

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 14, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche (Van Tassel), Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Sandy Evans and Judy Tayler, Board of Nursing; Michael McGrage, Idaho Nurses Association, Nurse Leaders; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Tana Cory, Occupational Licenses.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

DOCKET NO. 23-0101-1501: **Sandra Evans**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Nursing, presented **Docket No. 23-0101-1501**. The proposed Rule identifies learning activities and required completion evidence. Additions include an exemption for advance practice registered nurses (APRN), good cause time extensions, and implementation dates. Clarification is made to the compliance evidence. The board's dedicated fund will require a one-time expense of \$10,000, with no licensure fee increase.

Answering committee questions, **Ms. Evans** said military deployment is an exemption example. The board is beta testing a software database provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, at no cost. The system provides separate nurse portals for storage of retained documents. APRNs perform higher functions and have the ability to practice independently.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Perry** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 23-0101-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 23-0101-1503: **Sandra Evans**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Nursing, presented **Docket No. 23-0101-1503**. The various nursing specialties are distinct and well defined fields of practice, with uniquely defined education and standards. Nurses may perform speciality functions as defined by either one of the two national accrediting nursing bodies. The educational preparation for specialties is clarified. Conformation to established practice parameters, characters, and standards of that specialty is stipulated. Previous references to Flight/Transport and Surgical First Assisting have been deleted since the Rule recognizes all specialties.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 23-0101-1503**.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 23-0101-1503. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0601-1501: **Roger Hales**, on behalf of the Idaho Board of Occupational Therapists, presented **Docket No. 24-0601-1501**. Proposed changes clarify continuing education requirements, decrease supervised clinical hours for certain procedures, and combine sections.

Responding to committee questions, **Mr. Hales** stated the decreased supervision hours takes into account both individual procedure educational requirements and new licensees, who have just completed the most current education available.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0601-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1201-1501: **Roger Hales**, on behalf of the Idaho Board of Psychologist Examiners, presented **Docket No. 24-1201-1501**, which adopts amendments from the ethical code of the National Association of Psychologists, decreases fees, updates license reinstatement requirements, and revises the endorsement qualification.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1201-1501.**

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1201-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1501-1501: **Mitchell Toryanski**, Legal Counsel, Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **Docket No. 24-1501-1501**. The changes update the incorporated American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy code of ethics references, which went into effect January 1, 2016. A five-year supervisor renewal process is also created, with additional training stipulated.

Responding to a committee question, **Mr. Toryanski** said the correct effective date is January 1, 2015. A professional counselor's license requires one thousand hours practical counseling experience under the supervision of another professional counselor who is a board-registered supervisor.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1501-1501.**

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1501-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1701-1501: **Mitchell Toryanski**, Legal Counsel, Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, on behalf of the Idaho Board of Acupuncture, presented **Docket No. 24-1701-1501**, legislation to place a two-year cap on lapsed license continuing education (CE) requirements and allow CE credit when teaching a board-approved course.

Answering committee questions, **Mr. Toryanski** explained renewal of an active license requires fifteen CE hours during the preceding year. The requirement remains in effect up to one year after the license renewal deadline, at which time additional CE is required.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1701-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-2401-1501: **Mitchell Toryanski**, Legal Counsel, Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, on behalf of the Genetic Counselors Licensing Board, presented **Docket No. 24-2401-1501**. This Rule implements the Genetic Counselors Act (GCA) by detailing board operations, licensing application process, fee schedules, licensure standards, CE, and disciplinary grounds.

Answering committee questions, **Mr. Toryanski** stated the lack of history for this newly established board led to initial fees at the maximum statute rate. Beyond the few statewide genetic counselors, 50 to 100 non-Idaho counselors are expected to request licensing. A fee decrease is anticipated once income and expense are known.

The committee invited **Heather Hussey**, Genetic Counselor, Chairman, Idaho Genetic Counselors Board, to answer a question. She said the board consists of two genetic counselors and one physician. Together with the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, rules were drafted and distributed to the other genetic counselors in the state, the Idaho Medical Association, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, and St. Alphonsus. There were no remarks or complaints during the open comment period.

Mr. Toryanski answered additional questions, stating if a felony charge exists, an exemption request provision gives the licensee the opportunity to explain why it should not be a barrier to licensing. The board considers a number of factors to determine the felony's licensing relevance. The physician board member is not an active market participant.

MOTION: **Rep. Beyeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2401-1501**.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2401-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Vander Woude** asked to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary