos resolve

legal problems § Dr. Lourdes Gouveia for the University of NE Chancellor's Strategic Planning Awards § Folk and Traditional Arts Infrastructure Initiative Panel for the NE Art's application for the Nebraska Folk life Network and its educational activities § Work with Senator Schimek regarding LB239 § Indian Affairs Commission 2010 Healthy Communities Grant Application. Additional information: LAC is currently an active member of the following committees: Nebraskans United Independent agency meeting P-16 Leadership Council Meeting Minority Justice Committee Access to Justice Subcommittee Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration Binational Teacher's Exchange Program Latino Educational Summit Latino Outreach Consortium D'Áa de los Muertos World Day on the Mall FilmProject Madison County USHLI/ State Commissions on Hispanic Affairs Standing Bear Celebration **The National Restaurant Association & Nebraska Restaurant Association

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
2. Purpose: This eighteen member commission (1) coordinates activities relating to the administration of criminal justice among state and local government agencies, (2) plans improvements in the administration of criminal justice, and (3) accepts federal state grants for carrying out any of its functions.
3. How many affectable: N/A
How many served: N/A
4. Year created: 1969 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Michael E. Behm, Executive Director
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
PO Box 94946
Lincoln, NE 68509-4946
(402) 471-2195

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-1415 to 81-1429.01
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (e.g. Crime Commission)

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 18
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Required. Membership requirements are listed in 81-1417. Members include the governor, the Attorney General, two police chiefs, the Director of Correctional Services, the Superintendent of the State patrol, a county sheriff, a county attorney, a county commissioner, a mayor, a person involved with the control or prevention of juvenile delinquency, the chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council, and six members from the public at large.
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 6 Years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required: None
FY 08-09: Held: 4
FY 09-10: Held: 4
FY 10-11: Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared
14. FY 08-09 budget: \$0 .
FY 09-10 budget: \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. The Commission makes funding decisions on millions of dollars of state and federal grants that are sub-granted to local, state, and non-profit agencies. It also provides advice and oversight for the Executive Director and the law Enforcement Training Center, and hears appeals from law enforcement officers who have been decertified by the Police Standards Advisory Council.

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General Information

Formal Name: Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board.

Purpose: To provide educational loan forgiveness to lawyers employed in the area of non-profit public legal service.

How many affectable: 0, as no donations to the fund have been received.

How many served: 0, as no donations to the fund have been received.

Year created: 2008.

Year active: 2008.

Sunset date: N/A.

Authorization

Contact person: James R. Mowbray, Chief Counsel; Rita Wesely, Admin Asst/Fiscal Officer, 140 North 8th Street, Suite 270, P. O. Box 98932, Lincoln, Nebr., 68509-8932; (402) 471-8088.

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§Â§ 7-201-209.

Parent agency: Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy.

Number of members: 7.

Who appoints: The board consists of the director of Legal Aid of Nebraska, the deans of Creighton School of Law and the University of Nebraska College of Law, a student from each law school selected by the dean of the law school, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Asso

Legislative approval: N/A.

Qualifications of members: The only qualifications of board members are that they be the director of Legal Aid of Nebraska, the deans of Creighton School of Law and the University of Nebraska College of Law, a student from each law school selected by the dean of the law school, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association selected by the president of the association, and the chief counsel of the Commission on Public Advocacy.

Per diem: No.

Expense reimbursement: Yes, if they choose. to.

Term Length: N/A.

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: N/A. Held: 0.

FY 10-11: N/A. Held: 0.

FY 11-12: N/A. Held: 0.

Operations

Support staff: Yes.

Shared or separate: Separate.

FY 09-10 budget: Since no donations have been received, no budget has been designated from the operations fund of the Commission.

FY 10-11 budget: Since no donations have been received, no budget has been designated from the operations fund of the Commission.

FY 11-12 budget: Since no donations have been received, no budget has been designated from the operations fund of the Commission.

Other funding sources: None.

Spending authority: Yes, the Commission approves all allocation of spending for Commission operations and will do so under the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Fund should donations be received.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Board has met twice and has drafted and approved guidelines to follow for the application and reimbursement process of loan amounts, should any donations to the fund be received. The overseeing Commission has approved the guidelines as well. No further activities have taken place since no donations have been received.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Library Commission

Purpose: Statewide promotion, development and coordination of library services.

How many affectable: 1,842,641

How many served: not available

Year created: 1901

Year active: 1901

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Rod Wagner, Director, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, (402-471-4001)

Authorization citation: Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Article 4, Chapter 51

Parent agency: Nebraska Library Commission

Number of members: 6

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Nebraska resident

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Three years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 6 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 6 Held: 6

FY 11-12: 6 Held: 6

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$115,000

FY 10-11 budget: \$120,000

FY 11-12 budget: \$120,000

Other funding sources: Yes, \$25,000 from the federal Library Services and Technology Act

Spending authority: Yes, the Commission approves allocation of funds for two agency programs: library operations and state aid to libraries

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Library Commission's accomplishments include successful administration of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grants for public library technology; securing a federal Broadband Technology Opportunities Program three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce; award and administration of grants (state aid to public libraries, regional library systems, interlibrary loan compensation, library improvement, youth services for excellence, training); award and administration of library science education scholarships and library internships; coordination of Nebraska public library e-book lending program (OverDrive Libraries Consortium); support for Nebraska Center for the Book programs; transaction of interlibrary loans for Nebraska libraries; provision of access to Nebraska State Government publications through the

Publications Clearinghouse; answering reference and information requests via phone, e-mail, chat, and on-site assistance; providing information and consultation regarding public library laws, planning/management, operations, programming, policies, facilities, and technology; providing licensed online databases (NebraskAccess) for statewide use (libraries, schools, colleges/universities, homes and businesses); continued development of the Nebraska Memories website; providing Talking Book and Braille Services to service eligible Nebraskans including successful transition to new digital talking book players; implementation of a new website hosting service for public libraries.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Purpose: Our mission of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission is to regulate and control the alcoholic beverage industry and beverages within and into the State of Nebraska in an efficient, effective manner in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare. Our principles include that the Nebraska Liquor Control Act shall be liberally construed to the end that the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Nebraska are protected and temperance in the consumption of alcoholic liquor is fostered and promoted by sound and careful control and regulation of the manufacturer, sale and distribution of alcoholic liquor.

How many affectable: Entire population and visitors to the State of Nebraska

How many served: 53000 approx licensees

Year created: 1935

Year active: 1936

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Hobert B. Rupe, Executive Director

Authorization citation: Neb Rev Stat Â§53

Parent agency: N/A

Number of members: 3 Commissioners

Who appoints: Govenor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Â§53-105 ...no more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party, and no two shall be citizens of the same congressional district.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes, Actual expenses

Term Length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotating

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 12 Held: 12

FY 10-11: 12 Held: 12

FY 11-12: 12 Held: 12

Operations

Support staff: 12

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: 875,866 General Fund; 58,411 Cash Fund

FY 10-11 budget: 929,595 General Fund; 39,447 Cash Fund

FY 11-12 budget: 957,770 General Fund; 70,719 Cash Fund

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: General Funds; Cash Fund Â§53-117.06

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Implemented Training Certification. Enhanced online renewal option by offering local payment. Worked closely with the Unicameral to update the provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. July 2008 Spirit & wine report made available to submit online. Beer territory agreement available online. Electronic submission of reports to other agencies on new

applications. Implemented scanning of all documents received in our agency. Updated website to better communicate with the public. Updated retention schedule. Created new license options; cigar bar, entertainment district and micro distilleries.

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General Information

Formal Name: Livestock Auction Market Board

Purpose: The Livestock Auction Market Board administers the Nebraska Livestock Auction Market Act by recommending the issuance, suspension, and revocation of market licenses.

How many affectable: Roughly 23,000 farms with livestock

How many served: 45 livestock auction markets

Year created: 1963

Year active: blank

Sunset date: blank

Authorization

Contact person: Dennis A. Hughes, DVM, State Veterinarian

Authorization citation: Statutory Reference 54-1160

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Number of members: 3

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: 1 - Director of Agriculture 1 - State Veterinarian 1 - Market Operator (appointed by Governor)

Per diem: \$50 per day

Expense reimbursement: For expenses only

Term Length: Market Operator - 4 year term

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Parent agency

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: \$0

Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: No meetings since July 1, 2008

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Massage Therapy**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1955; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-162.** Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act: (1) Each board shall consist of four members; (2) Each board shall have at least one public member; and (3) If a board has eleven or more members, it shall have at least three public members.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2013; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 5
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 6
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 8

Operations

13. Support staff: 2; Shared or separate: A portion of 2 staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$12,976
FY 10-11 budget: \$6,495
FY 11-12 budget: \$15,085
15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- Offered on-line option for renewing licenses
- Promulgated and adopted regulations relating to massage therapists, establishments and schools, effective May 11, 2010 which implemented provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA); Laws 2007, LB 247, and made other revisions, including:
 - Expand the definition of licensure examination, to include the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB), National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM) or Advanced Certification Examination (ACE) developed by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB); AND The Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) developed by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB); or Other equivalent examinations as approved by the board.
 - Sets out the requirements for applications by reciprocity, including requiring the applicant to successfully pass the licensure examination and board developed jurisprudence examination; and allow training through a massage therapy program, a college/university, work experience, and/or continuing education for applicants who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have not completed 1,000 hours of training in massage therapy.
 - Revised the definition of massage therapy establishment as any duly licensed place in which a massage therapist practices his/her profession of massage therapy. This does not include:
 - a. On-site massage performed at the location of the client;
 - b. Stand-alone devices, such as chairs, which are operated by the customer; or
 - c. Establishments located within the confines of a hospital, nursing home, or other similar establishment or facility licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services. Establishments in a school are required to be separately licensed.
 - An establishment is no longer restricted from having the same entrance as or direct access to a massage therapy school and the entrance to the establishment is no longer required to lead directly from the outside to the establishment.

Recommendations for licensure on 1,168 applications

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Nebraska Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee**
2. Purpose: The P & T Committee was established to serve the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care in an advisory capacity for the purpose of developing and maintaining a Preferred Drug List (PDL) for the Nebraska Medicaid Pharmacy Program. The purpose of the PDL is to provide appropriate pharmaceutical care to Medicaid recipients in a cost-effective manner
3. How many affectable: 275,923 (June 2012)
4. How many served: 162,646 (June 2012)
5. Year created: 2009; Year active: 2009 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Jenny Minchow R.P., Pharm.D., Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: The Committee is formed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 68-951 et seq.
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 15 to 20; Who appoints: The Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
9. Legislative approval: No
 - Qualifications of members: Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine or,
 - Registered Pharmacist or,
 - University professor of pharmacy or a person with a doctoral degree in pharmacology or,Two public members.
10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171**. Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163**. (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2013; 1 term expires in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 8
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 6
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$32,500

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FY 10-11 budget: \$29,640

FY 11-12 budget: \$42,808

15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- A pharmacist was hired in December 2008 to manage the PDL.
- The standard State bid process was undertaken and the contract was awarded to First Health Services Corporation to develop and implement the PDL.
- A State Plan Amendment was submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and approved July 28, 2009.
- Nebraska joined The Optimal PDL Solution (TOP\$) purchasing pool. Other member states are Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.
- A Program Coordinator was hired in September 2009 to manage the business aspects and to help facilitate the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee.
- Rules and Regulations were revised and promulgated. Revisions were approved and were posted September 15, 2009.
- Members for The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee were recruited through joint efforts of the Nebraska Medical Association, the Nebraska Pharmacists Association, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton Colleges of Pharmacy.
- The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee met for the first time on August 26, 2009. Medications were reviewed based on their clinical merits and cost. Since the initial implementation, each therapeutic drug class is reviewed at least annually.
- Drugs listed as preferred on the Preferred Drug List are prescribed 93.9% of the time. Non-preferred products are utilized 6.1% of the time.
- Savings reported from fourth quarter of 2009 through first quarter of 2012 is \$16,463,485 resulting from supplemental rebates and savings generated when more cost effective medications are used for Medicaid clients.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Medicaid Reform Council**
2. Purpose: The purpose of the Medicaid Reform Council is to oversee and support implementation of reforms to the medical assistance program, conduct public meetings at least quarterly (was twice annually prior to August 2009) and provide comments and recommendations to the department regarding the administration of the medical assistance program and any proposed changes to such program.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 2006; Year active: 2006 Sunset date: Not Established
Contact person: Roxie Anderson, Administrative Assistant to the Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **68-948**
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Legislature

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 10); Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: One representative from each of the following: providers, recipients of medical assistance, advocates for such recipients, business representatives, insurers, and elected officials.
10. Per diem: No Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Beginning June 30, 2010, one-half the members shall serve for two-year terms and one half for four-year terms as determined by the Governor. Thereafter all members shall serve for four-year terms
Terms rotate or expire at once: See above.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 3 (changed from twice a year to quarterly in August 2009 Held: 3 (9/29/09, 10/28/09, 3/18/10)
FY 10-11: 4 Held: 5 (7/15/10, 9/30/10, 12/8/10, 3/23/11, 6/30/11)
FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4 (9/22/11, 12/7/11, 3/28/12, 6/19/12)

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: Parent Agency
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0
FY 11-12 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008: Pursuant to its legislative mandate (68-948), the Council has conducted public meetings at prescribed frequency and provided comments and recommendations to the department regarding the administration of the medical assistance program and any proposed changes to such program.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Medical Home Advisory Council**
2. Purpose: (per legislation)
 - (a) guide and assist the Division (*i.e. DHHS, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care*) in the design and implementation of the medical home pilot program, and
 - (b) promote the use of best practices to ensure access to medical homes for patients and accomplish the purposes of the Medical Home Pilot Program Act.
3. How many affectable: Two medical practice in Kearney and Lexington
4. How many served: About 20 medical professionals and 75—Medicaid clients
5. Year created: 2009 Year active: 2009 Sunset date: June 30, 2014
Contact person: Pat Taft and Margaret Brockman, Medicaid and Long-Term Care Division

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Medical Home Pilot Program Act; Nebraska Revised Statute 68-961
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 8 (7 voting, 1 ex-officio, nonvoting); Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: None
Qualifications:
 - o Two licensed primary care physicians actively practicing in the area of general and family medicine
 - o Two licensed primary care physicians actively practicing in the area of pediatrics
 - o Two licensed primary care physicians actively practicing in the area of internal medicine
 - o One representative from a licensed hospital in Nebraska
10. Per diem: None. Expense reimbursement: mileage and parking for meetings.
11. Term length: September 25, 2009-June 30, 2014
Terms rotate or expire at once: No rotation, all expire at the same time.
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 9
FY 10-11: None required	Held: 5
FY 11-12: None required	Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: 3; Shared or separate: shared
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$3,059
FY 10-11 budget: \$2,115
FY 11-12 budget: \$1,943
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: Medical Home Pilot Program Act; Nebraska Revised Statute 68-961

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
 - o Design of the Medicaid Patient-Centered Medical Home pilot including the solicitation process for practice participation, practice standards for patient-centered medical home recognition, payment methodology, evaluation outcomes and measurements.
 - o Development and ongoing monitoring of pilot evaluation data reports regarding service utilization, expenditures, and patient and provider satisfaction.
 - o Ongoing guidance for the implementation and oversight of the pilot.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1988; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-1811.** The board shall consist of three professional members, one physician, and one public member appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

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38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$30.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2013; 2 terms expire in 2014; 2 terms expire in 2015.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 0
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 1
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: 1.5; Shared or separate: A portion of 1.5 staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$693

FY 10-11 budget: \$4,618

FY 11-12 budget: \$778

15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- Offered on-line option for renewing licenses
- Promulgated and adopted regulations, effective 12/10/2008 which implemented provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA); Laws 2007, LB 247, and made other revisions, including:
 - Revised the definition of 'continuing competency' to identify additional options for earning continuing competency hours, such as participation in journal clubs and listening to or viewing audio/video presentations.
- Recommendations for licensure on 149 applications

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Medical Radiography**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 2008; Year active: 2008; Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-1914.** The board shall consist of four medical radiographers and one limited radiographer. Of the first four medical radiographers appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be appointed for a term of two years, one shall be appointed for a term of three years, and one shall be appointed for a term of four years. The first limited radiographer shall be appointed for a term of five years. Thereafter each appointment shall be for a term of five years. The board shall meet at least two times per calendar year.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice

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while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171**. Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163**. (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2012; 1 term expires in 2013; 1 term expires in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 1 Held: 5
FY 10-11: 1 Held: 4
FY 11-12: 1 Held: 5

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$11,031
FY 10-11 budget: \$19,984
FY 11-12 budget: \$11,364
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
Recommendations for licensure on 1,068 applications
Provided recommendations on investigation cases
Proposed revisions to 180 NAC 16 Regulations for Medical Radiography based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Medical Review Panels.
2. Purpose: Medical review panels may be established under the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2840 to review all malpractice claims against health care providers to review all malpractice claims against health care providers covered by the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act in advance of filing such actions.
3. How many affectable: In theory every claimant may have such a panel convened. Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2840(4), claimants may waive this right. No such panel has been convened since the last board and commission review.
4. Year created: 1976 Year active: 1976 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Bev Anderson
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Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2840
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: No permanent members. Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2841 specifies that each such panel consist of one attorney and three physicians who hold unlimited licenses to practice medicine.

Who appoints: Each party has the right to select one physician, and the two physicians select the third.

9. Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications of members: Each such panel consists of one attorney and three physicians who hold unlimited licenses to practice medicine. All physicians engaged in the active practice of medicine in this state, whether in the teaching profession or otherwise, who hold a license to practice medicine shall be available for selection.

10. Per diem: Fifty dollars per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2845 Expense Reimbursement: Reasonable expenses incurred, per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2845.

11. Term length: N/A

12. Number of meetings required in FY09-10	None	Held: None
	FY10-11 None	Held: None
	FY11-12 None	Held: None

Operations

13. Support staff: None

14. FY 09-10 budget: None
FY 10-11 budget: None
FY 11-12 budget: None

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008: None

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professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2012; 2 terms expire in 2013; 3 terms expire in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 1 Held: 7
FY 10-11: 1 Held: 7
FY 11-12: 1 Held: 12

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$42,487
FY 10-11 budget: \$52,880
FY 11-12 budget: \$55,787
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 4,658 applications

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Proposed revisions to 172 NAC 88 Regulations for Medical and Surgery and Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Formulated recommendations on legislation, including the establishment of provisions in 2011 for a physician reentry license that is a non-disciplinary license for physicians who have not practiced medicine for at least two years to allow for assessment of their clinical skills and to provide a period of supervised practice

The Board developed a survey for the 2012 physician/osteopathic physician license renewal to gather information pertaining to specialty board certification. The goals of the survey are to identify practitioners who are currently participating in Maintenance of Certification or Osteopathic Continuous Certification, to identify whether there is a need to implement Maintenance of Licensure in Nebraska, and to more clearly identify the current workforce in Nebraska.

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

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General Information

1. Formal name: **Board of Mental Health Practice**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1993; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 10; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-2120.** The board shall consist of eight professional members and two public members appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165. Two professional members shall be certified master social workers, two professional members shall be certified professional counselors, two professional members shall be certified marriage and family therapists, and two professional members shall be licensed mental health practitioners that do not hold an associated certification.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice

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while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2013; 2 terms expire in 2014; 3 terms expire in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
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| FY 09-10: 1 | Held: 8 |
| FY 10-11: 1 | Held: 6 |
| FY 11-12: 1 | Held: 8 |

Operations

13. Support staff: 4; Shared or separate: A portion of 4 staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$23,515
FY 10-11 budget: \$24,338
FY 11-12 budget: \$26,653
15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- Drafted for publication a board newsletter (volume 4)
- Offered on-line option for renewing licenses
- Recommendations for licensure on 3,209 applications

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General Information

Formal Name: 71-814 STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Purpose: 71-814 (2): The committee shall be responsible to the division and shall (a) serve as the state's mental health planning council as required by Public Law 102-321, (b) conduct regular meetings, (c) provide advice and assistance to the division relating to the provision of mental health services in the State of Nebraska, including, but not limited to, the development, implementation, provision, and funding of organized peer support services, (d) promote the interests of consumers and their families, including, but not limited to, their inclusion and involvement in all aspects of services design, planning, implementation, provision, education, evaluation, and research, (e) provide reports as requested by the division, and (f) engage in such other activities as directed or authorized by the division. This Committee does serve as the state's mental health planning council as required by Public Law 102-321 to meet the requirements for the Federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant. Starting with the 2013 application, there is a combined SAMHSA Block Grant for the Community Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. This combined Block Grant requires a State Behavioral Health Advisory Council. The state is required to establish and maintain a state advisory council for services for individuals with a mental disorder. SAMHSA strongly encourages the state to expand and use the same council to advise and consult regarding issues and services for persons with, or at risk of, substance abuse and substance use disorders. In order to meet this SAMHSA Block Grant requirement joint meetings have been held with the Substance Abuse (SA) and Problem Gambling (GAP) committees. Joint meetings were held with MH, SA, and GAP on May 6, 2010; May 3, 2011; and May 3, 2012. Joint meetings were held with MH and SA on August 18, 2011; November 3, 2011; and November 8, 2012 (scheduled).

How many affectable: 131,000 (prevalence data - Serious Psychological Distress from National Survey on Drug

How many served: 23,150 persons served DBH funded services

Year created: 2004

Year active: 2004

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: James S. Harvey

Authorization citation: 71-814

Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health

Number of members: 23

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: no

Qualifications of members: Members of the committee shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of mental health services in the State of Nebraska. These members need to represent a regional governing board, a regional administrator, twelve consumers of behavioral health services or their family members, two providers, Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, DHHS staff representing mental health, social services, and Medicaid, the Crime Commission, and DED Housing. [71-814(1)].

Per diem: no

Expense reimbursement: Yes - actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: None in statute. LB 1083 (2004) Sec. 13. (2) [Repealed 2006] established members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years. The Governor has maintained this practice.

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: conduct regular meetings Held: 4

FY 10-11: conduct regular meetings Held: 4

FY 11-12: conduct regular meetings Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: no

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: \$11,260

FY 10-11 budget: \$13,060

FY 11-12 budget: \$5,768

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: none

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Membership requirements and some duties are set by federal requirements in the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG). Committee reviews the MHBG application and implementation report. The committee continuously advises and makes recommendations to the Division of Behavioral Health on a variety of issues including the draft strategic plans, draft regulations, grant applications and policies. The date of the meetings, agenda and minutes from February 8, 2005 to the present are posted on the Division of Behavioral Health web site at:

http://dhhs.ne.gov/behavioral_health/Pages/beh_mh_sacmhs.aspx

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General Information

Formal Name: Motor Fuels Cash Bond Oversight Committee
Purpose: The Motor Fuels Cash Bond Fund Oversight Committee was created to oversee transfers from the Motor Fuels Cash Bond Fund and make recommendations regarding the Motor Fuels Division collection efforts.
How many affectable: estimated 500 licensees
How many served: estimated 500 licensees
Year created: 1985
Year active: 1986
Sunset date: July 1, 2012

Authorization

Contact person: Douglas A. Ewald, Tax Commissioner
Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§ 66-737
Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Revenue
Number of members: 7
Who appoints: Nebraska Department of Revenue
Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: 2 diesel fuel producers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or importers; 2 motor vehicle fuel producers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or importers; 2 compressed fuel retailers; and 1 member at large
Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: No
Term Length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Statute is silent. Terms had been established to rotate.
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0
FY 10-11: 0 Held: 1
FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: No
Shared or separate: n/a
FY 09-10 budget: 0
FY 10-11 budget: 0
FY 11-12 budget: 0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Cash Bond Fund Oversight Committee met on April 14, 2010, and recommended payment of balances on five accounts, totaling \$47,686. In addition, collection action resulted in three additional deposits into the Cash Bond Fund totaling \$3,993. The committee members were notified of the transactions, but a meeting was not held to discuss the deposits. LB 727 (2012 Legislative session) repealed the statutory requirement for the committee. The Cash Bond Fund will continue with oversight provided by the Tax Commissioner.

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General Information

Formal Name: Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Purpose: Â§60-1401.01 (1)â€¦.In order to promote the public interest and the public welfare and in the exercise of its police power, it is necessary to regulate motor vehicle, motorcycle, and trailer dealers, manufacturers, distributors and their representatives doing business in the State of Nebraska.

How many affectable: All citizens in the State of Nebraska

How many served: all

Year created: 1930's-not known actual date

Year active: 1930's-not known actual date

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: William S. Jackson, Executive Director

Authorization citation: â€¦.Â§60-1401-1440

Parent agency: Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Number of members: 10

Who appoints: Governor, State of Nebraska

Legislative approval: â€¦.Â§60-1401

Qualifications of members: Â§60-1402 Director Motor Vehicles (Chairperson); One factory representative, one member of the general public, one motorcycle dealer, one new motor vehicle dealer from each of the three congressional districts, two used motor vehicle dealers, one trailer dealer or combination motor vehicle or trailer dealer, a trailer dealer or combination motor vehicle dealer from the state at large.

Per diem: \$50/day

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term Length: Three years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: none Held: 2

FY 10-11: none Held: 3

FY 11-12: none Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Five field investigators, three office staff.

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$747,709

FY 10-11 budget: \$781,494

FY 11-12 budget: \$714,341

Other funding sources: Â§60-154 (1)(a) For each original certificate of title issued by a county for a motor vehicle or trailerâ€¦and ten cents to the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Fund.

Spending authority: Â§60-154

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Title Seminar to educate our motor Nebraska Motor Vehicle/Trailer/Motorcycle dealers

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General Information

Formal Name: Health Advisory Board for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Purpose: Provide information to the Director of the DMV as to whether an individual is physically and mentally capable of operating a motor vehicle safely.

How many affectable: 800

How many served: 0

Year created: 1994

Year active: 1994

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Sara O'Rourke, Driver License Administrator, P.O. Box 94729, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402.471.2670

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute 60-4,118.02

Parent agency: Department of Motor Vehicles

Number of members: 6

Who appoints: Director of the DMV with advice and recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: 1 - General Practice Physician, 1 - Ophthalmologist, 1 - Orthopedic Surgeon, 1 - Neurologist, 1 - Optometrist and 1 - Psychiatrist

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 2 appointed for 4 years, 2 appointed for 3 years and 2 appointed for 2 years initially and thereafter for a term of four years.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: DMV cash fund if needed

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The DMV Director has consulted with a physician on the HAB regarding one applicant since July 1, 2008.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Purpose: The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission has overall approval of cost-share contributions to sponsors of soil and water conservation projects and practices. The Commission decides how annual appropriations of State aid funds will be distributed and performs general oversight of project and activity statuses. The Commission advises the Department of Natural Resources as requested by the Director, changes natural resources district boundary changes approved by the affected districts, and at the direction of the Governor, provides a list of nominees to serve on the Interrelated Water Review Board. The Natural Resources Commission's primary responsibilities deal with the management of funding programs for water and soil resources conservation programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Three of the 16 members are appointed by the Governor to represent the specific interests of: municipal water users, surface water irrigators, and groundwater irrigators. The remaining thirteen members are selected for four-year terms at caucuses of the Natural Resources Districts directors in Nebraska's river basins. The Commission is responsible for program decisions relating to six funds: the Soil and Water Conservation Fund, the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund, the Resources Development Fund, the Water Well Decommissioning Fund, the Water Quality Fund, and the Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Fund. The Resources Development Fund provides financial assistance to local units of government (primarily NRDs) for various water and related land resources projects. The Soil and Water Conservation Fund provides cost-share assistance to private landowners for various soil and water conservation practices. Individual NRDs administer the Soil and Water Conservation Program at the local level. The Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund provides financial assistance to the sponsor of flood control projects for the acquisition of necessary land rights. The Water Well Decommissioning Fund provides cost-share dollars for the plugging and sealing of abandoned wells. The Water Quality Fund provides state dollars to NRDs to help support their water quality programs. The Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Fund provides state dollars to help offset the cost of activities arising under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act.

How many affectable: All Nebraska citizens and visitors

How many served: All Nebraska citizens and visitors

Year created: 1937

Year active: 1937

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Rex Gittins, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor - State Office Building, P. O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 2-1504

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Number of members: 16

Who appoints: 13 selected by NRD boards; 3 appointed by Governor

Legislative approval: Legislative approval is required only for Governor appointees

Qualifications of members: The only eligibility requirements for selection to the Commission are that the candidate is a resident of the basin he/she will represent and has attained the age of majority (19).

Per diem: \$50 per day in performance of Commission duties

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four year terms for non-appointed members

Terms rotate or expire at once: Staggered with about half selected every two years

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 5

Operations

Support staff: Aprox. 2 FTEs across 7-8 staff

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Nebraska Resources Development Fund: Paid out over \$17 million in cost-share funding for nine projects sponsored by local governments to provide flood damage reduction, recreation, and other natural resources conservation benefits. Sponsors have calculated that economic benefits of over \$500 million will accrue over the first 50 years of these projects' useful lives. Some projects completed since July 2008 with funding assistance from this program included: Stevens Creek Watershed Flood Control Project sponsored by the Lower Platte South NRD, Lone Star Recreation Area sponsored by the Little Blue NRD, Maple Creek Recreation Area sponsored by Lower Elkhorn NRD, and the Lake Wanahoo State Recreation Area sponsored by the Lower Platte North NRD. Soil and Water Conservation Fund: Approved cost-share distributions of nearly \$10 million to Nebraska landowners for installation of approved soil and water conservation measures in that improve water quality, conserve water, and help control erosion and sedimentation. Funds are allocated among the 23 natural resources districts (NRDs). NRDs are responsible for administration of the program at the local level. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance for planning and installing conservation measures. Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund: Approved over \$778,000 to assist three local sponsors with the acquisition of land rights on eight tracts including both easements and fee title for flood control projects. Property acquired by fee title must be resold within 10 years with proceeds being returned to the fund and then made available for new projects. Water Well Decommissioning Fund: Contributed over \$312,000 during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to NRDs to aid in reimbursing landowners for costs of decommissioning nearly 12,000 wells. This action eliminates the potential for these unused wells to become direct sources of ground water contamination and safety hazards to humans and animals. Water Quality Fund: Approved distributions of over \$4 million to NRDs for a variety of water quality related measures, both for surface water & ground water. Funds are provided by portions of certain fees levied by the Nebraska Department of agriculture for pesticide registration and applicator licenses. NRDs must provide \$3 for each \$2 of state funds received. Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Fund: Contributed \$6.4 million since July 2008 to help NRDs to meet requirements of the Nebraska Groundwater Management and Protect Act. These funds were used by the districts to conduct approved projects for interrelated surface and groundwater planning, research, and water resources management. Sponsors contribute at least 20 percent of total project costs.

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General Information

Formal Name: Niobrara Council

Purpose: The mission of the Niobrara Council is to assist in all aspects of the management of the Niobrara scenic river corridor since portions of the Niobrara River have been designated as a national scenic river under 16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(117), as such section existed on May 24, 1991, giving consideration and respect to local and governmental input and private landowner rights, and to maintain and protect the integrity of the resources associated with the Niobrara scenic river corridor.

How many affectable: Statewide

How many served: Statewide

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Kalli J. Kieborz

Authorization citation: 72-2007 NE Rev Stat.

Parent agency: NG&PC (fiscal agent)

Number of members: 16

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: (a) A representative of each of the county boards of Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, and Rock counties chosen by the county board of the respective county; (b) A representative of the Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District and the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District chosen by the board of the respective district; (c) The secretary of the Game and Parks Commission or his or her designee; (d) A representative of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and a representative of the National Park Service chosen by the Governor from lists of at least three individuals, or fewer if there are not at least three qualified individuals, submitted by the federal services. The appointments under this subdivision shall be nonvoting members unless and until the agencies represented by these appointees formally authorize such appointees to vote on all matters before the council; (e) An individual from each of Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, and Rock counties who resides in the Niobrara River drainage area and owns land in the Niobrara scenic river corridor chosen by the Governor from a list of at least three individuals, or fewer if there are not at least three qualified individuals, from each county submitted by the county board representatives on the council; (f) A representative from a recreational business operating within the Niobrara scenic river corridor chosen by the Governor from a list of at least three individuals, or fewer if there are not at least three qualified individuals, submitted by the county board representatives on the council; (g) A timber industry representative operating within the Niobrara scenic river corridor chosen by the Governor from a list of at least three individuals, or fewer if there are not at least three qualified individuals, submitted by the county board representatives on the council; and (h) A representative of a recognized, nonprofit environmental, conservation, or wildlife organization chosen by the Governor from a list of at least three individuals, or fewer if there are not at least three qualified individuals, submitted by the county board representatives on the council.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Actual and necessary

Term Length: 3 yrs and until successor is appointed and qualified

Terms rotate or expire at once: expire at once

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 6 Held: 10

FY 10-11: 6 Held: 8

FY 11-12: 6 Held: 9

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Seperate

FY 09-10 budget: 207,700.00

FY 10-11 budget: 171,312.00

FY 11-12 budget: 154,600.00

Other funding sources: National Park Service Cooperative Agreement

Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: collaborative water quality grant w/USGS; supported landowner prescribed fire association; determinations of consistency for corridor burn permits; Landowner BBQ; National Park Service Cooperative Agreement; supported City of Valentine Cowboy Trail connection project; weighed in on information panels for posting at hwy 7 and hwy 137 Niobrara River crossings; Adopt-a-Highway; assistance with county zoning in the river corridor; involved with the Niobrara River Corridor Road Project; determination of consistency for habitat improvement projects; supported the Friends of the Niobrara Video project; Interviewed for Integrated Resource Management class at UNL; completed Memorandum of Understanding with area landowner regarding conservation easement project; updated landowners regarding instream flow application process by NG&PC and the associated studies; testified and involved with legislative bills that can shape/change the Niobrara Council; involved in preparation of the NPS Resource Stewardship Strategy; involved in discussion/update from NRD's regarding their integrated management planning process; discussed the NPS superintendent's compendium for the Niobrara National Scenic River; conducted a Niobrara River Outfitters shadowing program for Council members; conduct Niobrara council daycamp family and outdoor youth activities; reviewed reports from Niobrara National Scenic River Chief Ranger regarding law enforcement; participants in River Management Society Symoisum; participants in UNL Water Law Conference; supported placement of fire danger signs in the Niobrara River valley; supported National Park Service Paper Birch Tree study; development/update of Niobrara River Code of Ethics; supported the Smith Falls State Park Forest Enhancement Project; Annual Spring River Cleanup; Fall River Appreciation day and river cleanup; participant in Region 24 Emergency Management Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; involved in discussion regarding airboat use on Niobrara national scenic river; addressed Niobrara National Scenic River Land Protection Plan; Naturefest participant (outdoor environmental day for area 5th graders); presented in Springview Nebraska Natural Resource Day; participant in the re-usable trash bag project for visitors to the Niobrara River; participant in the National Park Service Family Fun day held at Smith Falls State Park; determination of consistency regarding zoning permits; financial support to the Middle Niobrara Weed Awareness Group for control of noxious and invasive weeds in the river corridor; participant in National Park Service River management plan scoping sesssions and commercial services strategy workshop; checkout location for NG&PC "Bridges to Birding" kit;

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General Information

Formal Name: Noxious Weed Advisory Committee

Purpose: Advise Director concerning his or her responsibilities under the Noxious Weed Control Act.

How many affectable: Statewide

How many served: Statewide

Year created: 1989

Year active: 1990

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Mitch Coffin, Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Authorization citation: Noxious Weed Control Act - 2-965.01

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Number of members: 13

Who appoints: Committee with Director approval

Legislative approval: Not stated in Act

Qualifications of members: Persons actively involved in agriculture and others in the public and private sector, state and federal agencies.

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: None

Term Length: Two years (not in statute)

Terms rotate or expire at once: Overlap

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 1

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 1

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: None

FY 10-11 budget: None

FY 11-12 budget: None

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Recommend the addition of phragmies as a statewide noxious weed. Recommended the addition of Japanese and Giant Knotweed as statewide noxious weeds. Director accepted all three recommendations. Updated in 2011, Watch List to help identify potential new invasive plants. Adopted a "Weed Risk Assessment" program to aid in designating new noxious weeds.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Nebraska Center for Nursing Board**
2. Purpose: **71-1798.** The Nebraska Center for Nursing is established. The center shall address issues of supply and demand for nurses, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurses. The Legislature finds that the center will repay the state's investment by providing an ongoing strategy for the allocation of the state's resources directed towards nursing. The primary goals for the center are: (1) To develop a strategic statewide plan to alleviate the nursing shortage in Nebraska by: (a) Establishing and maintaining a data base on nursing supply and demand in Nebraska, including current supply and demand and future projections; and (b) Selecting priorities from the plan to be addressed; (2) To convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to: (a) Review and comment on data analysis prepared for the center; (b) Recommend systemic changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and (c) Evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the Legislature and the public; and (3) To enhance and promote recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses by: (a) Proposing and creating recognition, reward, and renewal activities; and (b) Promoting media and positive image-building efforts for nursing.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 2000; Year active: 2000; Sunset date:
Contact person: Karen Bowen, Administrator, Office of Nursing & Nursing Support, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **71-1799.** (1) The Nebraska Center for Nursing Board is created. The board shall be a policy-setting board for the Nebraska Center for Nursing.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 16; Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **71-1799.** (1) The Nebraska Center for Nursing Board is created. The board shall be a policy-setting board for the Nebraska Center for Nursing. The board shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: (a) Ten members, at least three of whom shall be registered nurses, one of whom shall be a licensed practical nurse, one of whom shall be a representative of the hospital industry, and one of whom shall be a representative of the long-term care industry; (b) One nurse educator recommended by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska; (c) One nurse educator recommended by the Nebraska Community College Association; (d) One nurse educator recommended by the Nebraska Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; and (e) Three members recommended by the State Board of Health. (2) The initial terms of the members of the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board shall be: (a) Five of the ten members appointed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall serve for one year and five shall serve for two years; (b) The member recommended by the Board of Regents shall serve for three years; (c) The member recommended by the Nebraska Community College Association shall serve for two years; (d) The member recommended by the Nebraska Association of Independent Colleges and Universities shall serve for one year; and (e) The members recommended by the State Board of Health shall serve for three years.

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10. Per diem: \$0; Expense reimbursement: 71-1799. (4) The board members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 3 years - **71-1799**. The initial appointments shall be made within sixty days after July 13, 2000. After the initial terms expire, the terms of all of the members shall be three years with no member serving more than two consecutive terms.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expired in 2011; 4 terms expire in 2012; 6 terms expire in 2013; 5 terms expire in 2014.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 1 Held: 6
FY 10-11: 1: Held: 5
FY 11-12: 1: Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$42,408
FY 10-11 budget: \$43,478
FY 11-12 budget: \$64,051
71-1798.01. The Board of Nursing shall recommend annually to the Department of Health and Human Services the percentage of all nursing fees collected during the year that are to be used to cover the cost of the Nebraska Center for Nursing, except that the percentage shall not be greater than fifteen percent of the biennial revenue derived from the fees.
15. Other funding sources: cash donations. **71-1799**. (3) The Nebraska Center for Nursing Board shall have the following powers and duties: (f) To seek and accept nonstate funds for carrying out center policy. (5) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide administrative support for the board. The board may contract for additional support not provided by the department.
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Some of the accomplishments of the Center for Nursing include:

- Presentations at various conferences, workshops, career fairs, etc.
- Maintained a comprehensive web site with available resources such as brochures and power point presentations.
- Continued involvement in a taskforce of various nursing organizations to address Transition to Practice for new nurses entering the workforce.
- Sponsored "Nurses Who Make a Difference" campaign to provide an opportunity for nurses to be recognized by others for their work and commitment.
- Collected data on the workforce supply from RNs and LPNs – prepared reports and have available on web site.
- Collected data on the workforce demand from employers, prepared a report and have available on web site.
- Have prepared annual reports of the Centers' activities and data collection reports.
- Have worked with various nursing groups to address issues specific to Nebraska.
- Implemented the Student Nurse Passport project for use by all nursing schools and healthcare facilities in Nebraska.
- Created a Center for Nursing Foundation Board and obtained 501 c(3) status.
- Have developed strategic plan and identified four priority goals that guide the work of the Center:
 - Recruitment into the profession, including men and minorities,

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- Increasing capacity in our nursing education programs by increasing the number of qualified faculty and fostering efficient and creative use of clinical resources for student education,
- Retaining our existing nurses and stemming the outmigration of new graduates from our state, and
- Collection and analysis of workforce data to measure outcomes for each of these goals.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Nursing**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1909; Year active: 1909; Sunset date:
Contact person: Karen Bowen, Administrator, Office of Nursing & Nursing Support, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-2213.** (1) The board shall consist of eight registered nurse members, two licensed practical nurse members, and two public members. The registered nurses on the board shall be from the following areas: (a) One practical nurse educator; (b) one associate degree or diploma nurse educator; (c) one baccalaureate nurse educator; (d) two nursing service administrators; (e) two staff nurses; and (f) one advanced practice registered nurse. (2) The State Board of Health shall attempt to ensure that the membership of the Board of Nursing is representative of acute care, long-term care, and community-based care. A minimum of three and a maximum of five members shall be appointed from each congressional district, and each member shall have been a bona fide resident of the congressional district from which he or she is appointed for a period of at least one year prior to the time of the appointment of such member.
38-2214. Board members; additional qualifications. (1) Each licensed practical nurse educator on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have graduated with a graduate degree in nursing or a related field of study, (c) have had a

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minimum of five years' experience in administration, teaching, or consultation in practical nurse education, and (d) be currently employed as a practical nurse educator. (2) Each associate degree or diploma nurse educator on the board and the baccalaureate nurse educator on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have graduated with a graduate degree in nursing, (c) have had a minimum of five years' experience in administration, teaching, or consultation in nursing education, and (d) be currently employed in the field being represented. (3) Each staff nurse on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have had a minimum of five years' experience in nursing, and (c) be currently employed as a staff nurse in the provision of patient care services. (4) Each nursing service administrator on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have had a minimum of five years' experience in nursing service administration, and (c) be currently employed in such field. (5) Each licensed practical nurse member shall (a) have completed at least four years of high school study, (b) be licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state, (c) have obtained a certificate or diploma from a state-approved practical nursing program, (d) have been actively engaged in practical nursing for at least five years, and (e) be currently employed in the provision of patient care services as a licensed practical nurse in the state. (6) Each public member shall meet the requirements of section 38-165. (7) The advanced practice registered nurse on the board shall (a) have a minimum of five years' experience as an advanced practice registered nurse, (b) be currently employed as an advanced practice registered nurse, and (c) be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse. (8) Members serving on December 1, 2008, may complete their respective terms even if they do not meet the requirements for appointment as changed by Laws 2007, LB 463.

38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

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10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171**. Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163**. (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2013; 3 terms expire in 2014; 3 terms expire in 2015; 3 terms expire in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
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| FY 09-10: 1 | Held: 11 |
| FY 10-11: 1 | Held: 13 |
| FY 11-12: 1 | Held: 12 |

Operations

13. Support Staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$95,258
FY 10-11 budget: \$100,131
FY 11-12 budget: \$95,526
15. Other funding sources: Cash funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
- Published quarterly issues of *Nursing News*.
 - Continued monthly meetings to the manage complaint and initial licensure investigations.
 - Conducted site visits and evaluated nursing education programs for ongoing approval.
 - Developed goals and objectives to identify priorities and guide work of the board for each year 2008 - 2012. Meetings continue to be framed around these goals and objectives. Goals and objectives were also reviewed regularly for status toward achievement.
 - Held quarterly Issues Forums on various topics of interest.
 - Reviewed annual reports from all nursing education programs and analyzed enrollment and graduation data.
 - Staff provided administrative support for the Center for Nursing Board and administered the Nursing Student Loan Act and Nursing Student Faculty Loan Act.
 - Updated and expanded the nursing web site.
(http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_nursing_nursingindex.aspx)
 - Participated in meetings of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing including attendance at the Annual Meetings (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011) and Midyear Meetings (2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012).
 - Tracked and submitted testimony on bills impacting on nursing regulation.

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- Provided numerous presentations at workshops, meetings, classes, seminars, retreats, etc.
- Completed RN and LPN license renewals and the subsequent audits.
- Participated as a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact. Karen Bowen serves as the compact administrator for Nebraska and attends the national meetings of the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators.
- Issued written responses to several inquiries related to nursing scope of practice.
- Issued and published various advisory opinions regarding the practice of nursing in Nebraska.
- Recommendations for licensure on 8,947 applications

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Nursing Home Administration**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1972; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-2417.** (1) The board shall consist of seven professional members and two public members appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165. (2) The professional members shall consist of: (a) Two members who hold active licenses and are currently employed in the management, operation, or ownership of proprietary homes for the aged or infirm or nursing homes that serve the aged or infirm in Nebraska; (b) two members who hold active licenses and are currently employed in the management or operation of a nonprofit home for the aged or infirm or nursing home or hospital caring for chronically ill or infirm, aged patients; (c) one member who is a member of the faculty of a college or university located in the state who is actively engaged in a teaching program relating to business administration, social work, gerontology, or some other aspect of the administration of health care facilities; (d) one member who is a licensed physician and surgeon with a demonstrated interest in long-term care; and (e) one member who is a licensed registered nurse.

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38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2013; 3 terms expire in 2014; 3 terms expire in 2015.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 5
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 4
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 4

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Operations

- 13. Support staff: 2; Shared or separate: A portion of 2 staff share the work of this board
- 14. FY 09-10 budget: \$7,171
FY 10-11 budget: \$12,608
FY 11-12 budget: \$6,704
- 15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees
- 16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2008:
 - Promulgated and adopted regulations, effective 3/17/2009 which implemented provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA); Laws 2007, LB 247, and made other revisions, including:
 - Accepting college/university programs accreditation by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards for Nursing Home Administrators as meeting the core educational requirements for licensure;
 - For certified preceptor training program, lowering the number of training hours from 12 to 8 and specifying content for initial and renewal training programs;
 - Specifying continuing competency requirements, allowing a licensee to carry-over up to 25 hours for the next renewal period, identifying organizations as acceptable continuing education providers, specifying homestudy program criteria and removing the requirement for Board approval of continuing competency activities;
 - Providing additional options for attaining continuing competency hours, such as 8 hours for supervising an administrator-in-training/a mentor;
 - Issued 21 approvals for an administrator to oversee more than 1 facility, as of today, only 10 remain in effect.
 - Recommendations for licensure on 416 applications

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Nursing Home Advisory Council**
2. Purpose: **71-6044.** There is hereby established a Nursing Home Advisory Council to advise and assist the department in carrying out the administration of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act and the rules, regulations, and standards adopted and promulgated pursuant thereto, as the same apply to nursing homes.
71-6050. (1) The council shall advise and make recommendations to the department on all matters pertaining to the licensure and regulation of nursing homes in this state. (2) In furtherance of such powers, the council shall: (a) Study, review, and make recommendations from time to time to the department for rules and standards governing the licensing and operation of nursing homes in this state; (b) Recommend procedures to the department in making inspections, reviewing applications, conducting hearings, and performing other duties of the department relative to nursing homes; (c) Assist the department in the formulation of minimum standards and regulations for nursing homes in this state; and (d) Perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of sections 71-6043 to 71-6052.
71-6052. It is the purpose and intent of the Nebraska Nursing Home Act and sections 71-6043 to 71-6052 that licensing and regulation of nursing homes in this state shall be governed by the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, the Nebraska Nursing Home Act, and sections 71-6043 to 71-6052.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1967; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Eve Lewis, Administrator, Office of Long-Term Care Facilities, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **71-6044.** There is hereby established a Nursing Home Advisory Council to advise and assist the department in carrying out the administration of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act and the rules, regulations, and standards adopted and promulgated pursuant thereto, as the same apply to nursing homes.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 16; Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **71-6045.** The council shall consist of sixteen members appointed by the Governor as follows: (1) One member shall be a licensed registered nurse in the State of Nebraska; (2) One member shall be a licensed physician and surgeon in the State of Nebraska; (3) One member shall be a licensed dentist in the State of Nebraska; (4) One member shall be a licensed pharmacist in the State of Nebraska; (5) Three members shall be representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services with interest in or responsibilities for aging programs, Medicaid, and regulation and licensure of nursing homes; (6) One member shall be a representative of an agency of state or local government, other than the Department of Health and Human Services, with interests in or responsibilities for nursing homes or programs related thereto; (7) Four members shall be laypersons representative of the public; (8) Two members shall be administrators or owners of proprietary nursing homes; and (9) Two members shall be administrators or owners of voluntary nursing homes. Members serving on July 1, 2007, may serve until a replacement is appointed.
71-6046. Any member of the council who is representative of a state or local governmental agency may serve only during his continuance as an officer or employee of such state or local agency.

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10. Per diem: \$0; Expense reimbursement: **71-6049**. Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for their reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their duties as members of such council from the Nebraska Health Care Association or the Nebraska Association of Homes for the Aging or such other association or group of nursing home licensees as voluntarily agrees to provide reimbursement for such expenses. No funds or state money shall be drawn upon to pay the expenses of administering sections 71-6043 to 71-6052.
11. Term length: 3 years – **71-6046**. No member of the council shall serve more than two successive terms. For the purpose of this section, service for more than eighteen months of a full term shall be deemed service for the full term.
71-6047. Members shall be appointed for three-year terms. Vacancies in any position on the council shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the Governor in the same manner as provided for the original appointments.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expired in 2010; 3 terms expired in 2011; 4 terms expire in 2012; 3 terms expire in 2013; 1 term expires in 2014; 3 terms expire in 2015.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 0; Held: 4
FY 10-11: 0; Held: 4
FY 11-12: 0; Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of the Council
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0
FY 11-12 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: No
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
The Council reviews issues in Long Term Care Facilities and gives feedback to the staff of the Office of Long Term Care Facilities related to those issues and potential regulatory changes needed. This included assistance with the comprehensive regulation review that is currently being conducted.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Occupational Therapy Practice**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1984; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-2515.** The board shall consist of at least four members appointed pursuant to section 38-158. Three of the persons appointed shall have been engaged in rendering services to the public, teaching, or research in occupational therapy for at least five years immediately preceding their appointments. Two of the persons appointed shall be occupational therapists and one shall be either an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant and all shall be holders of active licenses issued under the Occupational Therapy Practice Act during their terms. One of the persons appointed shall be a public member who meets the requirements of section 38-165.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be

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and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2012; 1 term expires in 2013; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 6
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 5
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 2

Operations

13. Support Staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$10,215

FY 10-11 budget: \$5,199

FY 11-12 budget: \$8,205

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- 15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees.
- 16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2008:
 - Recommendations for licensure and certification on 997 applications
 - Proposed rules and regulations currently being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office
 - Updated rules and regulations with the Uniform Credentialing Act changes
 - Utilization of paperless board meetings
 - Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Purpose:

Our mission is to foster, encourage and promote the development, production and utilization of natural resources of oil and gas in the state. The mission will be accomplished in such a manner as will prevent waste, protect correlative rights of all owners, and encourage and authorize secondary recovery, pressure maintenance, cycling, or recycling, in order that the greatest ultimate recovery of oil and gas may be obtained within the state while protecting the environment.

How many affectable: Unknown

How many served: All Nebraska Residents

Year Created: 1959

Year Active: 1959

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Contact Person: Bill Sydow, Director, PO Box 399, Sidney, NE 69162 (308) 254-6919

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes 57-901 through 923

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of members: Three

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications:

All Commissioners must be Nebraska residents. At least one Commissioner must have experience in the production of oil and gas. Each Commissioner is appointed to a four-year term.

Per Diem: \$50 per Day

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Two

**Number of Meetings
required in:**

FY 09-10	4	Held	8
FY 10-11	4	Held	4
FY 11-12	4	Held	6

Operation

Support Staff:	Yes
Shared or Separate:	Separate
FY 09-10 budget:	\$877,763
FY 10-11 budget:	\$881,095
FY 11-12 budget:	\$867,433

Other funding sources: Yes. Federal, US EPA, \$86,000 per year and declining yearly.

Spending authority: Yes. Cash and federal funds are allocated, budgeted, appropriated, and spent. Federal grant is applied to the operation of our Class II Underground Injection Control Program.

**Accomplishments Since
July 1, 2008**

The Commission continues to make great strides in the electronic delivery of oil and gas information to the public. The Commission's website, nogcc.ne.gov, is hosted from our headquarters office and we continue to add information daily. The ASP.net 1.0 text based data mining functions were abandoned in early 2011. The data export functions from this site were migrated to our Geographic Information System (GIS) using a Google-style search engine that was developed and enhanced with the aid of the US Department of Energy, the Ground Water Protection Council, and Coordinate Solutions. Information for Nebraska's oil and gas wells, as well as the neighboring states of Colorado, Kansas, South Dakota, and Wyoming, can be obtained by any user. Production information for oil and gas leases can also be accessed. Nearly all of the accessible data may easily be uploaded into EXCEL, ACCESS, or text files by several clicks of a 'mouse' key. The areas included in the Commission's nomenclature of oil and gas fields were posted to the GIS in early 2012 and are now shown automatically but, if desired, can be disabled by unchecking the designated box.

Overlays for the location of registered water wells and wellhead protection areas were also added. Data for the overlays were obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality, respectively.

Enhancements added to the well information section include the ability to view a schematic of the well bore showing the geological formations penetrated by the well and imagery for the well location from Google Earth. The production

information for each lease may also be viewed on a graph of monthly production rates versus time for all fields, secondary recovery units, and individual leases. Cumulative production values for oil, gas, and water are automatically updated and posted on the graphs.

During the past four years, the industry has leased hundreds of thousands of acres in the panhandle and both the southeastern and southwestern portions of Nebraska. Not only engineers and geologists use our data but the land-men who are acquiring oil and gas leases for various exploration companies have also used the web-site extensively, too. They are able to assess whether or not acreage may be available for leasing by investigating well locations and production histories for leases. The website "hits" have increased from about 200,000 per month to over 400,000 per month over the past four years.

Electronic filing of monthly reports by operators is encouraged. At the present time, 154 operators have posted bonds with the Commission. Of the currently bonded operators, 111 filed monthly production records during 2011 and, of those 111 operators, 86 filed monthly production and injection reports electronically. This represents an increase of over 100% from the previous four years. The data are quality checked for accuracy before they are brought into the Commission's system.

During the past four years, over 84,000 documents and logs in over 12,300 well files were scanned into our system. The document scanning was greatly increased with the purchase of a Sharp MX-M350N copier with a dual-scanning head. Information from every well file, currently numbering over 21,000 wells, is now available to the public at our website. New drilling permits are scanned and presented for the public with daily updates. Scanning of original films and sepias of well logs for various wells is now being conducted using the wide-bodied, back-lit scanner, purchased in August 2009, and is resulting in superior images.

All of our Commission orders have been scanned. The database is currently being populated so that individual wells and legal descriptions can be associated with each order. When completed, the data will be made available to the public. Once the scanning of the films and sepias of the well logs is complete, we will begin scanning the case files for approximately 850 hearings. Many of these files contain valuable geological maps and engineering evaluations.

Since 2007, drilling activity has increased, waned, and rebounded again. A total of 331 drilling permits were issued in 2008 and was the most permits approved since 1984. The collapse of the prices for both oil and gas in late 2008 hindered drilling activity in 2009 when 82 permits were approved but activity rebounded in 2011 when 195 permits were issued. Exploration and development drilling in the Forest City Basin of Richardson County has seen a remarkable resurgence of activity. Since 2009, the Commission has approved 68 permits for new wells. Given the overall increase in activity around the state, the position of Deputy

Director was created and filled in 2011. The search for our Staff Engineer is being conducted as of July 1, 2012.

Commission personnel remain very active in two national organizations. The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) has thirty member states and Nebraska has been a member since 1953. Bill Sydow, Governor Heineman's official representative, served as the IOGCC vice chairman during 2009.

Nebraska was a founding member of the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) and Mr. Stan Belieu, the Commission's Deputy Director, is serving as the President of the GWPC during 2012. Mr. Belieu has been active in the development of a joint IOGCC-GWPC project which is known as FracFocus. This project allows oil and gas exploration companies to easily inform the public of the volumes and constituents of fracturing fluids on a well-by-well basis. Mr. Chuck Borchert, our Commission's Information Systems Infrastructure Support Technologist (ISIST) continues to work with other states' professionals to further develop the Risk Based Data Management System (RBDMS). RBDMS remains the database system for our Commission.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Optometry**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-162.** Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act: (1) Each board shall consist of four members; (2) Each board shall have at least one public member; and (3) If a board has eleven or more members, it shall have at least three public members.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars. .

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 6
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 1
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$6,730

FY 10-11 budget: \$5,656

FY 11-12 budget: \$6,935

15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 143 applications

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

Proposed revisions to 172 NAC 120 Regulations for Optometrists based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Board of Pardons

Purpose: The Board has the power to remit fines and forfeitures, grant respites, grant reprieves, grant pardons, and grant commutations in all cases of conviction for offenses against the laws of the State of Nebraska, except for treason and cases of impeachment.

How many affectable: Not Applicable.

How many served: Not Applicable.

Year created: Constitutional Body - State of Nebraska Constitution.

Year active: Not Applicable.

Sunset date: Not Applicable.

Authorization

Contact person: Sonya Fauver, Administrative Assistant, PO Box 94754, Lincoln, NE 68509-4754, 402-479-5726

Authorization citation: State of Nebraska Constitution Article IV, Section 13; Nebraska Revised Statutes: 83-1,130; 83-1, 127; 83-1, 129; and 83-170.

Parent agency: Not Applicable

Number of members: Three - Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General

Who appoints: Voter Elected

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Voter Elected Official.

Per diem: Not Applicable

Expense reimbursement: Not Applicable

Term Length: Voter Elected.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate upon voter elections.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: None (0) Held: Six (6)

FY 10-11: None (0) Held: Eight (8)

FY 11-12: None (0) Held: Five (5)

Operations

Support staff: Yes - One staff person

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: Combine with Parole Board Budget - Agency 15

FY 10-11 budget: Combined with Parole Board Budget - Agency 15

FY 11-12 budget: Combined with Parole Board Budget - Agency 15

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes. The Board of Parole/ Pardons Agency 15 has the authority to spend annual PSL and operation allotments.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Fiscal Year 2008 / 2009 Pardon, Reprieve, and Commutation Applications presented: 237 Pardons, Reprieves, and Commutations Granted: 76 Reprieve of License Suspensions Revoked: 2 Fiscal Year 2009 / 2010 Pardon, Reprieve, and Commutation Applications presented: 161 Pardon, Reprieve, and Commutations granted: 80 Reprieve of License Suspension revoked: 7 Fiscal Year 2010 / 2011 Pardon, Reprieve, and Commutation Applications presented: 334 Pardons, Reprieves and Commutations granted: 126 Reprieve of License Suspension Revoked: 0 Fiscal Year 2011 / 2012 Pardon,

Reprieve, and Commutation Applications presented: 127 Pardons, Reprieves and Commutations granted: 124 Reprieve of License Suspension Revoked: 1

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Board of Parole

Purpose: The Nebraska Board of Parole reviews the status of committed offenders; determines when committed offenders are released on parole; fixes parole conditions; may revoke parole and issue warrants to arrest parole violators; and discharges paroled offenders.

How many affectable: Not applicable.

How many served: Not applicable.

Year created: 1968

Year active: 1969

Sunset date: Not applicable.

Authorization

Contact person: Trudy A. Clark, Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 94754, Lincoln, NE 68509; (402) 471-2156.

Authorization citation: Article IV, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska; and Nebraska Revised Statute 83-188.

Parent agency: Not applicable.

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Per State Statute 83-188, the members of the Nebraska Board of Parole shall be of good character and judicious temperament. At least one member shall be of an ethnic minority group. At least one member shall be female. At least one member shall have a professional background in corrections.

Per diem: No.

Expense reimbursement: No; however, all training expenses are reimbursed.

Term Length: Six (6) years.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms are staggered.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 5,276 Held: 5,276

FY 10-11: 5,484 Held: 5,484

FY 11-12: 6,747 Held: 6,747

Operations

Support staff: Yes.

Shared or separate: Separate.

FY 09-10 budget: \$756,921.00

FY 10-11 budget: \$766,326.00

FY 11-12 budget: \$769,889.00

Other funding sources: None; however, the agency is eligible for grants that are not part of the annual budget.

Spending authority: Yes. The Board of Parole has the authority to spend annual PSL and operation allotments.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska Board of Parole continues to collaborate with the Department of Correctional Services to address prison overcrowding and the need for programming to enhance a parolee's successful transition back into the community. In 2010, the agency purchased laptops to begin the automation process for Offender Board Reviews, Parole Hearings, and Review of Parole Hearings. Board Members continue to make presentations to civic groups and college students

regarding the parole process.

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General Information

Formal Name: Dept. of Correctional Services Internal Peer Review Committee

Purpose: Review professional practice according to acceptable community practice standards and the American Medical Association Code of Ethics.

How many affectable: 230 healthcare staff

How many served: 4500 inmate patients

Year created: 2003

Year active: 2004

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Randy T. Kohl, MD, Dept. of Correctional Svcs Medical Director

Authorization citation: NE Correctional Health Care Services Act; 83-4, 153

Parent agency: State of NE Dept of Correctional Svcs

Number of members: 6

Who appoints: NDCS Deputy Director for Health Services

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Medical Director, MD, PA or APRN, psychiatrist, clinical psychiatrist, Director of Nursing and Quality

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term Length: 18 months to permanent

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate with overlap

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: blank

FY 10-11 budget: blank

FY 11-12 budget: blank

Other funding sources: blank

Spending authority: blank

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: blank

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General Information

1. Formal Name **Perfusionist Committee**
2. Purpose: **38-2712.** (1) There is created the Perfusionist Committee which shall review and make recommendations to the board regarding all matters relating to perfusionists that come before the board. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to, (a) applications for licensure, (b) perfusionist education, (c) scope of practice, (d) proceedings arising relating to disciplinary actions, (e) perfusionist licensure requirements, and (f) continuing competency. The committee shall be directly responsible to the board.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 2007; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-2712.** (1) There is created the Perfusionist Committee which shall review and make recommendations to the board regarding all matters relating to perfusionists that come before the board. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to, (a) applications for licensure, (b) perfusionist education, (c) scope of practice, (d) proceedings arising relating to disciplinary actions, (e) perfusionist licensure requirements, and (f) continuing competency. The committee shall be directly responsible to the board.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 3; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-2712.** (2) The committee shall be appointed by the State Board of Health and shall be composed of two perfusionists and one physician who has clinical experience with perfusionists. The physician member may also be a member of the Board of Medicine and Surgery.
10. Per diem: \$50; Expense reimbursement: **38-2712.** (3) The committee shall meet on a regular basis, and committee members shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be reimbursed on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation shall not exceed fifty dollars per day and shall be determined by the committee with the approval of the department.
38-171. Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-2712.** All appointments shall be for five-year terms, at staggered intervals. Members shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. Reappointments shall be made by the State Board of Health.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2012; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

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12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10:	1	Held: 0
FY 10-11:	1	Held: 0
FY 11-12:	1	Held: 1

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this committee

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 48 applications

Developed 172 NAC 91 Regulations for Perfusionists based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

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General Information

Formal Name: State Personnel Board

Purpose: To ensure the fair and equitable administration of the State Personnel System. (NE Revised Statutes 81-1318)

How many affectable: 12966

How many served: 51

Year created: 1969

Year active: blank

Sunset date: none

Authorization

Contact person: Andy Russell, Interim Director - State Personnel

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-1813

Parent agency: Administrative Services - Personnel Division

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Not more than three of the members shall be members of the same political party. State employees covered by sections 81-1301 to 81-1319 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes shall not be appointed. At least three appointees shall have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations, or law.

Per diem: 0

Expense reimbursement: Yes (mileage)

Term Length: 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: blank Held: 4

FY 10-11: blank Held: 3

FY 11-12: blank Held: 3

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: NA

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: FY 08-09: 8 Grievance Appeal Decisions FY 09-10: 19 Grievance Appeal Decisions FY 10-11: 11 Grievance Appeal Decisions FY 11-12: 13 Grievance Appeal Decisions

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Pharmacy**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-2849.** The board shall be composed of five members, including four actively practicing pharmacists, at least one of whom practices within the confines of a hospital, and one public member who is interested in the health of the people of Nebraska.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2013; 1 term expires in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 8
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 6
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$32,500

FY 10-11 budget: \$29,640

FY 11-12 budget: \$42,808

15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 5,420 applications

Published newsletters in February 2009 and November 2010

Participated in the development and review of examination questions for the Nebraska Jurisprudence Examination

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

Proposed revisions to 172 NAC 128 Regulations for Pharmacy Personnel based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Physical Therapy**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1957; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-162.** Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act: (1) Each board shall consist of four members; (2) Each board shall have at least one public member; and (3) If a board has eleven or more members, it shall have at least three public members.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 7
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 6
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 7

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$22,667
FY 10-11 budget: \$8,195
FY 11-12 budget: \$21,818
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure or certification on 687 applications

Promulgated new rules and regulations

Implemented provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act changes

Implemented an online tutorial as part of the renewal process testing licensees knowledge of the Physical Therapy Practice Act, Rules and Regulations for Physical Therapy and the Uniform Credentialing Act

Utilization of paperless board meetings

Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Physician Assistant Committee**
2. Purpose: **38-2056.** (1) There is hereby created the Physician Assistant Committee which shall review and make recommendations to the board regarding all matters relating to physician assistants that come before the board. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to, (a) applications for licensure, (b) physician assistant education, (c) scope of practice, (d) proceedings arising pursuant to sections 38-178 and 38-179, (e) physician assistant licensure and supervising physician requirements, and (f) continuing competency. The committee shall be directly responsible to the board.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1973; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-2056.** (1) There is hereby created the Physician Assistant Committee which shall review and make recommendations to the board regarding all matters relating to physician assistants that come before the board. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to, (a) applications for licensure, (b) physician assistant education, (c) scope of practice, (d) proceedings arising pursuant to sections 38-178 and 38-179, (e) physician assistant licensure and supervising physician requirements, and (f) continuing competency. The committee shall be directly responsible to the board.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-2056.** The committee shall be directly responsible to the board. (2) The committee shall be appointed by the State Board of Health and shall be composed of two physician assistants, one supervising physician, one member of the Board of Medicine and Surgery, and one public member.
10. Per diem: \$50; Expense reimbursement: **38-2056.** (4) The committee shall meet on a regular basis and committee members shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be reimbursed on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation shall not exceed fifty dollars per day and shall be determined by the committee with the approval of the department.
38-171. Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years – **38-2056.** (3) At the expiration of the four-year terms of the members serving on December 1, 2008, appointments shall be for five-year terms. Members shall

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serve no more than two consecutive full five-year terms. Reappointments shall be made by the State Board of Health.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2014; 2 terms expire in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10:	1	Held: 4
FY 10-11:	1	Held: 4
FY 11-12:	1	Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this committee

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 527 applications

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Proposed revisions to 172 NAC 90 Regulations for Physician Assistants based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Podiatry**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-162.** Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act: (1) Each board shall consist of four members; (2) Each board shall have at least one public member; and (3) If a board has eleven or more members, it shall have at least three public members.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and

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shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.

Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.

12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 4
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 1
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 2

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board

14. FY 09-10 budget: \$3,046

FY 10-11 budget: \$2,200

FY 11-12 budget: \$1,955

15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees

16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 41 applications

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Proposed revisions to 172 NAC 143 Regulations for Podiatry based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council

Purpose: Standing committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to oversee law enforcement hiring and training standards for law enforcement officers statewide. The Council approves training curriculum and certifies other Nebraska police training academies ensuring that all rules, regulations and policies are followed with respect to minimum hiring and training qualifications. Council hears cases for revocation of law enforcement certification and appeals of Director decisions regarding academy discipline and admission denials.

How many affectable: 4,100 certified officers

How many served: 4,100

Year created: 1969

Year active: 1969

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: William J. Muldoon, Director

Authorization citation: 81-1406

Parent agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Number of members: 9, 7 voting and 2 public at large

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: 9 total members with 6 full-time law enforcement and 1 citizen at large or a member of the Jail Standards. 1 each from a metropolitan or primary class city, 1 from 1st class city, 1 from 2nd class or village, 1 from a sheriff's office of county with population over 40,000, 1 from sheriff's office with county population under 40,000, a member from the Nebraska State Patrol. The FBI SAC is an ex-official non-voting member.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 10

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 7

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 11

Operations

Support staff: 3

Shared or separate: Shared-Law Enforcement Training Center

FY 09-10 budget: \$3,000

FY 10-11 budget: \$3,000

FY 11-12 budget: \$3,000

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: 1) Conducted statewide job task analysis in 2011 that was accepted in 2012 for the position of Nebraska peace officer. The JTA is required by administrative rule every 8 year; 2) With the passage of LB 817, the Council worked on

adopting a new Continuing Education administrative rule for law enforcement. It is tentatively titled Chapter 17 and a copy with comment link can be found on the NLETC website. The law requires that law enforcement officers receive 20 hours of law enforcement related continuing education annually beginning in 2014; 3) Conducted 13 administrative hearings of appeals of the director's decisions regarding discipline or admission for certification training; 4) Accepted 44 tuition paying diploma students into the basic certification program resulting in 34 graduating new hires as law enforcement officers; 5) Issued 710 new Nebraska Law Enforcement peace officer certifications; 6) Revoked 19; 7) Conducted Reserve meeting in Kearney October, 2008, over current status of the program and fielded questions. Representatives from 55 agencies attended. Agency administrators asked that they receive a letter when the acceptance packages are mailed to the reserves and that we develop an informative brochure about the Reserve program to be given to those contemplating becoming a reserve. Both were implemented. 8) Sheriff's Election 2010 Under provisions in Â§23-1701.01, sheriff candidates who are not already Nebraska Certified must pass a background investigation conducted by NLETC based solely on criminal history information contained in FBI files through fingerprints and the TABE test as is required of basic students. Candidates passing this check receive a letter that is then shown their election commissioner before they can be placed on the ballot. This was the second sheriff's election since the statute was passed. One new twist this cycle was several candidates needing or desiring a letter later to become a write-in candidate that occurred later in the election process. Director was able to accommodate the late requests. Twenty-one candidates applied for letters and all but three received letters. Of the eighteen that went on, two were elected sheriff. Of the twenty-one new sheriffs, eighteen were already certified, two needed reactivation training, and one needed full basic. All three needing additional training completed their training and are currently serving.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: .Nebraska Potato Development Act
2. Purpose: To protect and foster the health, prosperity, and general welfare of the people of the state of Nebraska by conserving, developing and promoting the state's potato industry.
3. How many affectable: Not applicable
How many served:
4. Year created: 1949. Year active: 1949. Sunset date: Not applicable.
5. Contact person: Gary Leever, interim.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 2-1801 to 2-1812
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: "2-1803 the committee shall be three shippers and four growers from the industry, the vice-chancellor of the University of Nebraska IANR shall be an ex-officio member, the director of Agriculture shall be chairperson"
Who appoints: 2-1803...the governor shall appoint the committee...
9. Legislative approval: Not Applicable.
Qualifications of members: 2-1810 Potato shippers shall mean to include any person engaged in the business of shipping potatoes, who in any calendar year sells 180,000 lbs. of potatoes grown in Nebraska... Potato growers shall mean the actual grower within the state of Nebraska of at least three acres of potatoes during the crop year.
10. Per diem: Yes... Expense reimbursement: Yes, Not used because of burdensome reimbursement policy.
11. Term length: 2 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: N/A Held: 2
FY 10-11: N/A Held: 2
FY 11-12: N/A Held: 2 meetings, Nov and Mar each yr.

Operations

13. Support staff: 1. Shared or separate: Separate, 1/5 time Potato Division Chief
14. FY 09-10 budget: 49,945
FY 10-11 budget: 64,581
FY 11-12 budget: 85,071
15. Other funding sources: NONE.
16. Spending authority: 2-1808...

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008: Purpose of the fund is to provide research and development funds to the potato industry. Since 2008 the primary funds have been spent to combat a new disease called Zebra Chip that has affected the Nebraska Potato Industry. This disease is insect vectored and a monitoring system has been developed to protect the Nebraska Industry.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee

Purpose: To promote, improve, and protect all branches of the poultry and egg industry and to coordinate all the activities of its member divisions of the poultry industry and to act as their agent in promoting such activities favorable to the poultry industry as a whole for the entire State of Nebraska.

How many affectable: 1.7 million

How many served: Not quantifiable

Year created: 1976

Year active: 1976

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Susan S. Joy, Ag Commodities Division Manager, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Poultry and Egg Division, University of Nebraska, 102 Mussehl Hall, PO Box 830721, Lincoln, NE 68583-0721, Phone: (402) 472-2051

Authorization citation: Section 2-3404

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Number of members: 14

Who appoints: Duly elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc., a body corporate formed under the provision of the Nonprofit Corporation Act, serve as an advisory committee known as the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: None

Per diem: \$25 per day (none claimed)

Expense reimbursement: Yes (none claimed)

Term Length: 1 year

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 3

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 3

Operations

Support staff: Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: \$0 - Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18

FY 10-11 budget: \$0 - Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18

FY 11-12 budget: \$0 - Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee (PED) continues to distribute American Egg Board (AEB) recipe/nutritional/educational materials to Nebraska's general public, health professionals, and educators; provide funding for classroom egg cookery lessons; utilize radio advertising developed by AEB; support the 4-H Embryology Project taught in Lancaster County public schools; provide funding for Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council;

provide funding for appropriate egg and turkey research projects at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and actively participate in appropriate regional and national poultry organizations. We also cooperate in joint promotional/educational opportunities with the Nebraska Soybean Board. PED also supports the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska, Governor's Ag Conference, etc., as well as provide direction as necessary for poultry issues related to production, disease, and marketing.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Power Review Board

Purpose: The Power Review Board's overall purpose is to oversee Nebraska's electric power suppliers in order to ensure that the state's residents receive adequate and reliable electric service at the lowest rates possible. This is accomplished by trying to avoid and eliminate conflict and competition between public power suppliers, avoid duplication of facilities and resources, and facilitate the settlement of rate disputes between power suppliers. The Board provides Nebraska's publicly owned electric utilities a quasi-judicial administrative forum for dispute resolution, obviating the need to involve the courts unless the matter is appealed.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1963

Year active: 1963

Sunset date: Not Applicable

Authorization

Contact person: Tim Texel, Executive Director and General Counsel, P.O. Box 94713, Lincoln, NE 68509 Telephone: 402-471-2301

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. section 70-1003

Parent agency: Not Applicable

Number of members: Five

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: One member must be an engineer, one an attorney, and one an accountant. Two members are designated as laymembers. Members may not be serving or have served within the four years preceding the appointment either as director, officer, or employee of any electric utility or as an elective state officer. No more than three members may be registered members of the Governor's political party.

Per diem: \$60 per day while engaged in Board business.

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: No required number Held: 12

FY 10-11: No required number Held: 11

FY 11-12: No required number Held: 10

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$402,090

FY 10-11 budget: \$641,069

FY 11-12 budget: \$637,446

Other funding sources: Yes. The Power Review Board's budget is entirely cash funded. The Board levies assessments on Nebraska's electric power suppliers, and fees collected from private developers that file applications for Certified Renewable Export facilities.

Spending authority: Yes. The Power Review Board has authority to allocate its resources for operations pursuant to

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since the last report, the Power Review Board has reviewed and acted on numerous applications for the construction or acquisition of transmission lines and generation facilities. Since July 1, 2008, the Board has held hearings on and approved generation facilities totaling approximately 311 megawatts capacity. The Board has also acted on 22 petitions to amend public power district charters and 37 applications to amend service area agreements between power suppliers. In addition, the Board considered and approved one microwave communication facility requested by a joint entity formed by two public power districts. In 2009 the State's three largest utilities joined the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regional transmission organization. The need for representation by the State's regulatory agency on transmission issues before the SPP soon became clear, and the Board requested authorization to hire a transmission engineer as a consultant to represent Nebraska at the SPP. The Legislature authorized the funding of the position. The Board then retained a transmission engineer to represent Nebraska on the many committees, working groups, and task forces formed by the SPP. The consultant also advises the Board's chairman, who represents Nebraska on the SPP's Regional State Committee, which is comprised of a representative from the regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the electric industry in each state within the SPP's operating area. The Board was active in drafting a new statutory procedure allowing private developers to obtain approval for certified renewable export facilities, which became LB 1048 and was enacted in 2010. The Board approved a new 345 kilovolt transmission line connecting Nebraska transmission facilities with facilities in northern Kansas. The Board's decision was appealed by landowners that intervened in the case. The Nebraska Supreme Court upheld the Board's decision and clarified the Board's authority and approval criteria. This was the first appeal of a Power Review Board decision to the courts in twelve years. The Board also denied an application by the City of Minden to construct a transmission line that the Board determined would have duplicated existing facilities owned by the Southern Public Power District. The City of Minden appealed and the Nebraska Supreme Court upheld the Board's decision.

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General Information

Formal Name: Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council

Purpose: 85-1607 Advisory council; members; appointment; term; duties. The advisory council shall have the following responsibilities: (1) To advise the department in its administration of the Private Postsecondary Career School Act; and (2) To review the rules and regulations adopted or proposed for adoption by the department and make recommendations with respect thereto:

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1977

Year active: 1977

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Brad Dirksen

Authorization citation: blank

Parent agency: blank

Number of members: blank

Who appoints: blank

Legislative approval: blank

Qualifications of members: blank

Per diem: blank

Expense reimbursement: blank

Term Length: blank

Terms rotate or expire at once: blank

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: blank Held: blank

FY 10-11: blank Held: blank

FY 11-12: blank Held: blank

Operations

Support staff: blank

Shared or separate: blank

FY 09-10 budget: blank

FY 10-11 budget: blank

FY 11-12 budget: blank

Other funding sources: blank

Spending authority: blank

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: blank

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **State Committee on Problem Gambling**
2. Purpose: To develop and recommend to the Division of Behavioral Health, guidelines and standards for the distribution and disbursement of money in the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
3. How many affected: Approximately 55,000 Nebraskans directly impacted negatively from problem/pathological gambling. If for every individual suffering from an addiction impacts at least seven people, then an additional 385,000 Nebraskans are also negatively impacted
4. How many served: Just fewer than 1,000 Nebraskans served in problem gambling treatment services within the 2008-2012 periods. Just under 1,000 Nebraskans served via the statewide problem gambling helpline. Approximately 10,000 served via various education and outreach campaigns.
5. Year created: 1992; Year active: 1993 to present Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Maya Chilese, Gamblers Assistance Program Manager 402-471-7792

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-816, 71-817
7. Parent agency: DHHS Division of Behavioral Health

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12; Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: 71-816
Qualifications: The committee shall consist of twelve members appointed by the governor. At least three of the twelve members of the committee shall be consumers, as provided by statute. Members shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to problem gambling in Nebraska
10. Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement within established state allowances for travel and lodging to committee events only.
11. Term length: 3 years Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 10: 4 Held: 4
FY 11: 4 Held: 4 FY 12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: .3 FTE from 3-4 positions, shared
14. FY 10 budget: \$6358.42 committee expenses
FY 11 budget: \$8629.80 committee expenses
FY 12 budget: \$5566.90 committee expenses
15. Other funding sources: committee expenses funded via Lottery Admin dollars through Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
16. Spending authority: committee has no spending authority.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:
The State Committee on Problem Gambling contributed to the development of Annual Reports due to legislature annually per statute; contributed to the development and final recommendation of the GAP 2011-2015 Strategic Plan that guides the continued implementation of problem gambling programming statewide; provides recommendations annually for services funded across Nebraska (treatment, helpline, counselor training, education and outreach programs, youth prevention programs, evaluation and special projects).

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General Information

Formal Name: Professional Practices Commission

Purpose: The commission, upon receipt of petitions alleging a violation of standards of professional ethics and practices filed by Dr. Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education, holds hearings and receives evidence and testimonies. The commission members may then issue a private admonishment or warning or publicly reprimand educators or they may make a recommendation to the Nebraska State Board of Education that an educator's certificate be suspended or revoked. The commission is also charged with advising the Nebraska State Board of Education regarding rules and regulations for standards of professional ethics and practices for holders of public schools certificates. The commission may make recommendations to educational entities which will promote improvement of education and the teaching profession. Other services provided by the commission include the publishing of three pamphlets regarding the code of ethics, standards of competency and teacher aides. The clerk of the commission is responsible for all record-keeping of commission business, all functions of the office, and responds to all requests to provide information to college classes in teacher and administrator training. She provides workshops and seminars for lay and professional groups and informs educational entities and the public of the activities of the commission.

How many affectable: The commission serves the entire state.

How many served: Varies.

Year created: 1967.

Year active: 1970.

Sunset date: None.

Authorization

Contact person: Kathi Vontz, Clerk of the Legislature

Authorization citation: Sec. 79-859 through 79-871.

Parent agency: None.

Number of members: 12.

Who appoints: Governor.

Legislative approval: Not required.

Qualifications of members: Educators must be representative of elementary classroom teachers, secondary classroom teachers, school administrators, and postsecondary education.

Per diem: No.

Expense reimbursement: Yes.

Term Length: Three years.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: Four Held: Four

FY 10-11: Four Held: Four

FY 11-12: Four Held: Four

Operations

Support staff: Yes.

Shared or separate: Separate.

FY 09-10 budget: \$147,129

FY 10-11 budget: \$123,207

FY 11-12 budget: \$123,107

Other funding sources: Totally cash funded.

Spending authority: Commission approves proposed budgets.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since the last report in 2008 there have been 41 petitions filed with the commission resulting in the following recommendations: Twenty-one certificate revocations, ten of which were permanent; seven certificate suspensions; and, thirteen certificate reinstatements. We currently have three cases pending. Additionally, training has been offered in the form of administrative law judge courses through the National Judicial College. We are most proud to have produced and finalized, in conjunction with Nebraska Educational Television, a major project: A training video which is available to schools and teacher education institutions. It has been our hope that this information will assist us in our efforts to prevent violations of the standards of professional ethics and practices. We have no firm way of knowing if slight decreases in the number of petitions filed is mainly attributable to our ongoing efforts to prevent infractions, but we believe it might well be the case. A significant number of inquiries from members of the public and the teaching profession have been addressed. Many presentations have been made to groups regarding the activities of the commission. Numerous pamphlets have been requested and disseminated.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Propane Education and Research Commission
2. Purpose: Purposes of the Act are: 1) to authorize the creation of an industry-financed entity which will enable the Nebraska propane industry to educate the public and industry employees about proper safety and procedures in the storage, handling, transportation and use of propane in any of its traditional residential, commercial, recreational, or agricultural applications and 2) to support efforts to increase the efficiency and value of propane energy service to the industry and its customers.

How many affected: Propane Retailers in the state: 100 headquarters, (not including branches), and 66,000 consumers in Nebraska (as provided by the State Energy Office)

How many served: Programs are available to all Nebraska retail marketers

3. Year created: 1998 Year active: 1999 Sunset date: N/A
4. Contact person: Lynne Schuller, Executive Director, 301 South 12th Street, Suite 140, Lincoln, NE 68508

Authorization

5. Authorization citation: NE Rev Stat Section 66-1601 through Section 66-1627
6. Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

7. Number of members: nine
Who appoints: Governor
8. Legislative approval: Yes
Qualifications of members: One member of the public, one member of the academic community, one member from the State Fire Marshal's office, one wholesale propane member, four retail marketer members, and one equipment/manufacturer propane member.
Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement: the member of the public is eligible for travel expenses related to Council meetings
9. Term length: 3 years
10. Terms rotate or expire at once: Every year three member terms expire
11. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: regular basis Held: three
FY 10-11: .regular basis Held: three
FY 11-12: regular basis Held: three

Operations

12. Support staff: one..Shared or separate: .shared.
13. FY 09-10 budget: \$202,000
FY 10-11 budget: \$209,000
FY 11-12 budget: \$201,000
14. Other funding sources: .National Propane Education and Research Council
15. Spending authority: The National Council allocates funding between safety training and consumer awareness to carry out the purpose of the statutes

Accomplishments

16. Since July 1, 2008: Nebraska PERC has conducted over 170 employee training courses throughout the state on job specific, propane related subjects on safety procedures, codes, and regulations, including NFPA Books 58 and 54. PERC also held 32 District Safety Meetings throughout the state for industry employees on current safety issues in the industry.

The Commission also mailed out consumer awareness safety packets in since 2003 to all Nebraska propane marketers to help them inform their customers of safe handling of propane and propane equipment. It also continues to send out container shut off valve warning labels at no charge for all those who request them.

A propane fire simulator is also available through the State Fire Marshal's office to prepare fire departments to deal with propane specific fires. Propane fires must be treated differently than fires from another source. To address this need, Nebraska PERC paid to create a propane fire simulator and provided through the State Fire Marshal. Any fire department who does the training may apply for 100% reimbursement of the cost of the propane used through PERC. Norfolk fire fighters were trained on this simulator shortly before the Protient plant fire in December of 2010. They credited this training for being able to put the fire out before there was an explosion or loss of life. Since the inception of the program, over 2,500 firefighters have been trained in Nebraska.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Psychology**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1967; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles, Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health & Consumer Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-3112.** The board shall consist of five professional members and two public members appointed pursuant to section 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections 38-164 and 38-165, except that two of the five years of experience for professional members may have been served in teaching or research.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each

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professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2012; 1 term expires in 2013; 3 terms expire in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 1 term expires in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09-10: 1	Held: 7
FY 10-11: 1	Held: 6
FY 11-12: 1	Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$7,585
FY 10-11 budget: \$13,444
FY 11-12 budget: \$9,098
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- Offered on-line option for renewing licenses
- Board drafted regulation revisions which the following:
 - Revising the requirements for an internship that is not accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA);
 - Revise definitions
 - Include a “professional records” section in the unprofessional conduct section;
 - Move the adoption of the American Psychological Association’s Code of Ethical Standards from chapter 157 to this chapter
 - Including a description of activities that do not require a license to practice psychology.
- Recommendations for licensure on 282 applications

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General Information

Formal Name: Education Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy

Purpose: State Statute Public Accountancy Act 1-113/ (2) The advisory committee shall meet at least annually and shall advise the board upon the rules and regulations for Section 1-116 relating to educational requirements. The board may also consult the advisory committee on any other issues which it deems appropriate.

How many affectable: 1200 (est) / Number of candidates sitting for the Uniform CPA Examination and have met the 150 hour requirement to sit for the examination.

How many served: blank

Year created: 1991

Year active: 1991

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Dan Sweetwood, Executive Director/ P.O. Box 94725, Lincoln, NE 68509; (402) 471-3595

Authorization citation: State Statute Public Accountancy Act 1-113

Parent agency: Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy

Number of members: 14

Who appoints: Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy

Legislative approval: NO

Qualifications of members: A majority of the members shall be appointed as representatives of the postsecondary educational institutions of Nebraska engaged in the instruction of accounting and auditing, including the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state colleges, and private universities and colleges. One member of the advisory shall be a certified public accountant who is a member of the board.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term Length: Annual terms

Terms rotate or expire at once: No

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10:	1	Held:	1
FY 10-11:	1	Held:	1
FY 11-12:	1	Held:	1

Operations

Support staff: 2

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Committee has and continues to review the education requirements to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination (150 hours) within Board regulations NAC Title 288/ Chapter 6 and 9. Changes to regulations within Chapter 6 and 9 were reviewed and recommendations provided by the Committee in 2008 and 2010. They have been updated on changes to

the examination and educational requirements within other jurisdictions. The Committee has met and will continue to meet at Nebraska Educational institutions where students and other faculty members are invited to attend updates on the examination by the AICPA Board of Examiners, CPA Exam Services, and Prometric Test Centers.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy

Purpose: The Nebraska Public Accountancy Act/ State Statute 1-105.01/ The purpose of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy is to protect the welfare of the citizens of the state by assuring the competency of the persons regulated under the Public Accountancy through: - Administration of the certified public accountant examinations -Issuance of certificates and permits to qualified persons and firms -Monitoring the requirements for continued issuance of certificates and permits - Disciplining certificate and permit holders who fail to comply with the technical or ethical standards of the public accountancy profession.

How many affectable: Citizens of the State of Nebraska who utilize and rely on certified public accountants.

How many served: Citizens who file complaints/ Certified Public Accountants/ Active Permit Holders as of June 30, 2012 = 2245 InActive Registrants = 1545 Certificate Holders = 6500 (est.)

Year created: 1957

Year active: 1957

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Dan Sweetwood, Executive Director

Authorization citation: The Public Accountancy Act

Parent agency: Non-Code Independent Agency

Number of members: 8

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: NO

Qualifications of members: Six Members must be Active Permit Holders (CPAs) with two from each Federal Congressional District. Two Members are from the public.

Per diem: \$100 spent each day on Board matters

Expense reimbursement: YES

Term Length: Four Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Can be reappointed for a second four-year term. Cannot be appointed for third consecutive term.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 6 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 7 Held: 7

FY 11-12: 6 Held: 6

Operations

Support staff: 3

Shared or separate: Seperate

FY 09-10 budget: \$413,878

FY 10-11 budget: \$412,113

FY 11-12 budget: \$413,403

Other funding sources: All fees from permit holders, Inactive registrants, and CPA firms

Spending authority: State Statute 1-111 Public Accountants Fund

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Board developed and implemented an Online Registration System (ORS) for licensees and registrants.

This includes required registration renewals for active permit holders (CPAs); inactive registrants; and CPA firms. In 2012 over 80 percent of registrants completed renewals through the ORS. Additionally, the ORS allows for active permit holders to submit Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements online. Although developed for compliance purposes, the system also allows the CPA to submit and monitor their CPE throughout the year. Several efficiencies have been achieved by the development of the ORS. Less paper applications, improved processing of applications by staff, less filing, and a more efficient transfer of data to the Board's database are a few of the examples of the improvements related to the ORS systems. The Board also receives feedback from the ORS through surveys at the end of the registration process and utilizes the feedback to improve the systems. The Board also implemented Mobility for Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) through successful changes to the Nebraska Public Accountancy Act. Nebraska joined 48 other State Boards of Accountancy in the unified effort to allow mobile CPA professionals to conduct engagements without the need to register within every jurisdiction they visit or conduct an engagement. This is an example the Board recognizes the fact CPAs are conducting engagements on national (and international) basis due to technology advances while still protecting the citizens of Nebraska. One of the most important Board programs is the ability to remove CPAs from the profession when they violate provisions within the Public Accountancy Act, regulations, and accounting standards. Several have been removed and/or disciplined for various reasons including felony convictions, violating their fiduciary duties to clients, and violating standards regarding client information. The Board additionally has monitored several civil cases filed against CPA firms to determine if possible violations of accounting standards occurred within the engagement. The Board has assisted in the development of the second generation of the Uniform CPA Examination known as CBT-e. The Board of Examiners (BOE), who oversees and develops the examination, recognized the frustration expressed by candidates waiting for scores to be released. Changes to the examination now allow for quicker score results so candidates can plan for what section they will sit for next. The examination is also now available in several sites throughout the world including Japan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Brazil. Several Chapters within the Board regulations within NAC Title 288 have been reviewed and updated over the last four years. This includes regulations related to CPE, Mobility, and administration of enforcement proceedings before the Board. Several initiatives to possibly change the PAA or the regulations include: Experience Requirement/ Public Accountancy Act- After inquiry by ConAgra Financial executives, the Board developed a Work Group of stakeholders to review the Board's current requirement that requires two years of experience within a CPA firm before licensure as an Active Permit Holder (CPA). Recommended changes include allowing for private company, additional governmental, and academia to count towards the requirement. This would align the requirement more closely with the Uniform Accounting Act (UAA) and surrounding jurisdictions. It is anticipated a Legislative Bill will be submitted before the 2013 Legislature. Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) Regulations- The Board's QEP Task Force and Committee has recommended the program come to end and the national Peer Review Program be required. Initial projections include the costs associated with the program will generally be transferred to administering the national program although there is a possibility of long term cost savings if approved. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Regulations- The Board's CPE Committee requested review of Board regulations based on the continuing struggle to approve CPA courses not directly related to accounting practice. These professional development courses including leadership, personal development, self improvement, and management have been problematic in allowance for full credit. The Committee has recommended clarification of these type courses within the regulations to assist in approval. Through areas such as the Online Registrations System, the Board continues to spend conservatively. Obviously, the last four years have had an effect on all facets of state government and forced all to review and determine ways to reduce costs and streamline operations where available. These include the ORS, applying a CPE audit system, and continuing to outsource the review of examination applications. Additionally, the Board continues to apply programs in the attempt to reduce expenses and utilize employee time in a more effective way.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy.

Purpose: To effectively represent indigent individuals charged with first degree murder and serious violent or drug-related felonies, including juvenile cases, at trial and appeal; To provide legal assistance to public defenders and court-appointed attorneys; To provide property tax relief to counties by billing nothing for such legal services and associated costs of such defense; To administer the Legal Aid and Services Fund and the Civil Legal Services Fund, awarding grants to qualifying certified providers of civil legal services to the indigent from collected docket funds; To represent indigent individuals granted DNA testing and to pay for such testing; To carry out duties designated under the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Fund per LB 1014.

How many affectable: FY 09-10: Commission attorneys handled: 20 first degree murder cases, including trials, appeals, and post-conviction cases; 204 violent and/or drug-related felonies; 7 DNA cases; and responded to 105 requests for research and assistance. The Commission

How many served: FY 09-10: Commission attorneys handled: 20 first degree murder cases, including trials, appeals, and post-conviction cases; 204 violent and/or drug-related felonies; 7 DNA cases; and responded to 105 requests for research and assistance. The Commission

Year created: 1995.

Year active: 1996.

Sunset date: N/A.

Authorization

Contact person: James R. Mowbray, Chief Counsel; Rita Wesely, Admin Asst/Fiscal Officer, 140 North 8th Street, Suite 270, P. O. Box 98932, Lincoln, Nebr., 68509-8932; (402) 471-8088.

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§Â§ 7-201-209; 29-3919-3933; 4116-4125; 25-3001-3010.

Parent agency: N/A.

Number of members: 9.

Who appoints: Governor appoints from names forwarded by the Nebraska State Bar Association after recommendations to the NSBA have been made by the Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association.

Legislative approval: N/A.

Qualifications of members: Must be a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association who has substantial experience in criminal defense work and substantial experience in civil legal matters that commonly affect low income persons and shall not be a prosecutor, law enforcement officer or judge.

Per diem: No.

Expense reimbursement: Yes, if they choose to.

Term Length: Six years.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms may overlap.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: N/A. Held: 1.

FY 10-11: N/A. Held: 2.

FY 11-12: N/A. Held: 1.

Operations

Support staff: Yes.

Shared or separate: Separate.

FY 09-10 budget: \$4.3 million, \$2,663,037 of which was disbursed as pass-through funds under the Legal Aid and Services Fund and Civil Legal Services Fund, none of which was spent on Commission operations.

FY 10-11 budget: \$4.5 million, \$2,543,566 of which was disbursed as pass-through funds under the Legal Aid and Services

Fund and Civil Legal Services Fund, none of which was spent on Commission operations.

FY 11-12 budget: \$4 million, \$2,453,919 of which was disbursed as pass-through funds under the Legal Aid and Services Fund and Civil Legal Services Fund, none of which was spent on Commission operations.

Other funding sources: None.

Spending authority: Yes, the Commission approves all allocation of spending for Commission operations and fiscal duties related to the Legal Aid and Services Fund, the Civil Legal Services Fund, the DNA Testing Act and will do so under the Legal Education for Public Service

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Commission continued to represent indigent Nebraska citizens in first degree murder cases, serious violent or drug-related felonies and DNA cases. It also provided legal assistance to public defenders and court-appointed attorneys. Awards were granted to civil legal service providers in accordance with the statutes governing the Legal Aid and Services Fund and the Civil Legal Services Fund, allowing such entities to continue to provide civil legal services to the indigent. Since 2003, the Commission has been entirely cash funded, ending its reliance upon the State general fund and in turn, allowing all attorney services to be provided as no cost to any Nebraska county. Duties regarding the Indigent Defense Standards Advisory Council have been suspended due to an end to its associated funding. Duties set out under LB 1014 regarding the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Fund have begun and will continue when donations are received. Cases handled by commission attorneys continue to save counties hundreds of thousands of dollars, while providing the constitutional mandate of effective assistance of counsel. With the changes in the sentencing procedure on death penalty cases, the number of these cases has increased. Not only has the number of death penalty cases increased but so has the attorney time and expenses. The new procedure in death penalty cases has almost doubled from the costs of the old sentencing procedure. In effect, there are now two trials: the guilt/innocence phase and the sentencing phase, doubling the costs. In all murder cases, two attorneys are always assigned to each case. This is what is recommended by statute as well as the ABA and NLADA guidelines. Generally, each attorney will spend between 1000 to 1500 hours of time on a murder case, but in cases where the death penalty is being sought, those numbers usually double since the sentencing phase can take as much time as the guilt/innocence phase. Much of the time on the sentencing phase is spent on finding the necessary mitigation evidence which usually requires a great deal of travel throughout the U.S., but staff have also spent time in Mexico interviewing family members and seeking out mitigation evidence. We now estimate that when the Commission is appointed on a death penalty case, it can save counties over \$500,000 in fees and expenses, and for non-death penalty cases, up to \$300,000. For fiscal year 11-12 just completed, 35 murder cases were being handled at the trial, appellate and post conviction levels, which is almost double from prior years. Because the number of murder cases doubled during the past fiscal year we had to substantially reduce the number of non-murder cases. One murder case is the equivalent of between 10 to 15 violent felonies in terms of hours required to be spent. So for this year in addition to the murder cases, we also handled 75 cases involving serious violent and/or drug related felonies. If the number of murder cases declines during the next fiscal year, then we expect the number of serious violent crimes and drug cases will increase.

2008 Accomplishments

1. This year our total number of plan members in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew to a record 108,434. The total assets of the plans were reduced from \$9.2 billion to \$6.7 billion due to the severe economic crisis in the credit and financial markets. NPERS distributed over \$394 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans
2. The call center answered approximately 33,000 phone calls and met with over 1,300 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits Department processed 1,225 teacher retirements, 393 estimates for purchase of service, 170 actual purchases of services, 39 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDRO's) and 24 disability claims.
3. NPERS focused our efforts on the Nebraska Public Retirement Information System (NPRIS). We identified the requirements for the system and worked with the vendor on development of the 19 different functional areas. We completed development and testing of Phase I and much of Phase II and III.
4. NPERS developed and implemented the State Patrol Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) by the statutory deadline, September 1, 2008. Ten State Patrol members joined the plan.
5. NPERS contracted with Milliman, Inc. to perform an actuarial audit. The report was presented to the PERB and showed no material concerns with our present actuary.
6. The Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) awarded a dividend of 5.18% to State and 5.34% to County Cash Balance plan members who had an account balance on December 31, 2007.
7. The PERB revised Board Policy #10 establishing additional guidelines for issuing a Cash Balance dividend.
8. NPERS worked with our record keeper to create a non-interest bearing fund for Cash Balance plan members whose accounts have been distributed and subsequently received a late contribution or dividend.
9. Our legal counsel submitted the IRS determination letters for all six retirement plans. We are awaiting approval from the federal government.

2009 Accomplishments

1. This year our total number of plan members in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew to a record 108,874. The total assets of the plans increased from \$6.7 billion to \$7.2 billion with improved investment performance and market stability. NPERS distributed over \$410 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans.

2. NPERS successfully completed the conversion of the Nebraska Public Retirement Information System (NPRIS) in the March. Throughout the year, the entire agency benefited from capabilities of the new technology. We tested various components, identified warranty issues and proposed enhancements to the system. We also upgraded our desktops to Microsoft 2007 and Outlook 2007.
3. NPERS continued our technology partnership with the OCIO. NPERS hired a new Information Technology Manager from the Office of the CIO to replace the retiring manager. NPERS also extended the vendor contract to continue maintenance and support of NPRIS.
4. In addition to the annual actuarial reports, NPERS worked with our actuary to provide the Legislature with funding projections for the defined benefit and cash balance plans.
5. NPERS concluded the reconciliation of the State and County member accounts followed by a satisfactory audit by the State Auditor.
6. The PERB approved the Three-Year Internal Audit Plan prepared by the Internal Auditor.
7. Data services processed over 43,000 pieces of incoming mail; 281,000 pieces of outgoing mail; and scanned 275,000 documents. NPERS increased efforts to correct addresses and social security numbers in the system. We have reduced our return mail by 80%.
8. The Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) met monthly throughout the year and participated in an educational retreat in August. Retreat topics included the actuarial assumptions, investment market update, member education services, fiduciary duties, and retirement research studies.
9. The PERB and Nebraska Investment Council (NIC) met jointly in November for the presentations of the defined benefit actuarial reports by the actuary and the capital market assumptions by the investment consultants.

2010 Accomplishments

1. This year our total number of plan members in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew to a record 112,827. The total assets of the plans increased from \$7.2 billion to \$8.2 billion as investment performance continued to improve and the market stabilized. NPERS distributed over \$474 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans.
2. The Call Center answered approximately 36,000 phone calls and met with over 2,300 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits Department processed 1,340 teacher retirements, 445 estimates for purchase of service, 214 actual purchases of services, 50 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDRO's) and 31 disability retirements.

3. NPERS transitioned the NPRIS technology system development and infrastructure support to the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) from the vendor HPSL (Hewlett Packard State and Local, formerly Saber Corporation)
4. NPERS relocated our backup servers to an alternate site for the purposes of disaster recovery and continuous operations. We established a secondary offsite storage procedure and location for NPRIS backup tapes.
5. The agency continued to work with our actuary, Buck Consultants, to provide the Legislature with funding projections for the defined benefit and cash balance plans. The actuary also provided an analysis of the School salary cap exemption costs.
6. Our Finance and Accounting Department exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. The agency operated under a 2.5% budget cut in the first half of the year and a 5% budget cut for the second half of the year. NPERS labor contract employees took two involuntary furlough days.
7. Our Education Services staff traveled Nebraska providing seminars and training for over 2500 individuals. NPERS held 40 "Retirement Planning" seminars, 5 "Financial Planning seminars", 7 employer workshops and 7 special presentations for agencies and organizations. The number of individuals attending the "Retirement Planning" seminars increased by 8 percent in 2010.
8. The Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) met monthly throughout the year and participated in an educational retreat in July. Retreat topics included the State Budget Process, Proposed GASB Changes, Public Pension Challenges and How States Are Meeting the Challenges, Fiduciary Responsibility and Board Governance, Investment Market Environment Update and Performance Review.
9. The PERB and Nebraska Investment Council (NIC) met jointly in November for the presentations of the defined benefit actuarial reports by the actuary and the capital market assumptions by the investment consultants.
10. NPERS renewed our office lease with Tier One Bank for two years. The lease was acquired by FDIC.
11. Education Services reduced postage and printing costs by distributing NPERS newsletters to members and employers via the internet.

2011 Accomplishments

1. This year our total number of plan members in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew to a record 115,060. The total assets of the plans increased from \$8.2 billion to \$9.6 billion as investment performance increased through mid-year and ended the year flat. NPERS distributed over \$503 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans
2. The Call Center answered approximately 36,000 phone calls and met with over 2,400 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits

Department processed 1,570 school retirements, 331 estimates for purchase of service, 203 actual purchases of services, 55 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDRO's) and 32 disability retirements.

3. NPERS updated 22 Rules and Regulations and held public hearings in August. The Rules and Regulations have been approved by the Attorney General's office and are awaiting approval by the Governor's office.
4. The majority of our NPRIS technology support is being provided by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). NPERS has three OCIO employees located in our office who provide management and development services. The interagency agreement is working well.
5. NPERS completed our disaster recover manual and successfully tested the offsite backup servers. We contracted with the AS Building Division for a disaster recovery location and are in the process of making it operational.
6. The PERB approved revisions made to the Three-Year Internal Audit Plan prepared by the Internal Auditor. The Internal Audit department completed 20 School employer audits and 29 County employer audits.
7. NPERS worked with our actuary, Buck Consultants, to provide the Legislature with actuarial reports and funding projections for the defined benefit and cash balance plans. The PERB contracted with the actuary to create a 30-year projection modeling software to study the long-term funding of the School and State Patrol plans.
8. Data services processed 15,174 beneficiary documents, 9,136 changes of information, 2,805 tax withholding forms and 3,000 direct deposits. NPERS verified service credit for 544 active members hired before 2001, in addition to other daily processing duties.
9. NPERS reduced administrative costs for all new retirees by eliminating the payment option of monthly benefit checks. NPERS introduced the Reliacard (debit card) as an alternative to Direct Deposit for monthly benefit payments.
10. NPERS renewed the record keeping contract with Ameritas for another five years. We worked with Ameritas on several projects this year including employer reporting for County Health Districts, changes to State and County member account statements, and correcting overtime contribution errors for the Department of Corrections.
11. NPERS implemented an "Excessive Trading" investment fund policy for members of the State and County Defined Contribution plans, Deferred Compensation Plan and State Patrol DROP plan.
12. NPERS issued an RFP for a Compliance Audit and contracted with Groom Law Group and Segal to perform the audit. It is currently in process and is scheduled for completion in June of 2012.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

Purpose: The board oversees annual construction planning and operations reporting for state and local highways, roads and streets, as well as the application of minimum design, construction and maintenance standards for functional classifications (categories) of public roadways. The standards ensure that each segment can safely handle the traffic pattern and volume it is expected to carry, as part of a policy of providing for the efficient management, operation and control of an integrated system of state and local highways, roads and streets.

How many affectable: Affects all highways, roads and streets; all local governments and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR); and, by extension, all residents and visitors (as drivers, passengers and/or consumers of goods and services dependent of vehicular transportation)

How many served: All those affectable were served. Furthermore, the board annually corresponds with, and receives One- and Six-year Plans and Annual Operations Financial Reports from, the NDOR, all 93 counties and all 530 municipalities.

Year created: 1969

Year active: 1969

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: LeMoyné D. Schulz, Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, Liaison Services Section, Government Affairs Office, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509, (402) 479-4436

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 39-2106

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Roads (provides administrative support but does not oversee the board's regulatory activities.)

Number of members: Eleven (11)

Who appoints: Governor (in consultation with NDOR Director and with the appropriate county and municipal officials, may consult with organizations representing such officials or representing counties or municipalities as may be appropriate)

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: Two (2) representing NDOR. Three (3) representing counties; one of whom must be a licensed county highway superintendent and two of whom must be county board members; also, one must be from a class 1 or 2 (small) county, one from a class 3 or 4 (medium) county and one from a class 5, 6, or 7 (large) county. Three (3) representing municipalities; must be either public works directors or licensed city street superintendents; also, one must be from a municipality of less than 2,500, one from a municipality of 2,500 to 50,000, and one from a municipality over 50,000. Three (3) laypersons representing the state's three Congressional Districts.

Per diem: \$20 per day for the three laymembers only

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four (4) years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Partial rotation (every two years either four [4] or seven [7] members' terms expire).

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: *No set number, but the statutes require the board to act on reports and other submissions within set time frames, and to prioritize State Aid Bridge Fund requests twice a year. Held: Ten (10)

FY 10-11: *No set number, but the statutes require the board to act on reports and other submissions within set time frames, and to prioritize State Aid Bridge Fund requests twice a year. Held: Nine (9)

FY 11-12: *No set number, but the statutes require the board to act on reports and other submissions within set time frames, and to prioritize State Aid Bridge Fund requests twice a year. Held: Seven (7)

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared Nebraska Department of Roads

FY 09-10 budget: \$16,987.24

FY 10-11 budget: \$14,214.89

FY 11-12 budget: \$13,755.00

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No. However, the board expects NDOR to expend funds as reasonably necessary in supporting the board's functions as required by Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 39-2107. Also, the board prioritizes county bridge replacement project applications

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Acted on numerous requests from counties, cities and NDOR for Relaxations of Minimum Design Standards at specified locations due to peculiar circumstances and hardships. Reviewed four series of annual One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement plans and Highway, Road and Street Operations Financial Reports from NDOR, the 93 counties and the 530 municipalities. Considered numerous requests for modifications of One-Year Plans from counties and municipalities. Prioritized 30 county applications for State Aid Bridge Funds. Initiated Highway Allocation Fund suspension proceedings for eight municipalities for failure to submit Annual Operations Financial Reports, resulting in a permanent loss of six months of funds by the village of Magnet. Initiated Highway Allocation Fund suspension proceedings for seven municipalities for failure to submit improvement plans resulting in a permanent loss of six months of funds by the villages of Magnet and Platte Center. Held three meetings outside Lincoln: Alliance (2008), Grand Island (2009) and South Sioux City (2010). Adopted Rules and Regulations for the specific functional classification criteria and minimum standards for remote residential roads as directed by LB 1068 (2008). Initiated the development of computer programming to provide for electronic filing of reports by counties and municipalities. In the process of reviewing one complaint against a municipality.

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Public Service Commission
2. Purpose: Quasi-Judicial Regulatory Agency
3. How many affectable: All Nebraskans
How many served: All Nebraskans
4. Year created: 1906 Year active: 1906 Sunset date: None
5. Contact Person: Mike Hybl, Executive Director, Nebraska Public Service Commission, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Article IV, Section 20 of the Nebraska Constitution
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Elected Commissioners
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: Resident of Nebraska; registered voter; and, if member of or practitioners in any profession, in good standing according to the established standards of such profession. *See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-101.*
10. Per diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 6 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 09–10:	0	Held:	46
FY 10–11:	0	Held:	46
FY 11–12:	0	Held:	46

Operations

13. Support staff: 46 Shared or separate: Separate
14. FY 09–10 budget: \$78.3 million
FY 10–11 budget: \$78 million
FY 11–12 budget: \$77.7 million
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: Yes. The PSC allocates funds between all departments based on program objectives.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department (NTIPS)

The NTIPS Department consists of four divisions: Wireless E-911; Nebraska Universal Service Fund; Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP); and Nebraska Tele-Health Network.

The Wireless E-911 Division has consulted and assisted the Commission in completing the statewide implementation of Phase II wireless 911 service and implemented a permanent funding mechanism and the statewide GIS street centerline data.

The Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) Board has continued its role of advising the Nebraska Public Service Commission relative to the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. The Board continues to perform the task of promoting awareness of the universal service support that is available for eligible entities and individuals under the program.

During this period the Board discussed and provided input and perspective to the Commission on the following subjects related to the fund: the appropriate level to be maintained for the Nebraska Universal Service Fund surcharge; the development of a broadband support mechanism; the continuation of the wireless fund program, changes as a result of federal policy, and the additional requirements imposed by the Federal Communications Commission for states relative to the Nebraska Telecommunications Assistance Program (NTAP).

Communications Department

The Communications Department continues to provide the Annual Report on Telecommunications to the Legislature. The reports can be accessed on the Commission's website at psc.nebraska.gov under the Communications heading. This report covers topics and statistics related to the telecommunications industry in Nebraska. The Communications Department also includes the Telecommunications Relay Service and the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF).

The Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Advisory Committee in the November/December 2008 timeframe provided guidance on proposing services, terms and conditions to facilitate the selection of a new relay provider beginning July 1, 2009. A committee member was chosen to represent hard of hearing individuals using CapTel service. This service utilizes voice recognition and captioning technology for hard of hearing individuals. The committee continues to provide advice and direction in making further improvements to this program. The Public Service Commission continues to work with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in receiving, assisting and reviewing applicants for the NSTEP program. The TRS Advisory Committee provides continuing advice regarding policies and procedures for the administration of the NSTEP program as well as issues affecting quality of service for the relay center. The Commission works with this committee in determining the surcharge necessary to fund the relay service and the NSTEP voucher program. Beginning July 1, 2012 the surcharge will be reduced from five to four cents. This committee also has provided advice on expanding the NSTEP program to include wireless devices. As of July of 2012 the Commission has business relationships with GreatCall ("Jitterbug"), Sprint and recently added Verizon. With the direction of this committee, the Commission is seeking to expand wireless provider choices to AT&T, NE Colorado Cellular and US Cellular.

The Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) was established to provide financial assistance to install and deliver broadband or other advanced telecommunications infrastructure and service throughout the state. To date, thirteen grants have been awarded to various communities, counties and cooperative government groups, including the Counties of Cheyenne, Box Butte, Dawes, Nemaha, Harlan/Furnas, and Banner, the communities of Broadwater, Chappell, Dix, Bushnell, and Elsie, along with numerous communities included in the Nebraska Cooperative Government group including Humphrey and Schuyler. NIEF grant funds awarded to date total \$658,137.47.

Natural Gas Department

The Commission retains authority over carriers wishing to sell or transport natural gas within or across the state. This includes applications for rate increases, authority to operate in the state of Nebraska, approval of acquisitions of regulated natural gas utilities, and, with the passage of the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act, *Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 57-1401 et. seq.*, some jurisdiction over the siting of major oil pipelines.

Housing and Recreational Vehicles, Transportation, Grain Warehouse and Railroad Departments

For purposes of this report, these departments continue to carry out the regulatory functions assigned to them pursuant to state statutes, rules, and regulations and Commission policies.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board.

Purpose: To provide educational loan forgiveness to lawyers employed in the area of non-profit public legal service.

How many affectable: 0, as no donations to the fund have been received.

How many served: 0, as no donations to the fund have been received.

Year created: 2008.

Year active: 2008.

Sunset date: N/A.

Authorization

Contact person: James R. Mowbray, Chief Counsel; Rita Wesely, Admin Asst/Fiscal Officer, 140 North 8th Street, Suite 270, P. O. Box 98932, Lincoln, Nebr., 68509-8932; (402) 471-8088.

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§Â§ 7-201-209.

Parent agency: Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy.

Number of members: 7.

Who appoints: The board consists of the director of Legal Aid of Nebraska, the deans of Creighton School of Law and the University of Nebraska College of Law, a student from each law school selected by the dean of the law school, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Asso

Legislative approval: N/A.

Qualifications of members: The only qualifications of board members are that they be the director of Legal Aid of Nebraska, the deans of Creighton School of Law and the University of Nebraska College of Law, a student from each law school selected by the dean of the law school, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association selected by the president of the association, and the chief counsel of the Commission on Public Advocacy.

Per diem: No.

Expense reimbursement: Yes, if they choose. to.

Term Length: N/A.

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A.

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: N/A. Held: 0.

FY 10-11: N/A. Held: 0.

FY 11-12: N/A. Held: 0.

Operations

Support staff: Yes.

Shared or separate: Separate.

FY 09-10 budget: Since no donations have been received, no budget has been designated from the operations fund of the Commission.

FY 10-11 budget: Since no donations have been received, no budget has been designated from the operations fund of the Commission.

FY 11-12 budget: Since no donations have been received, no budget has been designated from the operations fund of the Commission.

Other funding sources: None.

Spending authority: Yes, the Commission approves all allocation of spending for Commission operations and will do so under the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Fund should donations be received.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Board has met twice and has drafted and approved guidelines to follow for the application and reimbursement process of loan amounts, should any donations to the fund be received. The overseeing Commission has approved the guidelines as well. No further activities have taken place since no donations have been received.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Advisory Council on Public Water Supply**
2. Purpose: The purpose of the Council is to advise and assist the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health in administering the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act.
3. How many affectable: Statewide
4. How many served: Statewide
5. Year created: 1976 Year active: 1976 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person Jack Daniel, Administrator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, Phone: 402/471-0510, FAX: 402/471-6436, E-mail: jack.daniel@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act, Chapter 71, Article 53 Statute 71-5311
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: professional engineer; licensed physician; two consumers of a public water supply system; two operators of water systems – one serving a population of 5,000 or less and one serving a population of more 5,000; one individual who owns a public water system, a member of the governing board of a public or private corporation that owns a public water supply system, or in the case of a political subdivision that owns a public water supply system, a member of the subdivision's governing board or board of public works or similar board that oversees the operation of a public water supply system.
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes - actual and necessary expenses
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 08-09: 1 Held: 7
FY 09-10: 1 Held: 3
FY 10-11: 1 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: shared, DHHS Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health
14. FY 08-09 budget: \$0
FY 09-10 budget: \$0
FY 10-11 budget: \$0 *The Council does not adopt a budget. Council members are reimbursed for expenses (mileage, lodging, meals, etc.) incurred in the performance of their duties as Council members as per NE State Statute 81-1174.
15. Other funding sources: No
16. Spending authority: No

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008 - The Department developed and the Council reviewed and recommended approval the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Ranking Criteria and Project Priority Lists on a yearly basis.

Under §71-5310 of the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act, the Director, with the approval of the Council, may authorize exemptions (extension of time) to the drinking water standards. Nebraska uses the exemption as a tool to provide Nebraska's public water systems flexibility in complying with new rules promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. From February 2005 to April 2007, the Council reviewed and recommended the Department grant exemptions to 16 community water systems from the Arsenic Rule. Of the 16 exemptions issued, 8 are in compliance with the arsenic rule and 8 are still operating under the legal protection offered under the exemption provision.

The City of Hastings asked the Department what was considered an adequate return for cross connection control program surveys. The Department brought this issue before the Council for discussion since the current regulation doesn't have a definitive numerical requirement. The Council made a recommend that the Department accept the return of the surveys of 60% for residential and 100% for non-residential.

The Council reviewed Title 179 NAC 7, Siting, Design and Construction of Public Water Systems. These regulations became effective April 4, 2010.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska State Racing Commission

Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska State Racing Commission is to provide statewide regulation of horseracing in order to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby maintain a high level of integrity and honesty in the horse racing industry of Nebraska and to insure that all funds received by the commission are properly distributed.

How many affectable: 2400

How many served: 1,000,000

Year created: 1935

Year active: 1936

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Tom Sage, Executive Secretary, 5903 Walker Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68507, 402-471-4155

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute #2-1201

Parent agency: Nebraska State Racing Commission

Number of members: 5

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: None

Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3-4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: No - one each year

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 6

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 9

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared - parent agency

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Protected the integrity of racing.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Real Estate Commission

Purpose: To protect the public interest of Nebraska citizens through the efficient and effective administration of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act and the registration of Time-Share Projects, Subdivided Land Projects, Retirement Subdivisions and Communities, and Membership Campgrounds.

How many affectable: Entire Population of the State Potentially

How many served: Unknown

Year created: 1935

Year active: 1936

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Greg Lemon, Director

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 885 et seq. Nebraska Real Estate License Act

Parent agency: None

Number of members: Seven

Who appoints: Governor (except Secretary of State, who serves as chair)

Legislative approval: None

Qualifications of members: One licensed broker from each of the three congressional districts, one broker at large, one licensed salesperson at large, one member from the general public and the Secretary of State, who serves as chairman.

Per diem: \$100 a day

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: May only serve one six year term

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: No set number Held: 11

FY 10-11: No set Number Held: 11

FY 11-12: No set Number Held: 11

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$1,073,676 (actual)

FY 10-11 budget: \$1,146,413 (actual)

FY 11-12 budget: \$1,193,424 (budgeted)

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Key Commission Accomplishments: 1. In 2010, Legislation establishing \$1000 a day fining authority over unlicensed persons, giving the Commission a better tool to enforce rampant unlicensed activity occurring over the internet. 2. Beginning in 2012, 6 hours of broker approved/directed training required every two years in addition to the 12 hours of continuing education each year for licensees. 3. New website launched in 2010, including more user friendly and user centric design, new FAQs, self service password management, "What's New" section, email subscriber list. 4. Clarified rules and made certain exemptions regarding asset management companies who handle real estate for banks and certain federal

lending institutions so licensees can work with asset management companies without violating the license law 5. In 2011, provided guidance allowing the industry to move forward with appropriate legal guidance and use electronic means of creating, authenticating and storing documents. 6. Went from one year license renewal to two years in 2011 saving the Commission time and money and reducing licensee's paperwork. 7. Eliminated requirement for licensees to have "pocket cards" in 2011 saving the Commission money and reducing licensee's paperwork.

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General Information

Formal Name: State of Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board

Purpose: The Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board is mandated by federal law to ensure that federal financial and public policy interests in real estate transactions will be protected. The Board regulates and supports appraisers and appraisal management companies in Nebraska, which includes establishing qualifications, requirements and regulatory provisions. In addition, the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board is responsible for enforcement of the Real Property Appraiser Act and Appraisal Management Company Registration Act.

How many affectable: 1,381,981 (75% of state population over 18 according to 2010 census)

How many served: 345,495 est.

Year created: 1991

Year active: 21

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Tyler Kohtz; Director; NSOB LL, PO Box 94963, 68509-4963

Authorization citation: 76-2201 to 76-2250, and 76-3201 to 76-3220

Parent agency: None

Number of members: Five

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: 76-2202/ FIRREA Act, Title XI/Dodd-Frank Act

Qualifications of members: The board shall consist of five members, one member who is a certified real property appraiser shall be selected from each of the three congressional districts, and two members shall be selected at large. The two members selected at large shall include one representative of financial institutions and one licensed real estate broker who also holds a credential as a licensed or certified real property appraiser.

Per diem: \$100.00

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Five years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 12 Held: 13

FY 10-11: 12 Held: 13

FY 11-12: 12 Held: 14

Operations

Support staff: 2

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: 347,323.85

FY 10-11 budget: 340,063.23

FY 11-12 budget: 322,488.19

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: 76-2223 and 76-3219

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Development and implementation of the Appraisal Management Company Registration Act, which became effective on January 1, 2012. On June 7, 2012, the Board held its first strategic planning meeting, in which the Board laid

out its vision for the future. The Board plans to increase public awareness, and build a more positive and interactive relationship with those affected by the Appraiser Act and AMC Registration Act. The Board intends to not only increase its presence in the education community, but also provide better access to communicate with the Board. During the past few months, the Board has worked to improve its policies and procedures. Examples include developing a procedure for appraisal management company registration, and improving the credential applications and procedures.

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General Information

Formal name: State Records Board

Purpose: To assist the State Records Administrator in the performance of his or her duties under the Records Management Act including maintenance of the state's web portal which provides electronic access to public records and electronic information and services.

How many affectable: Individuals, businesses, and other entities

How many served: Users of e-government services

Year created: 1961

Year active: 1961

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Cathy Danahy, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 440 S. 8th Street, Suite 210

Lincoln, NE. 68509-2294

Phone number: (402) 471-2745

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 84-1201 to 84-1228

Parent agency: Secretary of State

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Twelve

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 6 out of the 12 members

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 5 constitutional members (Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State as Chairperson); 1 Board member is the Director of Administrative Services; the 6 board members appointed by the Governor represent the general public, banking industry, insurance industry, legal profession, media, and libraries.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: constitutional officers and DAS serve during term, the representatives appointed by the Governor serve three-year terms and may be appointed for one additional term.

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 09-10: 0, Held: 5

FY 10-11: 0, Held: 4

FY 11-12: 0, Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared with Secretary of State

FY 08-09 budget: 0, See Records Management Cash Fund in Secretary of State budget

FY 09-10 budget: 0, See Records Management Cash Fund in Secretary of State budget

FY 10-11 budget: 0, See Records Management Cash Fund in Secretary of State budget

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: Records Management Act

Accomplishments: Beginning in FY 09-10 the State Records Board awarded 24 grants to various state and local agencies in the amount of \$481,398.00 for the development of programs and technology to improve electronic access to Nebraska government information and delivery of government services to citizens. Since 1999, the State Records Board has awarded a total of 87 grants for a total dollar amount of \$2,008,942.00. Using a self-funded model, the state's web portal, Nebraska.gov, through its contract with the State Records Board, has developed over 230 web applications relating to government services and processed over 8 million transactions for electronic information and services in 2011.

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General Information

Formal name: Technical Advisory Committee to the State Records Board
Purpose: Assist the State Records Board in the performance of its duties
How many affectable: Not Applicable
How many served: Not Applicable
Year created: 1997
Year active: 1997
Sunset Date: None
Contact Person: Catherine A. Danahy, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 440 South 8th Street, Suite 210
Lincoln, NE. 68508
Phone number: (402) 471-2559

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 84-1205.01
Parent agency: State Records Board & Secretary of State

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 3
Who Appoints: State Records Board
Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: One representative from a state agency that is responsible for providing public records, one representative from the Office of Chief Information Officer, and one representative from the computer services group of the Legislative Council.
Per Diem: No
Expense reimbursement: No
Term length: No limit set
Terms rotate or expire at once: No

Number of required meetings

FY 09-10: 0, Held: 3
FY 10-11: 0, Held: 1
FY 11-12: 0, Held: 1

Operations

Support Staff: Yes
Shared or separate: Shared with Secretary of State
FY 09-10 budget: 0
FY 10-11 budget: 0
FY 11-12 budget: 0
Other funding sources: none
Spending authority: none

Accomplishments: In FY 09-10 through 11-12 reviewed and commented upon 48 state, local and reinvested revenue grant applications received by the State Record Board, based upon the grants technical feasibility, whether the proposed technology to be used by the grant applicant is appropriate

for the proposed project, and, if the technical elements of the proposed project can be completed within the time frame and budget proposed by the grant applicant.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority
2. Purpose: To make malpractice liability insurance available to risks as defined Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2837. The authority shall be empowered to engage in writing medical malpractice liability insurance in this state pursuant to existing law and authorized to insure the health care provider against other liability for injury to persons or property caused by agents, employees, partners, or limited liability company members of the health care provider or by property used in or activities arising from the operations or business of the health care provider.
3. How many affectable: 22 physicians and 1 nurse anesthetist have been extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2011. 13 physicians and 1 nurse anesthetist were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2010. 15 physicians and 2 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2009. 26 physicians and 3 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2008.
4. Year created: 1976 Year active: 1976 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Bev Anderson
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Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2837
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: None. Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2837 creates an “authority” to write residual malpractice liability insurance, and designates that “authority” as the Department of Insurance.
Who appoints: N/A
9. Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications of members: N/A.
10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: None
11. Term length: N/A
12. Number of meetings required in FY09-10 None
FY10-11 None
FY11-12 None

Operations

13. Support staff: None
14. FY 09-10 budget: None
FY 10-11 budget: None
FY 11-12 budget: None
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2012: 22 physicians and 1 nurse anesthetist have been extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2011. 13 physicians and 1 nurse anesthetist were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2010. 15 physicians and 2 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2009. 26 physicians and 3 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2008.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Respiratory Care Practice**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1986; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Rene Tiedt, Administrator, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-3207.** Membership on the board shall consist of two respiratory care practitioners, one physician, and one public member.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.
38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to

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December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171**. Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163**. (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
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|-------------|---------|
| FY 09-10: 1 | Held: 4 |
| FY 10-11: 1 | Held: 5 |
| FY 11-12: 1 | Held: 4 |

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$9,362
FY 10-11 budget: \$3,651
FY 11-12 budget: \$10,065
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 323 applications

Promulgated new rules and regulations

Implemented provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act changes

Utilization of paperless board meetings

Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions

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General Information

Formal Name: Riparian Vegetarian Management Task Force

Purpose: Develop and prioritize vegetation management goals and objectives.

How many affectable: Landowners in fully or overappropriated river basins; citizens of the state of Nebraska are served by the Task Force.

How many served: Landowners in fully or overappropriated river basins; citizens of the state of Nebraska are served by the Task Force.

Year created: 2007

Year active: 2007

Sunset date: June 30, 2013

Authorization

Contact person: Mitch Coffin, Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Authorization citation: Section 2-967

Parent agency: None â€” the Task Force is housed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative and budgetary purposes only.

Number of members: 23

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: The members shall include one surface water project representative from each river basin that has been determined to be fully appropriated, pursuant to Section 46-714 or 46-720 or designated as overappropriated, pursuant to Section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources; one representative from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Natural Resources, the office of the Governor, the office of the State Forester, the Game and Parks Commission, and the University of Nebraska; two representatives nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resource Districts; two representatives nominated by the Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from each of the state's congressional districts; and one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. In addition to such members, any member of the Legislature may serve as a member of the Task Force at his or her option. For administrative and budgetary purposes, the Task Force shall be housed within the Department of Agriculture.

Per diem: N/A

Expense reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: Not stated

Terms rotate or expire at once: Not stated

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 1

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 0

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: None

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: \$25,000

FY 10-11 budget: \$25,000

FY 11-12 budget: \$25,000

Other funding sources: Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund 10-154 â€” funding to support Administrative expenses for Department of Agriculture.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: While the Department of Agriculture (Department) was charged with awarding grant funds to projects in fully and overappropriated river basins, the Task Force was instrumental in providing guidance to the Department, as well as to the project areas. Task Force members received regular updates from project coordinators and provided support and suggestions to improve overall project accomplishments. Seven work groups were created prior to this date to include other groups, agencies, and interested persons not named in legislation to participate and provide guidance to the Task Force. These work groups are advisory in nature and only provide guidance and recommendations to the Task Force. Members of the Task Force worked with officials of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Department applied and received a Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) project award. Through this award NRCS reserved \$4.5 million for qualified Nebraska riparian landowners over three years to cost share on practices to improve riparian areas in fully and overappropriated river basins. In 2010, the Task Force instructed the Department to apply for a Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant to assist the Department with administration of riparian activities across Nebraska. The Department was successful in receiving a grant, which will expire June 30, 2013.

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General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Rural Development Commission

Purpose: The Rural Development commission was created to advocate and recommend programs that encourage regional cooperation and foster community sustainability and economic development initiatives in rural areas of Nebraska.

How many affectable: All (rural) Nebraska communities, with the exception of Lincoln and Omaha

How many served: According to the 2010 Census, \$1,159,004 Nebraskans are served

Year created: 2003

Year active: 2004

Sunset date: NA

Authorization

Contact person: Sandra Kaskie, Assistant to the Director, 1101 Halligan Drive, Building #10, North Platte, NE 69101, (308) 535-8018

Authorization citation: 81-3601

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Number of members: 21

Who appoints: 20 members are Governor appointed and 1-Speaker of the House appointed

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: 1)Have an understanding and interest in NRDC, its mission and objectives. 2)Have a record of involvement in community or leadership activities. 3)Be willing to commit time and resources necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the NRDC's goals and objectives. 4)Attend 75% of quarterly meetings-excused absences are allowed for illness, death, military service and extraordinary circumstances. All other absences will be reviewed by the Executive Board to determine whether they are excused or not. Failure to meet this attendance requirement may be cause for removal from the NRDC. 5)Be able to subordinate personal interests for the good of the NRDC as a whole. 6)Have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with NRDC officials, staff, fellow commissioners and general members of the public.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years unless specified at appointment as being for a lesser term.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: NA

FY 10-11 budget: NA

FY 11-12 budget: NA

Other funding sources: NA

Spending authority: NA

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since July 2008, the Rural Development Commission successfully administered 144 Value-Added Agriculture and building Entrepreneurial Act grants totaling more than \$2,626,622. In addition, the Commission is responsible for coordinating the Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas (MINK) collaboration project which will be promoting various assets of their states within the corridor of the four states. The Sandhills summit was coordinated and hosted by the Commission in Thedford, NE. The Summit brought together volunteers and resource providers to discuss issues affecting the Sandhills of Nebraska and develop a plan to address those issues. The Rural Development Commission partnered with the ServeNebraska commission to organize and host the Governor's conference on Rural Development; over 200 Nebraskans attended. Issues impacting rural Nebraskans and their communities were addressed. ServeNebraska and the Partnership for Rural Nebraska recognized various volunteers and organizational leaders for their dedication and service addressing issues faced by their communities and/or or regions.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Rural Health Advisory Commission**
2. Purpose: §71-5655. Commission; purpose.
The purpose of the commission shall be to advise the department, the Legislature, the Governor, the University of Nebraska, and the citizens of Nebraska regarding all aspects of rural health care and to advise the office regarding the administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.
3. How many affectable: 1.8 M (population of Nebraska)
4. How many served: 1.0 M (medically underserved populations in urban areas and populations in rural shortage areas)
5. Year created: 1977; Year active: 1977 Sunset date: None
Contact person: Marlene Janssen, Health Program Manager, Office of Rural Health, (402) 471-2337

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: §§71-5650 – 71-5670.
7. Parent agency: The Rural Health Advisory Commission (RHAC) is a statutory entity created to advise the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health, Governor, Legislature, and University of Nebraska on all aspects of rural health care. The Nebraska Office of Rural Health, within in DHHS, staffs RHAC and performs the administrative duties required for the rural incentive programs.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 13; Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes;
Qualifications of members: §71-5654. Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission; created; members; appointment; terms.
The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission is hereby created as the direct and only successor to the Commission on Rural Health Manpower. The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission shall consist of thirteen members as follows:
(1) The Director of Public Health of the Division of Public Health or his or her designee and another representative of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
(2) Eleven members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature as follows:
(a) One representative of each medical school located in the state involved in training family physicians and one physician in family practice residency training; and
(b) From rural areas one physician, one consumer representative, one hospital administrator, one nursing home administrator, one nurse, one physician assistant, one mental health practitioner or psychologist licensed under the requirements of section 38-3114 or the equivalent thereof, and one dentist.
10. Per diem: None; Expense reimbursement: Actual expenses in the performance of RHAC duties
11. Term length: Members shall serve for terms of three years. When a vacancy occurs, appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made for the balance of the term. All appointed members shall be citizens and residents of Nebraska. The appointed membership of the commission shall, to the extent possible, represent the three congressional districts equally. Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 4; Held: 4
FY 10-11: 4; Held: 4
FY 11-12: 4; Held: 4

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Operations

13. Support staff: 1 FTE Health Program Manager and 0.5 FTE Staff Assistant; Shared or separate: The Health Program Manager works 99% of the time on RHAC work and the administration of the rural health incentive programs and less than 1% of the time on other DHHS projects. The staff assistant works approximately 0.5 FTE on rural health incentive programs and the rest of the time on other Office of Rural Health projects, grants, etc.
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$1,858,432
FY 10-11 budget: \$1,803,901
FY 11-12 budget: \$1,803,901
15. Other funding sources: The Nebraska Loan Repayment Program, one of the rural incentive programs, requires an equal match from the local entity. Cash Spending authority is granted to use the "local" match funds when paying loan repayment recipients.
16. Spending authority: The Rural Health Advisory Commission is authorized by statute to award student loans and loan repayment through the rural incentive programs: Nebraska Student Loan Program and the Nebraska Loan Repayment Program.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008 (through June 30, 2012):
 - 26 new student loans have been awarded and accepted
 - 112 new loan repayment awards have been made

The RHAC submits annual reports to the Legislature, Governor, and DHHS directors. The 2011 annual report is posted on the Office of Rural Health website at:
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/ORH%20-%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council

Purpose: The council shall review the operation and administration of the center.

How many affectable: 1.8 million

How many served: 18,480

Year created: 1978

Year active: 1978

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Sherry Morrow

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes LB 693

Parent agency: University of Nebraska

Number of members: 22

Who appoints: Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, Kearney

Legislative approval: Originally yes in LB 693/No in LB 247 Board of Regents

Qualifications of members: Representatives selected to serve on the council shall have appropriate education, training, and experience in the field of Industrial Safety, Recreational Safety, Domestic Safety, or Traffic Safety.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate and Renew

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 1

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 1

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: None

Shared or separate: None

FY 09-10 budget: None

FY 10-11 budget: None

FY 11-12 budget: None

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council met annually. Council members participated in annual program reviews, advised program managers, and advised the director on issues of concern. Oversaw the changes in the STOP program, Rule 91 in Pupil Transportation, implementation of the new CDL program, and MSHA training delivery.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts

Purpose: 79-434. Reorganization of school districts; methods. Reorganization of school districts may be accomplished through or by means of any one or more of the following methods: (1) The creation of new districts; (2) the uniting of one or more established districts; (3) the subdivision of one or more established districts; (4) the transfer and attachment to an established district of a part of the territory of one or more districts; (5) the affiliation of a Class I district or portion thereof with one or more Class II, III, IV, or V districts; (6) the changing of boundaries of a Class VI district; and (7) the dissolution or disorganization of an established district for any of the reasons specified by law. 79-435. State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts; members; appointment; term; qualifications; expenses. The State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts is created. The state committee shall be composed of six members. The Commissioner of Education shall be a member of the committee ex officio and shall serve as a nonvoting member of the committee. Within thirty days after September 18, 1955, the State Board of Education, by a resolution adopted with the assent of a majority of its members, shall appoint the remaining five members of the state committee, one each for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years respectively. As the term of each member expires, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of five years. Three members of the state committee shall at all times be laypersons, and two members shall at all times be persons holding teachers' certificates issued by the authority of the State of Nebraska. Vacancies in the membership of the state committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment to membership. Members of the state committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties, as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and paid from funds appropriated by the Legislature to the office of the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the state committee to carry out its duties as provided by law.

How many affectable: All citizens of Nebraska considering school reorganization

How many served: All

Year created: 1949

Year active: 1949

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Russ Inbody, Administrator, Finance & Organization Services, Nebraska Department of Education, P. O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

Authorization citation: Section 79-435

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of members: 6

Who appoints: State Board of Education

Legislative approval: No.

Qualifications of members: 79-435. State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts; members; appointment; term; qualifications; expenses. The State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts is created. The state committee shall be composed of six members. The Commissioner of Education shall be a member of the committee ex officio and shall serve as a nonvoting member of the committee. Within thirty days after September 18, 1955, the State Board of Education, by a resolution adopted with the assent of a majority of its members, shall appoint the remaining five members of the state committee, one each for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years respectively. As the term of each member expires, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of five years. Three members of the state committee shall at all times be laypersons, and two members shall at all times be persons holding teachers' certificates issued by the authority of the State of Nebraska. Vacancies in the membership of the state committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment to membership. Members of the state committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties, as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and paid from funds appropriated by the Legislature to the office of the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the state committee to carry out its duties as provided by law.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 3

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 3

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: In 2008-09, the Committee held 2 meetings during which Richardson County School District No. 501, commonly known as SE Nebraska Consolidated Schools was dissolved (a Class III School), and merged it into: Richardson County School District No. 70, commonly known as Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools (a Class III School), and the transfer of parcels of land less than 640 acres between: Saline County School District No. 68, commonly known as Friend Public Schools, (a Class III School) and: Fillmore County School District No. 1, commonly known as Exeter-Milligan Public Schools, (a Class III School). In 2009-10, the Committee held 3 meetings regarding the transfer of parcels of land less than 640 acres between: Grant County School District No. 11, commonly known as Hyannis Area Schools, (a Class III School) and: Arthur County School District No. 500, commonly known as Arthur County Schools, (a Class II School); approve the unification of the following schools: Clay County School District No. 70, commonly known as Clay Center Public Schools, (a Class III School), Clay County School District No. 501, commonly known as Sandy Creek Public Schools, (a Class III School) and Nuckolls County School District No. 5, commonly known as Lawrence/Nelson Public Schools, (a Class III School); reorganize the following schools by dissolving Clay County School District No. 70, commonly known as Clay Center Public Schools (a Class III School), and merging it into Clay County School District No. 501, commonly known as Sandy Creek Public Schools (a Class III School); and dissolving Saunders County School District No. 104, commonly known as Prague Public Schools (a Class II School), and merging it into Butler County School District No. 502, commonly known as East Butler Public Schools (a Class III School). In 2010-11, the Committee held 3 meetings regarding the dissolution of Butler County School District No. 32, commonly known as Rising City Public Schools (a Class II School), and merging it into Polk County School District No. 32, commonly known as Shelby Public Schools (a Class III School); disapproving a plan for election to dissolve Dodge County School District No. 62, commonly known as Scribner-Snyder Community Schools (a Class III School), and merging into Cuming County School District 20-0001, commonly known as West Point Public Schools (a Class III School); and dissolving Colfax County School District No. 59, commonly known as Howells Public Schools (a Class III School), and Dodge County School District No. 46, commonly known as Dodge Public Schools (a Class III School) and creating Colfax County School District No. 70. In 2011-12, the Committee held 3 meetings to appoint the 6 new board members for Colfax County School District No. 70, and to disapprove 141 land transfer petitions purporting to move less than 640 acres.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Sign Language Interpreter Review Board

Purpose: The purpose is to assure that qualified sign language interpreters are available to deaf and hard of hearing people in Nebraska. Additionally, the Interpreter Review Board establishes regulation for licensure of the interpreters so that providers who hire these interpreters meet a minimum standard of competency for state agencies, law enforcement agencies, and the courts

How many affectable: 1% of the Hearing Impaired Population: 1,200

How many served: 876

Year created: 2002

Year active: 2002

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Dr. Peter J. Seiler, Executive Director, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

Authorization citation: Neb. Revise Statutes:74-4728 to 71-4728.05; Sec 20-150 to 20-156

Parent agency: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Number of members: 8

Who appoints: The Board of Directors for the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Director of Health & Human Services or designee; Director of the Commission (NCDHH) or designee; 2 Deaf or Hard of Hearing persons; 2 Nebraska licensed interpreters; 2 persons representing local government

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years with a second consecutive term permitted. After a one term absence, persons can re-apply for additional terms.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4

FY 10-11: 4 Held: 4

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: Agency:2

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: 1,331

FY 10-11 budget: 2,330

FY 11-12 budget: 5,348

Other funding sources: Sign Language Interpreting Fees (Cash Funds)

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Approximately 75% of Interpreter/Transliterator licenses were renewed by their holders before June 30th of every two years. Concern about a lack of available resources for the Continuing Education Unit requirement was quickly put to rest as most interpreters met and exceeded the educational requirement needed for licensure renewal. NCDHH will continue to sponsor, promote and develop resources for Nebraska's interpreters. *LB 310 was introduced in 2008 as an expansion

of the Interpreter Licensure law 20-150. LB 310 was intended to require the medical field to hire only licensed interpreters in Nebraska. This bill was read with unified opposition from the medical field, including, but not limited to, the Medical Association, Pharmaceutical Association, and Nursing Home Association. This bill has been carried over to the 101st Second Legislative Session. Introduced as LB39 in 2011, In an effort to improve sign language interpreting services statewide, NCDHH worked to expand on current law. Currently, any sign language interpreter who provides service to any state agency must be licensed by NCDHH. Examples of state agencies would be NCDHH, The University of Nebraska Medical Center, any law enforcement agency, and the courts. If amended, the Nebraska Sign Language Interpreter Law would require all sign language interpreters to be licensed, with some exceptions. NCDHH has been working closely with Senator Haar of Nebraska District 21 in drafting this new legislation. *Currently, the Interpreter Review Board is reviewing the rules and regulations to update and streamline the rules and regulations. The process will enable the interpreters to be able to obtain licenses in a more timely manner and to reduce ambiguities in the rules and regulations.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel

Purpose: The panel is responsible for all requirements of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. as such act existed on January 1, 2004). The panel has four functions: to evaluate the effectiveness of the Small Business and Public Assistance program; to provide feedback on outreach and education methods provided; to review written documents developed by department programs to ensure the information is understood by the lay person; and to provide a liaison between the state's small business community and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

How many affectable: Potentially all small businesses that have emission regulated by the Department.

How many served: The panel serves all state citizens

Year created: 1990

Year active: 1993

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Joe Francis, Associate Director, NDEQ

Authorization citation: Neb Rev Stat 81-1505.03

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Number of members: 7

Who appoints: Governor appoints 2; Legislature (Executive Committee) appoints 4, DEQ Director appoints 1

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Two are members of the general public who are not owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources of air emissions; four are members who are owners or represent owners of small business stationary sources of air emissions; one member is appointed by director with no qualifications listed.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes. Actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: None identified

Terms rotate or expire at once: None identified

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: 1

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 2

FY 11-12: 0 Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: At each SBCAP annual meeting the department provides presentations and discussions updating panel members on environmental regulations. The Panel members provide feedback to the Department recommending actions the department can take to be more effective in outreach efforts to the public. The Panel published annual reports to the

governor outline the group's goals and objectives for each year. Panel members act as liaisons with the small business community answering questions regarding environmental regulations and requirements.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Small Employer Health Reinsurance Board
2. Purpose: To provide a reinsurance mechanism for insurance companies who provide insurance for small employers.
3. How many affectable: There are numerous policyholders who could be affected. The Board essentially acts as a monitoring entity over a reinsurance pool. When there are individuals in a small group plan who exceed the plan limitations, the board meets to determine whether or not the participating insurer qualifies for pool coverage for that individual.
4. Year created: 1994 Year active: 1995 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: John Rink
Nebraska Department of Insurance
941 O Street, Suite 400
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2201
John.Rink@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-5261
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Eight and an ex officio member.

Who appoints: The Director of Insurance

9. Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: The board shall include representatives of small employers and small employer carriers and such other individuals determined to be qualified by the director. At least five members of the board shall be representatives of carriers and shall be selected from individuals nominated in this state pursuant to procedures and guidelines developed by the director.

10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: None
11. Term length: Initially, there were restrictions but now, due to the passage of time, the board members term shall continue until his or her successor is appointed.
12. Number of meetings required in FY09-10: None
FY10-11: None
FY11-12: None

Operations

13. Support staff: none
14. FY09-10 budget: No state dollars are expended on this Board.
FY10-11 budget: No state dollars are expended on this Board.
FY11-12 budget: No state dollars are expended on this Board.
15. Other funding sources: The Board may assess reinsuring carriers for organizational and operating expenses. The Board may also borrow money.
16. Spending authority: Yes. It can enter into contracts and has the general powers and authority granted under Nebraska law to insurance companies and HMO's licensed to transact business but cannot issue health plans directly to groups or individuals.

Accomplishments

17. Since January 1, 1995: The Board has monitored and assisted in providing reinsurance to insurers who write insurance for small business. This process has hopefully kept small group insurance rates from increasing more than they would have without this mechanism.

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General Information

Formal Name: Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act.
Purpose: Consider applications under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act.
How many affectable: Any NE political subdivision that can issue bonds is eligible.
How many served: One
Year created: 2011
Year active: 2011
Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: George Kilpatrick, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln NE 68509-4818, 402-471-6024
Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§Â§ 13-3101 through 13-3109
Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Revenue
Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Four are defined positions. One is appointed by the Coord. Comm. on Post. Ed.
Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: Members are: Governor, the State Treasurer, the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, the chairperson of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy, and a professor of economics on the faculty of a state postsecondary educational institution appointed by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.
Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: No
Term Length: The professor of Economics serves a two-year term.
Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 0 Held: 0
FY 10-11: 1 Held: 1
FY 11-12: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support staff: No
Shared or separate: N/A
FY 09-10 budget: 0
FY 10-11 budget: 0
FY 11-12 budget: 0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The board meets when an application is filed. There was an application filed in 2011. The board met June 20, 2011 and approved an application for financial assistance to the City of Ralston.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: State Claims Board

Purpose: Adjudicate claims against the State including tort, contract and miscellaneous claims. The State Claims Board conducts public hearings periodically to hear and decide such claims.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: approximately 1000 claims per year

Year created: 1943

Year active: 1943

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Shannon M. Anderson State Risk Manager 301 Centennial Mall South Mall Level P.O. Box 94974 Lincoln, NE 68509-4974 (402)471-4436

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,220

Parent agency: Administrative Services

Number of members: 3

Who appoints: Statutory as per Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,220

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications of members: Per Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,220, the State Claims Board is made up of the Director of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor, and Director of Administrative Services.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes-Travel Expenses

Term Length: Length of Office in Agency Director Position

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 4 Held: 10/09/2009; 12/15/2009;01/05/2010;04/21/2010

FY 10-11: 5 Held: 08/23/2010;10/28/2010;02/18/2011;03/11/2011;06/27/2011

FY 11-12: 4 Held: 11/10/2011;12/05/2011;01/26/2012;05/21/2012

Operations

Support staff: 3

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: All operating expenses are covered by Risk Management Division of Administrative Services

Spending authority: 0

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Effective July 18, 2008, Neb.Rev.Stat. 81-8,211 was amended to provide the Risk Manager authorization to adjudicate claims under \$5000. This change improved the efficient processing of small claims and in turn allowed the Board to focus on higher dollar claims.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Purpose: The Board of Trustees is the governing body for the State Colleges which are located in Chadron, Peru and Wayne, Nebraska.

How many affectable: More than 50,000 graduates - 1,300 annually

How many served: 9,000 enrolled annually

Year created: 1920

Year active: 1920

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: Chancellor Stan Carpenter, 1115 K Street, Suite 102, Lincoln, NE 68508 Phone: 402-471-2505

Authorization citation: Nebraska State Constitution Article VII - 13

Parent agency: N/A

Number of members: Seven Board Members

Who appoints: Six board members are appointed by the Governor with the Commissioner of Education serving as the seventh member in an Ex-Officio capacity

Legislative approval: Board members are appointed with the advice and consent of the Legislature

Qualifications of members: Resident of Nebraska; U.S. Citizen

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Six Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 5 Held: 6

FY 10-11: 5 Held: 5

FY 11-12: 5 Held: 7

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$19,925.45

FY 10-11 budget: \$12,346.12

FY 11-12 budget: \$20,504.74

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes. The Board allocates funds among three (3) State Colleges after review of requests in accordance with adopted Board initiatives.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Developed Strategic Plan with bi-annual reviews Revised and updated Board Policies to reflect current state and federal regulations Developed Governor's Opportunity Award scholarship program Developed Davis-Chambers Freshmen Scholarship Hired new Presidents at Chadron State, Peru State and Wayne State Colleges Developed and approved Foundation Agreements with 3 college foundations Strengthened NSCS through collaborative efforts among 3 colleges Completed major construction projects, including Carhart (Wayne State College), Jindra (Peru State College), Morgan Hall (Peru State College), and the South Sioux City Education Center (Wayne State College in partnership with Northeast Community

College) Realization of significant savings through the reissuance of revenue bonds Secured funding for Armstrong (Chadron State) and the Oak Bowl (Peru State)

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: The Commission shall be called the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) as designated by the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) Title 67, NAC Chapter 81.

Purpose: The SERC is to carry out the duties assigned to it under the EPCRA and all other statutory provisions requiring action or decision by the SERC. Pursuant to Â§ 81-15,215 each of the ninety-three counties was designed as emergency planning districts thus are required to have a Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). The SERC in turn appoints Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) members and oversees the activities of the LEPCs including but not limited to the development of the hazardous materials portion of the plan. Responsibilities of the SERC include the designation of local emergency planning districts, appointment of the LEPC members, and the management of the EPCRA.

How many affectable: The SERC with the support of the LEPCs affects all ninety-three counties and first responder communities within each of those counties. The emergency planning that is coordinated through efforts of the SERC/LEPCs affect every citizen in the state at some

How many served: blank

Year created: The SERC was established in 1996 with the EPCRA, Nebraska Statute 81-15, 215 and was mirrored after the 1986 federal rule. The SERC has been in existence for sixteen years since its creation by statute.

Year active: 1996

Sunset date: n/a

Authorization

Contact person: The SERC is overseen through a collaborative effort with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). Day to day operations reside under the SERC Coordinator at NEMA. Tonya Ngotel, SERC Co

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-15,210 developed at the direction of the 42 U.S.C Â§1101 et seq. (1986)

Parent agency: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-15,210 authorizes the NEMA to serve as the State Administrator of the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act and as such created the SERC.

Number of members: The SERC is comprised of nineteen members and includes: the Director of Environmental Quality or his or her designee, the Director-State Engineer or his or her designee, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety or his or her designee, the S

Who appoints: The Governor appoints the municipal or county government officials or employees and the citizen members with the approval of the Legislature.

Legislative approval: blank

Qualifications of members: blank

Per diem: Per diem - Citizen Members, that is members who are not employees of the State are reimbursed mileage to attend meetings. Other per diem expenses are paid based on overnight travel, out of state conferences etc and are based on the state/federal per diem

Expense reimbursement: blank

Term Length: Citizen members are appointed to terms of four years. State appointees are appointed until such time as thier term is up or until an agency director chooses a new designee.

Terms rotate or expire at once: blank

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: Required 2 Held: 4

FY 10-11: Required 2 Held: 4

FY 11-12: Required 2 Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: NEMA serves as the state administer of the SERC and thus identifies the duties of the SERC coordinator.

NEMA supervises and coordinated the emergency planning and training under sector 305 of Title III and distributes all funds received under section 305

Shared or separate: NDEQ receives emergency notifications and facility reports and request for public information under Title III. The SARA Title III coordinator, an employee of NDEQ, serves as the commission coordinator of information.

FY 09-10 budget: HMEP FY 09-10 Budget - \$263,390.00

FY 10-11 budget: HMEP FY 10-11 Budget - \$252,266.00

FY 11-12 budget: HMEP FY 11-12 Budget - \$252,266.00

Other funding sources: An additional funding source is provided through the use of state general funds through NEMA for the following amounts: FY 09-10 = \$13,680.00, FY 10-11 \$11,325.00, FY 11-12 \$11,100.00

Spending authority: NEMA supervises and coordinated the emergency planning and training under sector 305 of Title III and distributes all funds received under section 305 of Title III and section 81-15-214.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Local Emergency Operations Plans are scheduled to be revised on a five year cycle. NEMA through the support of the planners and the SERC have revised on average eighteen plans a year for a total of seventy-two plans since 2008. Those not scheduled for a complete revision are updated on an annual basis. LEPC Conferences ♦♦ Nebraska hosts a LEPC conference on the even numbered years and the EPA Region 7 hosts a LEPC conference on the odd numbered years. Nebraska hosted conferences have been in Beatrice in 2008, North Platte in 2010 and York/Scottsbluff/Norfolk in 2012. LaVista hosted the EPA Region 7 conference in 2011 which brought in over 300 people from across a four state area. All total the SERC through the support of the LEPCs has shared the message of emergency preparedness with thousands of people at these conferences. Hazardous Materials Courses ♦♦ With funding from the US Dept of Transportation and support from the State Fire Marshal the SERC has provided training relative to hazardous materials to public sector first responders. Training includes but is not limited to hazmat awareness, operations and technician level training. Approximately 800 first responders have been trained in chemical preparedness since 2008. LEPC Support ♦♦ the SERC is the governing body of the LEPCs and thus approves applications for LEPC members at the county/region level. The SERC has approved over 700 member applications, supported community outreach activities with preparedness materials and meeting support, and provided funding through a mini-grant system. TRANSCAER (Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response Training) ♦♦ the SERC Coordinator serves as the TRANSCAER point of contact for the State of Nebraska and in doing so works directly with the US Chemistry Council, the Railroad Association, the Fertilizer Institute and the National TRANSCAER task group to bring chemical specific transportation training to the State of Nebraska. Nebraska has hosted over twelve TRANSCAER trainings since 2008 and has reached over 400 first responders with the TRANSCAER program. Pipeline ♦♦ the SERC works directly with the Nebraska Pipeline Association in preparedness training and exercises. The state supported exercise (TERREX) 2010 involved a response to a pipeline event that the SERC was instrumental in developing and coordinating. Yearly meetings are held between the pipelines and the first responders, the SERC assists in those meetings reaching thousands of landowners and first responders. Commodity Flow Study ♦♦ the SERC has contracted with the University of Nebraska Transportation Center to conduct a state wide commodity flow study. This is a four year project that will include transportation routes of chemicals that are considered dangerous or toxic. The study will assist in determining specific needs and resources across the state as it pertains to a chemical response. As a state wide study this is one of the first of its kind in the nation and is highly anticipated by our constituents.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska State Fair Board

Purpose: The Nebraska State Fair is held annually for the exhibition and dissemination of agricultural, horticultural, industrial, mechanical and other products and innovations and for exhibitions in the arts, skilled crafts, and sciences and is a beneficial cultural and educational event for the state and its citizens.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: 330,000+

Year created: 1868

Year active: 143

Sunset date: Not Applicable

Authorization

Contact person: Joseph McDermott, Executive Director, P O Box 1387, Grand Island, Ne 68802, (308) 382-1620

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute 2-101

Parent agency: Legislature

Number of members: 13

Who appoints: Governor appoints 4

Legislative approval: yes

Qualifications of members: Four are appointed by the Governor; one from each congressional district and one from the host city of the State Fair. Seven are elected by county fair districts; one represents 4H; one represents FFA.

Per diem: \$50

Expense reimbursement: No

Term Length: Three years, nine years max.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 12 Held: 12

FY 10-11: 12 Held: 12

FY 11-12: 12 Held: 12

Operations

Support staff: Nine

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: \$400,000 estimate

FY 10-11 budget: \$400,000 estimate

FY 11-12 budget: \$450,000 estimate

Other funding sources: State Fair revenues and Nebraska Lottery proceeds

Spending authority: The Nebraska State Fair Board uses funds generated from the Fair's operations and Nebraska Lottery proceeds to provide programming for and promotion of the largest celebration in Nebraska.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska State Fair has in the last four years, undertaken and completed a project that many said could not be done. This is of course was to move the fair from Lincoln to Grand Island. Planning began in 2008 and once the move was approved by the Nebraska Legislature, it took less than 18-months from groundbreaking to opening day for the \$42 million project to welcome fairgoers. The state fair complex is unrivaled in the nation and our success, based on total fairgoers, has been astonishing. In the past two years, we have seen nearly 650,000 visitors with our event in 2011 setting the third

highest single day attendance in state fair history. With our success, we have continued to grow the fair with new entertainment, new attractions like the Sky Tram in 2012, and a renewed focus on agriculture, Nebraska's number 1 industry. We've grown our business partnerships, programming partnerships, vendors, exhibitors and our volunteer program which has been recognized nationally. The Nebraska State Fair looks to the future with vigor as we move forward to create an event by Nebraskansâ€”For Nebraskans. The State's largest entertainment event.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: 71-815 STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Purpose: The committee shall be responsible to the division and shall (a) conduct regular meetings, (b) provide advice and assistance to the division relating to the provision of substance abuse services in the State of Nebraska, (c) promote the interests of consumers and their families, (d) provide reports as requested by the division, and (e) engage in such other activities as directed or authorized by the division. Starting with the 2013 application, there is a combined SAMHSA Block Grant for the Community Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. This combined Block Grant requires a State Behavioral Health Advisory Council. The state is required to establish and maintain a state advisory council for services for individuals with a mental disorder. SAMHSA strongly encourages the state to expand and use the same council to advise and consult regarding issues and services for persons with, or at risk of, substance abuse and substance use disorders. In order to meet this SAMHSA Block Grant requirement joint meetings have been held with the Substance Abuse (SA) and Problem Gambling (GAP) committees. Joint meetings were held with MH, SA, and GAP on May 6, 2010; May 3, 2011; and May 3, 2012. Joint meetings were held with MH and SA on August 18, 2011; November 3, 2011; and November 8, 2012 (scheduled).

