

MINUTES

UTAH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENTIST
MEETING

August 20th, 2014
Room 474 – Fourth Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED 9:06 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:14 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Sally Canavan

Board Members Present:

Eric Paul Peterson
Bryce C. Larsen
Linda Ebert
Brian W. Bennion

Board Members Absent or Excused:

One Board position vacant

Guests:

Bruce Costa, former Board member

Oath of Office:

The Oath of Office was administered by Ms. Stewart to Brian W. Bennion at the meeting August 20th, 2014.

DOPL Staff Present:

Dave Taylor, Operations Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 30th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Larsen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebert to approve the minutes as written. The voting was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Clarification of Accreditation

The Board discussed they could not define the term “accredited” as it is used in the act or clarify the academic requirement in rule to include foreign education. The profession is concerned about losing foreign educated individuals who are very well qualified. Foreign Education is not listed as having an educational equivalency within the act. The Board noted they could not clarify something that was not in it. The Board discussed that it may clarify the Environment Health degree program, but may not add in the foreign education.

The Board determined the only option at this point would require opening the act to put the foreign education equivalency in it. The concern is they feel that their profession may be deregulated by the legislature. The Board suggested waiting until the act sunsets and then while it is under scrutiny, add foreign education equivalency at that time. The Board stated the Health officers would have to help change the act. The Division stated it would have to be the profession not the Board that made that request. The Board noted if someone has a foreign education and gets additional education from an accredited program, they may qualify. The Board requested information be shared with the different groups. Mr. Peterson will talk with Utah Environmental Health Association (UEHA) and Mr. Larsen with the Conference of Local Environmental Administrators (CLEHA) and Mr. Bennion with the Health Officers to let them know why foreign equivalency is not able to be changed in rule and the current idea is to wait for sunset, in four years. At that time consider adding foreign equivalency and removing the sunset provision.

Areas of Study course work listing.

Mr. Peterson requested assistance from (UEHA). They recommended that the Environment Health Scientist (EHS) try to be consistent with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). The credentialing representative for NEHA was contacted to see if they had a guide for course work. NEHA was incredibly vague. NEHA standards include four major areas of study and that's it. The impression was that NEHA is pretty open ended as to who applies. Individuals can qualify if they can interpret any course work that falls under NEHA areas of study of Life Sciences, Natural Sciences, Physical Science and Health Sciences. The UEHA would like NEHA requirements to be more specific. The Board reviewed the rule, and they wanted to make sure UEHA, CLEHA and the Health Officers were in agreement. They noted no changes were needed to the proposed rule. The Board stated they would wait for an academic review being completed by Mr. Carston, who is a Summit County intern through UEHA.

Academic Review /Review of transcripts

The Board asked if there is a desire within the Board to

meet with EHS applicants and review their transcripts. The Board discussed that a meeting with applicants, which is not required by rule to review their qualifications would be problematic. The Board meets infrequently. The Division would not be able to hold applications that long.

**Recommendation from CLEHA UEHA
Local Health Officers**

The Board stated CLEHA, UEHA and Health Officers will support the new rules. They want to let people in that are qualified. The Board stated without science and math, an EHS can't do their job. People who have worked in the field understand the importance of having the science and math requirements.

Good Morale Character

The Board noted all licensed professions at DOPL have a section in the umbrella rule that calls for good moral character. The Board discussed putting this section in the Environmental Health Scientist rules (EHS). The Board determined that was a good idea. If someone did make a mistake, they would have these things considered and possibly get a probationary license. The Board discussed it would be better having it in rule so there would be a fall back position if needed. The Board is in favor of having that in rule. Mr. Larsen made a motion seconded by Mr. Bennion to put the proposed rules forward. The voting was unanimous.

REHS/RS Exam

The Board discussed that NEHA had launched their new exam at their conference held July 6th through July 13th 2014. The effective date was near the end of the conference. The study guide was not released in time for the first few exams, it is out now. Mr. Peterson stated he will remind UEHA that the new exam is now available. The Board noted Utah played a big role in development the national exam. The Board members may be able to bring back some exam information.

Safety and Sanitation Matters

The Cosmetology and Massage professions are mandated to follow title 26a Utah Health Code for safety and sanitation. The Board noted not all local Health Agencies have a formal inspection process in place for these business. They are not currently seeing any diseases going back and forth. They do not have the man power. The Board noted it may begin to cross over because the Master Esthetician's are doing Micro Needling.

NEXT Meeting

Not scheduled at this time.

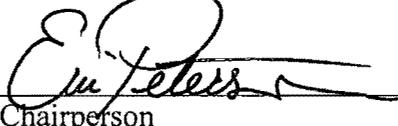
ADJOURN 11:14 a.m.

No motion required

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

4-30-15

Date Approved



Chairperson

Environmental Health Scientist Board.

5/4/15

Date Approved



Bureau Manager

Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing