

Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian Registration Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 16, 2021

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Tracie Zerwas

LOCATION: Due to COVID-19 meeting was held via videoconference

Council Members Present

- Charles Dierker, R.S., MDH, State Member – Chair
- Lynn Moore, R.S., City of Bloomington, City Member – Vice Chair
- Duane Hudson, R.S., Hennepin County, County Member
- Nikki Coler, Public Member
- Raymond Starin, R.S., MDA, State Member
- Neile Reider, Industry

Council Member Absent

- Robert Anderson, Public Member

MDH Staff Members Present

- Jim Topie, R.S., Sanitarian Registration Program Coordinator
- Tracie Zerwas, State Program Admin. Tech Specialist

Guest

- Linda Prail, MDH, Food, Pools, and Lodging Services Section Rules Coordinator
- Nick Anderson, MDH Legal Unit

Call to Order

Charles Dierker

- Charles called the meeting to order and took rollcall.

Approval of the Agenda

Charles Dierker

- A motion was made to approve the day's agenda.

Motion: Charles Dierker

Seconded: Lynn Moore

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Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2021

Charles Dierker

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 2, 2021.

Motion: Charles Dierker

Seconded: Lynn Moore

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MDH Updates

Jim informed the Council that the MDH Sanitarian Registration Look-up webpage was back up and working.

Jim then added that the MDH Sanitarian Rule Revision webpage was also up and working. Jim recommended that all Council members take a look at this page.

New Business

Rule Language Discussion

A. Rule Revision Topics

i. Self-employment or independent contracting evidence defined (.2600 Subp. 10), plus corresponding Track 2 (.2930 Subp. 3B)

- Jim explained MDH definition of self-employment or independent contracting evidence to the Council.

ii. Internship (.2930 Subp.2B)

- Jim informed the Council that this language was added for clarity.

iii. Renewal expiration date (.2950 Subp. 1 - 7)

- Jim informed the Council that this language was added under the heading Terms.

iv. Terms (.2955 Subp. A-E)

- Jim read and reviewed the new Terms language to the Council.

v. Disciplinary Actions (.2960 Subp. 2D)

- The Council reviewed the Disciplinary Actions language. Linda informed the Council that the language prohibiting someone from using the REHS/RS credential when their credential is not active should be placed under subpart 4. Linda then raised the question as to what do we do when a REHS/RS is in their "grace period", are they still an REHS/RS? Linda recommended that we rethink the disciplinary actions using the Health Enforcement Consolidation Act (HECA).
- Nick Anderson, MDH Legal Office will send out disciplinary language to the group.

B. Variance - Linda

- Linda asked the Council if they saw a need for a variance to this rule? If so, then she recommended to reference language from 4717.7000, ,7020, and .7030. Linda then asked where in the rule would we not grant a variance?
- Linda asked the Council to think about these questions and then submit comments using the online form on the Sanitarian Rule Revisions webpage.

Review of Science Course List

- The Council reviewed the Science Course List and had no changes or additions at this time.

Approval of Candidates for Registration/Examination

Tasha E. Henrikson

Tasha Henrikson has a B.S. degree in General Biology from St. Cloud State University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Tasha is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Neile Reider

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Sharon P. Hutson

Sharon Hutson has a B.S. degree in Biology from Bemidji State University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Sharon is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Nikki Coler

Seconded: Lynn Moore

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Ernest C. Jorgensen

Ernest Jorgensen has a B.S. degree in Geoscience from UW Stevens Point and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Ernest is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Raymond Starin

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Abby W. Shea

Abby Shea has a B.A. degree in Geology from Lawrence University and meets the one-year of supervised employment. Abby is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Neile Reider

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Candidates Applying for Reciprocity

None at this time.

Old Business

None at this time.

Other Issues

No additional items at this time.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2021 and will be held remotely.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Charles Dierker

Seconded: Lynn Moore

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