How many affectable: 133,000 - prevalence data - National Survey on Drug Use and Health

How many served: 15,639 -- in DBH funded services

Year created: 2004

Year active: 2004

Sunset date: N/A

Authorization

Contact person: James S. Harvey

Authorization citation: 71-815

Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health

Number of members: 12

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: no

Qualifications of members: Members of the committee shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of substance abuse services in the State of Nebraska.  at least three consumers of substance abuse services.[71-815 (1)]

Per diem: no

Expense reimbursement: Yes - actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: None in statute. LB 1083 (2004) Sec. 13. (2) [Repealed 2006] established members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years. The Governor has maintained this practice.

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: conduct regular meetings Held: 4

FY 10-11: conduct regular meetings Held: 4

FY 11-12: conduct regular meetings Held: 4

Operations

Support staff: no

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 09-10 budget: \$11,260

FY 10-11 budget: \$13,060

FY 11-12 budget: \$ 5,768

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The committee continuously advises and makes recommendations to the Division of Behavioral Health on a variety of issues including the draft strategic plans, draft regulations, grant applications and policies. SAMHSA Block Grant requires the Committee to review the SA application and implementation report. The date of the meetings, agenda and minutes from November 10, 2004 to the present are posted on the Division of Behavioral Health web site at:
http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/hew_sua_sacsa.aspx

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Suggestion Award Board

Purpose: The purpose of the Suggestion Award Board is to determine the amount of the award for each adopted suggestion.

How many affectable: All State employees; not Univ. or State Colleges

How many served: 791

Year created: 1978, 1992, 1993

Year active: 1995

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Nyla Thomsen, AS-State Personnel

Authorization citation: 81-1346

Parent agency: AS-State Personnel

Number of members: 6

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: The Director of Administrative Services, the Director of AS-State Personnel, the Auditor of Public Accounts and three persons from bargaining units listed in section 81-1373.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Bargaining Unit Reps. 3 yrs; Remainder - On-going

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: Quarterly Held: 3

FY 10-11: Quarterly Held: 3

FY 11-12: Quarterly Held: 2

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared; Auditor & AS-State Personnel

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: There have been 123 suggestions submitted since July 1, 2008. Of those, 32 have been declared ineligible by AS-State Personnel. Of the 91 that were declared eligible and forwarded on to agencies for review, 75 were denied by the agencies; 12 have been approved by the agencies and the Board; 1 was approved by an agency but denied by the Board; 2 are awaiting action by the Board and 1 is awaiting a decision by an agency. There were also 3 approved from the prior survey timeframe. Since July 1, 2008, there has been a total of \$4,252.23 awarded to suggesters.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission

Purpose: The mission of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission is to achieve statewide equalization of assessments of property for taxation as required by the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, and to review decisions of others impacting the valuation or taxation of property in an open, accessible and impartial forum.

How many affectable: 16,500

How many served: 15,000

Year created: 1996

Year active: 1996

Sunset date: blank

Authorization

Contact person: Nancy Salmon

Authorization citation: Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

Parent agency: Not Applicable

Number of members: 3

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: yes

Qualifications of members: 1 Commissioner must be an attorney 1 Commissioner must be have the qualifications to be a licensed appraiser. There is one Commissioner appointed from each of the three districts.

Per diem: no

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 0 Held: blank

FY 10-11: 0 Held: blank

FY 11-12: 0 Held: blank

Operations

Support staff: yes

Shared or separate: separate

FY 09-10 budget: 927,763

FY 10-11 budget: 886,215

FY 11-12 budget: 842,273

Other funding sources: no

Spending authority: yes

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Commission went from a 4 Commissioner Commission to a 3 Commissioner Commission. In July 2011 the Legislature authorized the Commission to hear single Commissioner hearings instead of panel hearings on properties valued under \$1,000,000. This process was started the later part of July 2011 and has helped the Commission lessen their backlog of appeals. All hearings have become more taxpayer friendly and the Commission is much more efficient.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Tax Rate Review Committee
Purpose: "To determine whether the rates of sales tax or income tax should be changed," in compliance with the requirements set forth in RRS 77-2715.01(1)(b), (The 3 to 7% General Fund reserve/ending balance requirement).
How many affectable: blank
How many served: blank
Year created: 1983
Year active: 1984
Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Michael Calvert, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Authorization citation: RRS 77-2715.01(2)
Parent agency: Legislature
Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Statute defines members
Legislative approval: None
Qualifications of members: Meet statutory specification of membership: Speaker of the Legislature, Chairs of the Legislature's Executive Board and Appropriations and Revenue Committees; Tax Commissioner.
Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: No
Term Length: blank
Terms rotate or expire at once: NA
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: 2 Held: 2
FY 10-11: 2 Held: 2
FY 11-12: 2 Held: 2

Operations

Support staff: Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Shared or separate: blank
FY 09-10 budget: None
FY 10-11 budget: None
FY 11-12 budget: None
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Met according to statutorily defined dates (July and November), received reports from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst as to General Fund financial status outlook. The committee took no further actions under the parameters defined in law.

Operations

- 13. Support staff: Yes – Teacher Education staff Shared or separate: Shared, NDE
- 14. FY09-10 budget: \$0
 FY10-11 budget: \$0
 FY11-12 budget: \$0
- 15. Other funding sources: None
- 16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2008: Review and input for revision of the following Rules: 92 NAC 21 (Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services and Administer in Nebraska Schools); 92 NAC 24 and associated Guidelines (Certificate Endorsements); 92 NAC 20 and associated Guidelines (Educator Preparation Program Requirements); 92 NAC 23 (Basic Skills Competency). In addition to meeting participation, members serve on educator preparation program approval visits, endorsement revision meetings and statewide meetings related to educator preparation/certification. Accomplishments since July, 2008 include finalization of a dual credit certificate, significant endorsement updates and ongoing discussion regarding enhancement and reform of educator preparation/certification processes.

FY 2010-11 budget: 0

FY 2011-12 budget: 0

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. The Advisory Committee in the November/December 2008 timeframe provided guidance on proposing services, terms and conditions to facilitate the selection of a new relay provider beginning July 1, 2009. A committee member was chosen to represent hard of hearing individuals using CapTel service. This service utilizes voice recognition and captioning technology for hard of hearing individuals. The committee continues to provide advice and direction in making further improvements to this program. The Public Service Commission continues to work with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in receiving, assisting and reviewing applicants for the NSTEP program. The TRS Advisory Committee provides continuing advice regarding policies and procedures for the administration of the NSTEP program as well as issues affecting quality of service for the relay center. The Commission works with this committee in determining the surcharge necessary to fund the relay service and the NSTEP voucher program. Beginning July 1, 2012 the surcharge will be reduced from five to four cents. This committee also has provided advice on expanding the NSTEP program to include wireless devices. As of July of 2012 the Commission has business relationships with GreatCall ("Jitterbug"), Sprint and recently added Verizon. With the direction of this committee, the Commission is seeking to expand wireless provider choices to AT&T, NE Colorado Cellular and US Cellular.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Tourism Commission

Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska Tourism Commission is to serve as the state's official tourism marketing organization, charged with expanding Nebraska's travel economy by generating increased visitors, resulting visitor expenditures, tax revenue and employment.

How many affectable: All resident and non-resident travelers to the state of Nebraska

How many served: Millions

Year created: 2012

Year active: 2012

Sunset date: NA

Authorization

Contact person: Kathy McKillip, Director, 301 Centennial Mall South PO Box 98907 Lincoln, NE 68509 402-471-1558

Authorization citation: Section 10 (LB 1053)

Parent agency: Governor

Number of members: 9

Who appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications of members: The commission shall consist of the following members: (a) One representative from the Game and Parks Commission (b) One representative from the Nebraska Travel Association (c) One representative from the Nebraska Hotel and Motel Association (d) One representative from a tourism attraction that records at least two thousand out-of-state visitors per year (e) One representative from the Nebraska Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus (f) One representative from the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition (g) One representative who resides in eastern Nebraska and is employed by a business that derives a majority of its revenue from out-of-state visitors (h) One representative from the Central Nebraska Tourism Partnership (i) One representative of a business that derives a majority of its revenue from out-of-state visitors

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Initial members of the commission representing entities designated by subdivisions (b), (d), (f), and (h) two years. Initial members representing entities designated by subdivisions (a), (c), (e), (g), and (i) is four years.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Initial members' terms overlap, with members changing by a few members at a time, but successive members' terms expire at once, but may be reappointed

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: NA Held: NA

FY 10-11: NA Held: NA

FY 11-12: Pending bylaws creation Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 09-10 budget: NA

FY 10-11 budget: NA

FY 11-12 budget: 1% lodging tax

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Nebraska Tourism Commission was just created on July 1, 2012 and has been in operation for under a month.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Statewide Trauma System Advisory Board and four Regional Trauma Advisory Boards

Purpose: A. 18 member State Trauma Advisory Board 1. Advise the department regarding trauma care needs throughout the state. 2. Advise the Board of Emergency Medical Services regarding trauma care to be provided throughout the state by out-of-hospital and emergency medical services. 3. Review the regional trauma plans and recommend changes to the department before the department adopts the plans. 4. Review proposed departmental rules and regulations for trauma care and carry out the Statewide Trauma System Act. 5. Recommend modifications in rules regarding trauma care. 6. Draft a two-year statewide prevention plan that each trauma care region shall implement. 7. Advise the department on the development of the Statewide Trauma System B. 10 member Regional Trauma Advisory Boards 1. Advise the department on matters relating to the delivery of trauma care services within the trauma care region. 2. Provide data required by the department to assess the effectiveness of the statewide trauma system.

How many affectable: People suffering traumatic injuries and their families

How many served: Ave. # cases/year is 8,927

Year created: 1997

Year active: 2002 for Statewide Board and 2 Regional Boards, 1 Regional Board in 2003 and another in 2004

Sunset date: blank

Authorization

Contact person: Sherri Wren, 402-471-0539 sherri.wren@nebraska.gov

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§Â§ 71-8201-71-8253 (1997).

Parent agency: NE Department of Health & Human Services

Number of members: 18

Who appoints: Division of Public Health Director

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Members are knowledgeable and qualified individuals in emergency medical services and trauma care, including emergency medical providers such as physicians, nurses, hospital personnel, prehospital or out-of-hospital providers, local government officials, state government officials, consumers and persons affiliated officially with health science schools.

Per diem: none

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Staggered one, two and three year terms.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 2 per year for Statewide Board Held: 2

FY 10-11: 2 per year for Statewide Board Held: 2

FY 11-12: 1 per year for Statewide Board Held: 1

Operations

Support staff: 10% each of 2 staff assistants

Shared or separate: blank

FY 09-10 budget: Travel reimbursement expenses

FY 10-11 budget: Travel reimbursement expenses

FY 11-12 budget: Travel reimbursement expenses

Other funding sources: Cash

Spending authority: Program 262, DHHS

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since July 2008 the Nebraska Statewide Trauma Advisory Board and Regional Trauma Advisory Boards have advised the Department on the following:

- Trauma educational courses and training offerings for both pre-hospital and hospital providers to improve patient care.
- Trauma educational materials developed for trauma nurses learning the Trauma Nurse Coordinator role.
- Trauma educational materials developed for hospitals applying for re-designation.
- Reports resulting in the designation/re-designation of 28 trauma centers.
- Proposed revisions of the Department's 2011 Statewide Trauma System Rules and Regulations and revised statutory language for trauma care and to carry out the Trauma System Act.
- Standards for regional trauma care quality assurance programs.
- Format and content of state regional performance improvement meetings.
- Educational materials to promote the trauma program.
- Resources and systems necessary for trauma system development and improved trauma patient care throughout the state.
- Regional Trauma System Plans.

In 2011, the Nebraska Trauma Registry data dictionary was revised and updated to correspond with the 2011 Statewide Trauma System Rules and Regulations. A total of 46 hospitals were trained how to use the Nebraska Trauma Bridge System (NTBS). Currently 40 hospitals submit trauma data to DHHS through NTBS. Concurrently, 25 hospitals submit data to DHHS using NTRACS (National Trauma Registry American College of Surgeons), which is a computer-based trauma registry system. The report writer for the NTBS which was built in 2007 and was ready for hospitals to generate their own hospital trauma reports in 2008. It is a great tool for trauma facilities to evaluate their performance of trauma care, and also very useful for regional and state trauma registrars to check data quality, monitor trauma status and provide information for injury prevention. In 2008, 13 trauma centers were trained on this tool; in 2009, 9 trauma centers participated in training; and in 2010, 16 trauma centers were trained. In 2011, 6 trauma centers were trained on the report writer tool. In 2012, 13 trauma centers were trained both through webinar and in person. The Nebraska trauma registry provided information for several state public reports and injury prevention activities such as Injury in Nebraska, substance abuse prevention, motorcycle helmet usage and ATV injury studies, agricultural injury studies, violence related injury studies, etc.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Truancy Intervention Task Force

Purpose: Study and evaluate monthly excessive absenteeism reports required by Section 75-527(2) and develop recommendations to reduce incidents of excessive absenteeism.

How many affectable: blank

How many served: 330,000 children required to attend school

Year created: 2010

Year active: 2010

Sunset date: none

Authorization

Contact person: Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education, PO Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509

Authorization citation: 79-527.01

Parent agency: None

Number of members: 3

Who appoints: statute assigns

Legislative approval: blank

Qualifications of members: Commissioner of Education, Chief Executive Officer of DHHS, State Probation Administrator

Per diem: no

Expense reimbursement: no

Term Length: Ex Officio

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/a

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: N/A Held: blank

FY 10-11: 0 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 0 Held: ?

Operations

Support staff: 0

Shared or separate: n/a

FY 09-10 budget: 0

FY 10-11 budget: 0

FY 11-12 budget: 0

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: none

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Task Force met 3 times during 2010-11 and reviewed reports, met with various school officials, probation officers and county attorneys to discuss efforts already doing to reduce excessive absenteeism reports submitted to the Legislature on June 30, 2011 and preliminary report on June 29, 2012.

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

- 1. Formal Name: Commission on Uniform State Laws
- 2. Purpose: Promote uniformity in state laws where uniformity is desirable and practicable
- 3. How many affectable: legislation is sponsored by Legislature; affects entire state
How many served: entire state
- 4. Year created: 1952 Year active: 1952 Sunset date: none
- 5. Contact person: Joanne Pepper

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation: 49-901
- 7. Parent agency: Legislative Council

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: 6
Who appoints: Governor
- 9. Legislative approval: no
Qualifications of members:
member of state bar association
- 10. Per diem: no Expense reimbursement: not at present time
- 11. Term length: 4 yrs.
Terms rotate or expire at once: expire at once
- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: 1 Held: 1
FY 10-11: 1 Held: 1
FY 11-12: 1 Held: 1

Operations

- 13. Support staff: none Shared or separate:
- 14. FY 09-10 budget: 31,800
FY 10-11 budget: 31,800
FY 11-12 budget: 32,100
- 15. Other funding sources:
- 16. Spending authority:

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2008: 2009 - Uniform Athlete Agents Act
2010 - Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
Uniform Limited Liability Company Act
2011 - Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act
2012 - Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Universal Service Fund Advisory Board
2. Purpose: To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission on the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.
3. How many affectable: All telecommunications users in Nebraska
How many served: All telecommunications users in Nebraska
4. Year created: 1997 Year active: 1997 Sunset date: None
5. Contact person: Sue Vanicek, Director, Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927. Phone: (402) 471-0264.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-327
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9 Who appoints: Nebraska Public Service Commission
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of Members: 1 representative for the Public Service Commission, 1 representative for elementary education and secondary schools, 1 representative for libraries, 1 representative for rural health care providers, 3 representatives for telecommunications companies, and 2 representatives for the public.
10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: None
11. Term length: 3 Years Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in FY 09–10: 1 Held 1
FY 10–11: 1 Held 1
FY 11–12: 1 Held 1

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared - NE Public Service Commission
14. FY 09–10 budget: None
FY 10–11 budget: None
FY 11–12 budget: None
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2008 the Board has continued its role of advising the Nebraska Public Service Commission relative to the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. The Board continues to perform the task of promoting awareness of the universal service support that is available for eligible entities and individuals under the program.

During this period the Board discussed and provided input and perspective to the Commission on the following subjects related to the fund: the appropriate level to be maintained for the Nebraska Universal Service Fund surcharge; the development of a broadband support mechanism; the continuation of the wireless fund program, changes as a result of federal policy, and the additional requirements imposed by the

Federal Communications Commission for states relative to the Nebraska Telecommunications Assistance Program (NTAP).

2012 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. **Formal Name:** Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska
2. **Purpose:** Governing board of the University of Nebraska
3. **How many affectable:** entire state
How many served: entire state
4. **Year created:** February 15, 1869. **Year active:** February 15, 1869. **Sunset date:** n/a
5. **Contact person:** Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
3835 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, NE 68583-0745
402.472.3906

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Nebraska Constitution
7. **Parent agency:** none

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** eight elected members, who are elected for six-year terms, and four nonvoting student regents with one-year terms
Who appoints: Elected by voters from districts within the state. The Governor fills board vacancies by appointment as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-103.
9. **Legislative approval:** n/a
Qualifications of members: registered voter at the time of filing for office and shall meet the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which he or she is filing.
10. **Per diem:** No **Expense reimbursement:** Yes
11. **Term length:** elected: six-year terms, student regents: one-year terms
Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

12. **Number of meetings required in** **FY 09-10: * Held:** 10 (September 2009-June 2010)
FY 10-11: * Held: 9 (August 2010-June 2011)
FY 11-12: * Held: 8 (September 2011-June 2012)

*The Board shall hold its annual meeting in January as required by Section 1.4 of its Bylaws. The Board may hold such additional meetings during the year as it deems necessary, either as scheduled meetings or as emergency meetings called at the request of the Chairperson or by any two voting members of the Board.

Operations

13. **Support staff:** Two. FTE in Board support is 1.1 FTE, with two part-time people
Shared or separate: shared
14. **FY 09-10 budget:** \$58,500
FY 10-11 budget: \$58,500
FY 11-12 budget: \$58,500
15. **Other funding sources:** Please see the four attachments for this information.
16. **Spending authority:** Yes. Allocate funds and approve spending authority to the four administrative units.

Accomplishments

17. **Since July 1, 2008:** Teaching, research and service.

	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>
First Degree Only			
Below Bachelor's Certificates	22	22	22
Associates Degree	72	78	61
Bachelor's Degree	6,251	6,310	6,667
Post-baccalaureate Certificate	76	83	93
Master's Degree	1,982	2,041	2,072
Post-master's Degree	65	67	64
First-professional Degree	409	338	349
Doctor's degree	<u>380</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>393</u>
Total	9,912	9,353	9,724

Research

The University of Nebraska Research Awards are as follows:

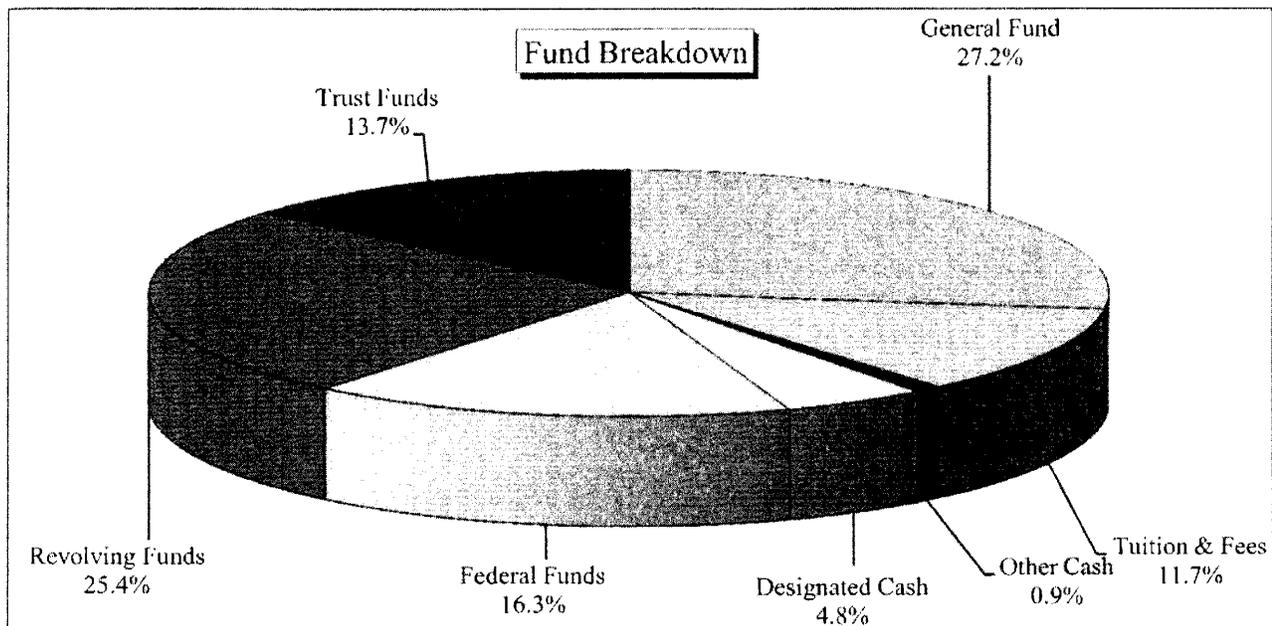
FY 2008-09	\$178.2
FY 2009-10	\$204.1
FY 2010-11	\$192.5

Service. The University of Nebraska provides service to the agricultural communities and citizens of the State of Nebraska through 4 research and extension centers and 83 county offices located across the state.

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2008-09 Budget by Funding Source

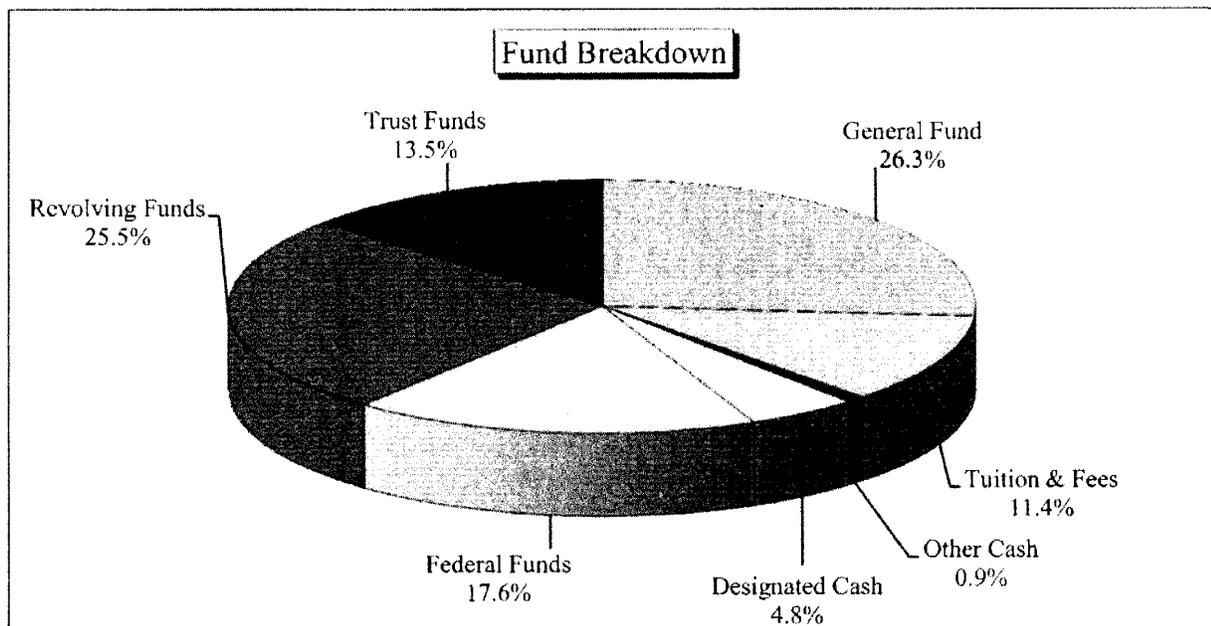
Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 489,480,936
Unrestricted Cash		
Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	210,380,592
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	16,851,438
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	85,986,800
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	292,862,174
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	456,860,276
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	246,906,454
Totals \$		1,799,328,670



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2009-10 Budget by Funding Source

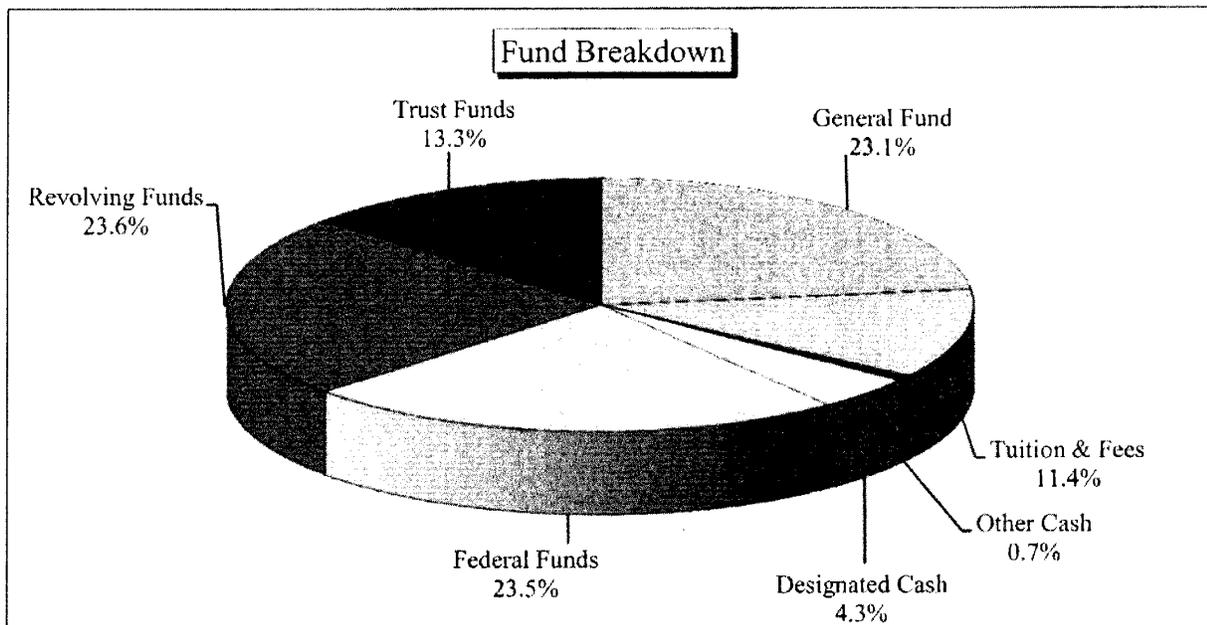
Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 498,658,685
Unrestricted Cash Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	216,375,397
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	16,349,108
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	90,095,400
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	333,630,761
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	483,141,603
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	255,484,457
Totals \$		1,893,735,411



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2010-11 Budget by Funding Source

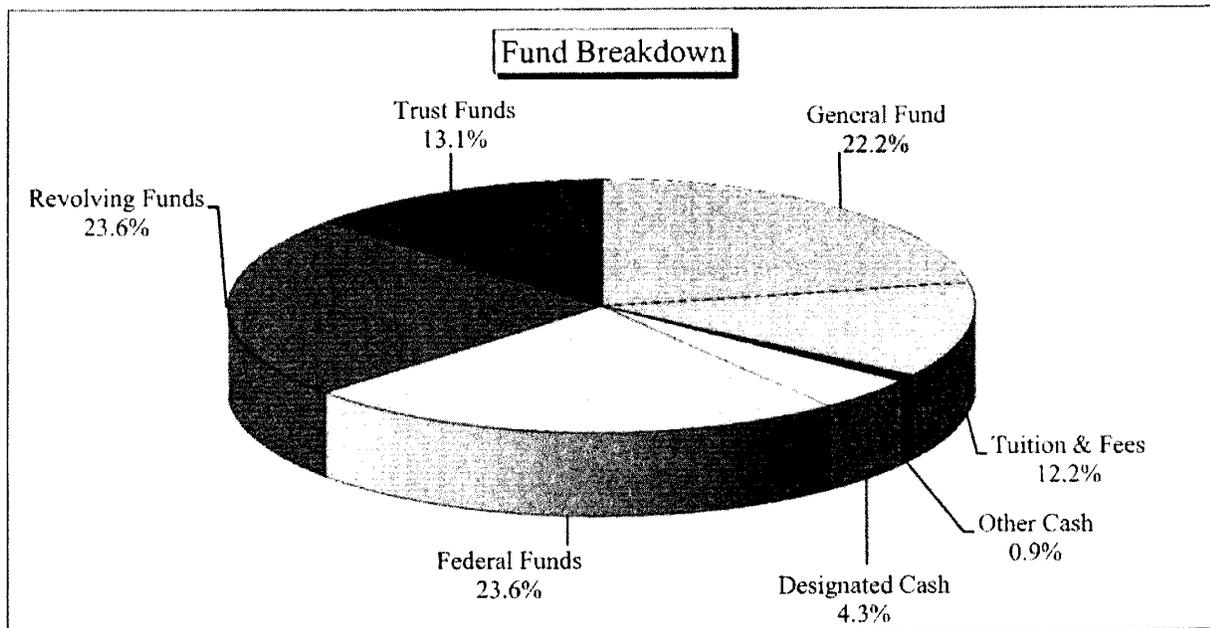
Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 492,126,159
Unrestricted Cash		
Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	243,066,163
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	15,775,506
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	91,343,800
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	500,243,063
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	502,281,016
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	282,647,342
Totals \$		2,127,483,049



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2011-12 Budget by Funding Source

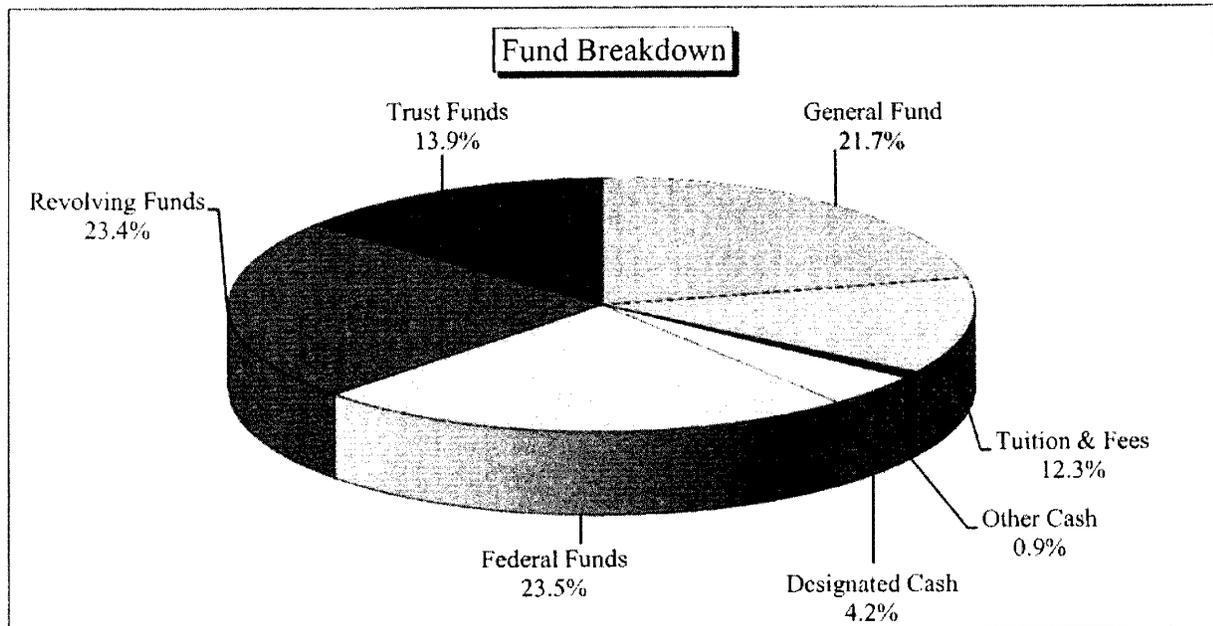
Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 488,705,159
Unrestricted Cash		
Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	267,046,968
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	20,062,310
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	95,397,900
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	517,721,354
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	519,065,544
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	288,880,398
Totals \$		2,196,879,633



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2012-13 Budget by Funding Source

Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 495,403,534
Unrestricted Cash		
Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	281,119,267
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	19,741,084
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	95,797,000
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	536,466,556
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	533,237,808
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	317,779,360
Totals		\$ 2,279,544,609



2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee

Purpose: The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee purpose is to review a list of all state-owned buildings and lands each year to determine if any of those properties are vacant or excess to the needs of the State of Nebraska.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: Year created 1988

Year active: Year active 1988

Sunset date: No termination date

Authorization

Contact person: Rodney Anderson, Administrator State Building Division 402-471-2662

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812

Parent agency: Administrative Services

Number of members: Three members.

Who appoints: Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812 states that the committee shall be composed of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Building Administrator, and the Administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal

Legislative approval: Legislative approval is not required by Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812

Qualifications of members: Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812 states that the committee shall be composed of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Building Administrator, and the Administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal

Per diem: No per diem

Expense reimbursement: No expense reimbursement

Term Length: There is no term

Terms rotate or expire at once: Committee members remain on the Vacant Building and Excess Land committee as long as they hold the title of Director of Administrative Services, State Building Division Administrator, or Administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal. Nebraska Revis

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: The number of meetings required per year is one Held: 11-24-09, 12-21-09, 3-30-10, 4-19-10

FY 10-11: The number of meetings required per year is one Held: 07-13-10, 10-07-10, 11-10-10, 12-20-10, 02-24-11, 04-05-11, 05-09-11, 06-28-11

FY 11-12: The number of meetings required per year is one Held: 03-15-12

Operations

Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared - AS/SBD Property Manager

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: Yes, The funding for the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee comes from the proceeds of the sale or leased property that is declared excess to the State of Nebraska

Spending authority: AS/SBD Property Program Manager

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Since July 1, 2008, the Vacant Building and Excess Land (VBEL) Committee has met on a quarterly basis to consider all buildings or land parcels submitted by agencies for the VBEL surplus process. Additionally, the VBEL has regularly reviewed all easement requests submitted by agencies and provided proper documentation and approval to those easements deemed to be in the best interest of the state. The VBEL is required to submit a report of all state-owned buildings and land to the Legislature each year. This year, the Committee is including some enhancements to the report (to be issued September 15th) which will provide more information about the status of each building and parcel of land owned by the state.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery**
2. Purpose: **38-161.** (1) The purpose of each board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public as prescribed in the Uniform Credentialing Act. (2) The duties of each board include, but are not limited to, (a) setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency in accordance with section 38-126, (b) providing recommendations in accordance with section 38-149, (c) providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation, and (d) providing the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act in accordance with section 38-126.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1967; Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Office of Medical & Specialized Health, Licensure Unit, Division of Public Health, Dept of Health & Human Services

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **38-167** (1) Boards shall be designated as follows: (a) Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (b) Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; (c) Board of Athletic Training; (d) Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; (e) Board of Chiropractic; (f) Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art; (g) Board of Dentistry; (h) Board of Emergency Medical Services; (i) Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists; (j) Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming; (k) Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists; (l) Board of Massage Therapy; (m) Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy; (n) Board of Medical Radiography; (o) Board of Medicine and Surgery; (p) Board of Mental Health Practice; (q) Board of Nursing; (r) Board of Nursing Home Administration; (s) Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; (t) Board of Optometry; (u) Board of Pharmacy; (v) Board of Physical Therapy; (w) Board of Podiatry; (x) Board of Psychology; (y) Board of Respiratory Care Practice; (z) Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery; and (aa) Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. (2) Any change made by the Legislature of the names of boards listed in this section shall not change the membership of such boards or affect the validity of any action taken by or the status of any action pending before any of such boards. Any such board newly named by the Legislature shall be the direct and only successor to the board as previously named.
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5; Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No; Qualifications of members: **38-3319.** The board shall consist of five members, including three licensed veterinarians, one licensed veterinary technician, and one public member.
38-164. (1) A professional member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act, every professional member of a board appointed on or after December 1, 2008, shall have held and maintained an active credential and be and have been actively engaged in the practice of his or her profession for a period of five years just preceding his or her appointment and shall maintain such credential and practice while serving as a board member. For purposes of this section, active practice means devoting a substantial portion of time to rendering professional services. (2) Each professional member of a board shall have been a resident of Nebraska for one year and shall remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member.

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38-165. A public member of a board appointed under the Uniform Licensing Law prior to December 1, 2008, shall remain subject to the requirements of the original appointment until reappointed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. At the time of appointment and while serving as a board member, a public member appointed to a board on or after December 1, 2008, shall: (1) Have been a resident of this state for one year; (2) Remain a resident of Nebraska while serving as a board member; (3) Have attained the age of nineteen years; (4) Represent the interests and viewpoints of the public; (5) Not hold an active credential in any profession or business which is subject to the Uniform Credentialing Act, issued in Nebraska or in any other jurisdiction, at any time during the five years prior to appointment; (6) Not be eligible for appointment to a board which regulates a profession or business in which that person has ever held a credential; (7) Not be or not have been, at any time during the year prior to appointment, an employee of a member of a profession credentialed by the department, of a facility credentialed pursuant to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, or of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act; (8) Not be the parent, child, spouse, or household member of any person presently regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (9) Have no material financial interest in the profession or business regulated by such board; and (10) Not be a member or employee of the legislative or judicial branch of state government.

10. Per diem: \$50.00; Expense reimbursement: **38-171.** Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.
11. Term length: 5 years - **38-163.** (1) The members of each board shall be appointed for terms of five years except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Credentialing Act. No member shall be appointed for or serve for more than two consecutive full five-year terms except as otherwise specifically provided in the act. (2) The term of each member shall commence on the first day of December following the expiration of the term of the member whom such person succeeds except as otherwise provided in the act.
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2014; 1 term expires in 2015; 2 terms expire in 2016.
12. Number of meetings required in
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| FY 09-10: 1 | Held: 6 |
| FY 10-11: 1 | Held: 5 |
| FY 11-12: 1 | Held: 5 |

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes; Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$18,500
FY 10-11 budget: \$16,636
FY 11-12 budget: \$19,398
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

Recommendations for licensure on 449 applications

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation, including provisions for Licensed Animal Therapists who are persons licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act in human professions who wish to perform those therapies on animals based on the referral of a veterinarian.

Developed proposed regulations to implement the legislation for Licensed Animal Therapists

Proposed revisions to 172 NAC 180 Regulations for Veterinary Medicine and Surgery based on the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

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General Information

1. Formal Name: State Board of Vocational Education
2. Purpose: The stated mission of the State Board of Education is to raise the level of academic achievement through planning, policy formulation, and evaluation that improves the quality of education accessible to all students. The stated statutory purpose of the State Board of Education: The State Board of Education shall be the policy-forming, planning, and evaluative body for the state school program. The Nebraska State Board of Education serves as the State Board for Vocational Education. This Board governs the official policy of career and technical education as provided by the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006.
3. How many affectable: All public school districts and community colleges
How many served: All public school districts and community colleges
4. Year created: 1951 Year active: 1955 Sunset Date: None
5. Contact person: Rich Katt, Nebraska Department of Education, P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509 402-471-4808

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 3 and 4
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of members: 8 Who appoints: Elected on nonpartisan ballot
9. Legislative approval: Not required Qualifications of members: Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-313
10. Per Diem: None Expense Reimbursement: Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses
11. Term length: 4 years Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in FY 09-10: 4, Held: 12; FY 10-11: 4, Held: 12; FY 11-12: 4, Held 12

Operations

13. Support Staff: 0 Shared or separate:
14. FY 09-10 budget: Included in State Board of Education Budget
FY 10-11 budget: Included in State Board of Education Budget
FY 11-12 budget: Included in State Board of Education Budget
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-319(5)

Accomplishments:

- The Board has provided policy support to implement and evaluate Nebraska standards, assessment, and reporting systems
- Put into a rule language to improve a safe, academic and disciplined school environment
- Worked with policy partners to improve communication
- Promoted and supported the use of technology for teaching and learning
- Supported the work of a task force on Teacher Recruitment, Preparation and Certification
- Worked toward the improvement of quality early childhood programs
- Provided continued support of the PreK-16 initiative
- Supported the development and approval of a new six-year state plan for the implementation of the Carl Perkins Federal Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006
- Worked to create transitions between secondary and postsecondary education
- Worked to create partnerships with Workforce Development and Economic Development
- Adopted Nebraska Career Ready Standards and definition for career readiness

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General Information

Formal Name: Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee

Purpose: To advise the department on proposed rules and regulations relating to the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Contractors Certification and System Registration Act; advise the department on the administration of the act as requested by the director, and advise the department on rules and regulations for the siting, layout, operation, and maintenance of private onsite wastewater treatment systems

How many affectable: It is estimated that over 200 thousand total homeowners and small business owners in Nebraska use onsite wastewater systems. There are approximately 525 certified onsite professionals in Nebraska.

How many served: Since 2008 an average of 600 certified onsite professionals who have registered nearly 1600 onsite well registrations each year

Year created: 2003

Year active: 2003

Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Pat Rice, DEQ Assistant Director, Water Quality Programs

Authorization citation: Neb Rev. Stat 81-15,245

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Number of members: 11

Who appoints: DEQ Director appoints 8; Vice Chancellor at the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources appoints 2; and the Director of Health & Human Services appoints 1.

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: Five members are private onsite wastewater treatment system professionals; two are registered environmental health specialists or officials representing local public health departments which have established programs for regulating private onsite wastewater treatment systems; the director of Health & Human Services or designated representative, the director of the Department of Environmental Quality or a designated representative; one representative with experience in soils and geology and one representative with experience in biological engineering.

Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes. Actual and necessary expenses.

Term Length: 4 years, maximum of 2 terms

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of meetings required in:

FY 09-10: 1 Held: 2

FY 10-11: 1 Held: 3

FY 11-12: 1 Held: 2

Operations

Support staff: No

Shared or separate: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

FY 09-10 budget: \$0

FY 10-11 budget: \$0

FY 11-12 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: The Advisory committee has reviewed proposed revisions to Title 124 Rules and Regulations for the Designated Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and made recommendations to the Department to consider. The committee has supported changes that include a new endorsement for Master Installers for mound system design, a late renewal process for certificate renewal with a new late renewal penalty, allowing independent study for continuing education, and proration of continuing education requirements for certificates obtained in the second year of the certification cycle. The Advisory Committee has also played an important role in making recommendations to the Department on certification examination test questions and on the implementation of Title 124 regulations including inspections and enforcement.

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water quality concern; has initiated and funded a mapping project with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to locate confining units and vadose zones in each natural resources district of the state.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board
2. Purpose: The Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board was developed to protect and foster the health, prosperity, and general welfare of its people by protecting and stabilizing the wheat industry and the economy of the areas producing wheat.
3. How many affectable: All Nebraska Wheat Producers
How many served: All Nebraska Wheat Producers
4. Year Created: 1955 Year Active: 1955 Sunset Date: N/A
5. Contact Person: Royce Schaneman, Executive Director

Authorization

6. Authorization Citation: Sections 2-2301 to 2-2321
7. Parent Agency: N/A

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 7
Who Appoints: Governor
9. Legislative Approval: No
Qualifications of Members: The board shall be composed of seven members who shall (a) be citizens of Nebraska, (b) be at least twenty-one years of age, (c) have been actually engaged in growing wheat in this state for a period of at least five years, and (d) derive a substantial portion of their income from growing wheat.
The Director of Agriculture, the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska – Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the president of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association shall be ex-officio members of the board but shall have no vote in board matters.
10. Per Diem: No Expense Reimbursement: yes
11. Term Length: 5 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 09-10: 4 Held: 4
FY 10-11: 4 Held: 5
FY 11-12: 4 Held: 5

Operations

13. Support Staff: yes Shared or Separate: separate
14. FY 09-10 budget: \$1,248,785
FY 10-11 budget: \$1,320,426
FY 11-12 budget: \$1,142,786

15. Other Funding Sources: License Fee's and/or Royalties

16. Spending Authority: \$1,498,330

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

The Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB) invests excise tax funds into areas of research, education, marketing, promotion, and policy development efforts.

- Research efforts are being made to develop new varieties, improve production practices, and control methods for disease and pests. Research focus areas include hard white wheat, tall wheat varieties, hybrid wheat and genetically enhanced traits for wheat.
- Each year the Nebraska Wheat Board educates consumers and producers at the State Fair. We have created a large and interactive exhibit. This exhibit is inclusive to all ages and includes many hands on learning activities about Nebraska wheat.
- The Nebraska Wheat Board has increased the marketing of Nebraska wheat by hosting five trade teams from other countries. We focus on developing relationships with millers and grain buyers.
- The Nebraska Wheat Board teams up with the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association to promote wheat products to consumers with the use of a mobile baking lab. Wheat is also promoted by distribution of cinnamon rolls and cookies each year for Bake & Take Day.
- The Nebraska Wheat Board was instrumental in including a hard white wheat incentive program in the 2008 Federal Farm Bill.
- The Nebraska Wheat Board provides a wheat export and marketing workshop for producers. Producers learn about wheat and flour quality testing, tour port facilities and food processing companies. Producers learn about the Federal Grain Inspection Service and the role of U.S. Wheat Associates in promoting and marketing U.S. wheat internationally.
- Nebraska Wheat Board members are looking toward the future of Hard White Wheat becoming a viable market class and the use of genetic enhancement of consumer and producer traits in wheat.

The Nebraska Wheat Board members and staff have also been very active over the last four years. They have worked hard to stay on top of industry trends by getting involved in other wheat organizations. Chris Cullan has served as Vice Chairman of the Wheat Marketing Center. Dan Hughes has served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the US Wheat Board of Directors Committee. Delferd Schlake served as Chairman of Plains Grains Inc. Brent Robertson served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Wheat Foods Council. Royce Schaneman was asked to present the Hard Red Winter Wheat Report at the Middle East Crop Quality Seminar sponsored by US Wheat Associates. One staff member was selected to participate in the Nebraska LEAD program.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board
2. Purpose: To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission on the implementation, development, administration, coordination, evaluation and maintenance of Enhanced Wireless 911 service.
3. How many affectable / How many served: 93 Counties
4. Year created : 2001 Year active: 2001 Sunset date: None
5. Contact Person: Sue Vanicek, Director, Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927
Phone: 402-471-0264

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 through 86-470
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 11 Members
Who appoints: 9 appointed by the Governor
9. Legislative approval : No
Qualifications: 1 Sheriff; 2 County Officials or Employees; 2 Municipal Officials or Employees; 1 Representative from the Wireless Industry; 1 Manager of a PSAP not employed by the Sheriff; 1 Representative from the Local Exchange Telecommunications Industry; 1 Commissioner from the Public Service Commission serving as Ex Officio member; 1 Public Representative; The Chief Information Officer or his or her designee who shall serve as an Ex Officio member.
10. Per diem : No Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term Length: 3 Years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms rotate
12. Number of Meetings Required in FY 09–10: 4 Held: 6
FY 10–11: 4 Held: 4
FY 11–12: 4 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared - NE Public Service Commission
14. FY 09–10 budget: None
FY 10–11 budget: None
FY 11–12 budget: None
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2008: Has consulted and assisted the Commission with the completion of the implementation of Phase II wireless 911 service, implementation of a permanent funding mechanism, and the statewide GIS street centerline data.

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17. Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008 –

Established four priorities—workplace wellness, health equity, Life Course Model, and perinatal depression; through a partnership with the Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition and the Department of Labor, sent a packet of materials to 2,662 Nebraska businesses regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act on breastfeeding; supported a Return to Work event in Lincoln to help employers accommodate breastfeeding employees; maintained a women’s health website; developed a Women’s Health Equity Report, released it to the press, published it on the website, and arranged media interviews; received a \$5,000 mini-grant from the national Office on Women’s Health to support the 2011 Women’s Health Symposium; held the Symposium in Lincoln in partnership with sponsors and attended by 250 persons; sponsored a *Heart Truth Champions* training for community leaders in Omaha through partnership with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; helped sponsor the Heart and Soul Red Dress Evening in Omaha through the Center for Human Diversity, reaching 700 minority women with heart disease education; arranged educational presentations for state employees; sponsored Women’s Health Week activities including distribution of health tracker cards and pedometers provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, educational material distribution through state wellness councils, development of a video with Dr. Joann Schaefer and DHHS CEO Kerry Winterer, and publishing of resource materials on the website; organized Women’s Health Week and Heart Truth events through over 60 state libraries; developed a comprehensive listing of workplace wellness resources for the website and met with the Director of WELCOM in Omaha; organized an Omaha perinatal depression workgroup of medical, public health, and social service agencies that surveyed system barriers, brought an analyst from the Maternal and Child Health Information Resource Center to Omaha to collect and analyze perinatal depression data, provided an educational webinar, and began development of a resource directory; partnered with the Minority Health Advisory Committee, the Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity, and the Nebraska Public Health Association to hold forums around the state on the documentary “Unnatural Causes”, which addresses root causes of inequities; helped with planning of the 2009 Nebraska Public Health Conference; helped plan the 2010 Lifespan Health Conference in Kearney, and several Council members gave presentations; provided education on the Life Course Model to Council members and at the Lifespan Health Conference; completed a grant, *Healthy Behaviors in Women* from the Health Services and Resources Administration that resulted in measurable lifestyle behavior changes for minority women in Omaha and Crete and was included in a national webinar; hosted several presenters on educational topics related to health care; annually released data and progress in annual reports to the Legislature and Governor; annual legislative positions submitted to the Legislature on issues important to women; consultation and development of partnerships for men’s health activities.

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Worker Training Board
2. Purpose: Support the public/private training, retraining and upgrading of skills of existing Nebraska workers through the quarterly distribution of training grants to Nebraska businesses.
3. How many affectable? Every Nebraska business with an Unemployment Insurance account number.
How many served: Last year – 672 businesses and approximately 10,500 employees.
4. Year Created: 1996 Year Active: 1998 Sunset Date: n/a
5. Steve Porr, Program Coordinator, 550 South 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 471-9977

Authorization:

6. Nebraska Revised Statutes § 48-622.03
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Labor

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 7 (seven) Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative Approval: No
Qualifications of Members: Commissioner of Labor; Commissioner of Education; Director of Economic Development; Director – Nebraska Community College Association; a private citizen representing Employers; a private citizen representing Employees; a private citizen representing the Public at Large.
10. Per diem: No Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 3 years Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in: FY 09-10 4 Held: 4
FY 10-11 4 Held: 4
FY 11-12 4 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support Staff: Yes Shared or separate: Nebraska Department of Labor
14. FY 09-10 Budget \$150,000
FY 10-11 Budget \$150,000 Includes Program/Fiscal
FY 11-12 Budget \$150,000 Includes program/fiscal
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

- 17 Since July 1, 2008 recommended the approval of 1,517 training grants in the amount of \$5,694,067.00 to benefit approximately 2,707 Nebraska businesses and 63,930 employees.

2012 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees
Purpose: General control and management of affairs of Wyuka Cemetery.
How many affectable: Five
How many served: Five
Year created: 1927
Year active: 1927
Sunset date: None

Authorization

Contact person: Jeff Schumacher, Chairman, 130 S. 13th St., Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 438-3838
Authorization citation: Section 12-101
Parent agency: None
Number of members: Five
Who appoints: Governor
Legislative approval: None
Qualifications of members: Attorney, Real Estate Broker, former mayor, Certified Financial Planner
Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement: None
Term Length: Six years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
Number of meetings required in:
FY 09-10: Five Held: Five
FY 10-11: Five Held: Seven
FY 11-12: Five Held: Seven

Operations

Support staff: None
Shared or separate: N/A
FY 09-10 budget: None
FY 10-11 budget: None
FY 11-12 budget: None
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: Yes, as authorized in section 12-101

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2008: Wyuka Cemetery Park and Gardens renovation of the Stables building, Memorial Day event annually, burials with honors of military veterans, periodic walking history tours, annual Wreaths Across America participant.

