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Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to read the Government, Military and Veterans' Committee's 2016 Boards and Commissions report.

Every four years, the Committee is charged with compiling information on all of the boards, commissions and similar entities in Nebraska that are created by law, and are placed, in whole or in part, in the executive branch of government. Currently, there are 180 such entities.

The Committee completes this process by conducting a survey of all applicable boards and commissions. This report is the fruit of that project.

All of the information in this report was provided by the reporting entity itself. Final responses were only altered for formatting purposes and were not substantively changed. If a response substantively differs from the original response provided by the entity, which is on file with the Clerk of the Committee in an unaltered form, the changes were only made with the consultation and consent of the entity itself.

Again, thank you for your interest in Nebraska's boards and commissions. If you have any questions regarding this report, do not hesitate to contact the Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Senator John Murante in blue ink.

Senator John Murante
District 49
Chair, Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee

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911 SERVICE SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: 911 Service System Advisory Committee

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Purpose: The 911 Service System Advisory Committee will be established to provide input on technical training, quality assurance, funding, and operation and maintenance of the 911 service system.

How Many Affectable: All individuals in the state

How Many Served: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 787,336 calls
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 872,055 calls
Data for FY 14-15 and 15-16 were not available at the time of the report

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: N/A

Sunset Date: June 30, 2018

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-1026

Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Number of Members: Unknown at this time

Who Appoints: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Unknown at this time

Per Diem: Unknown at this time

Expense Reimbursement: Unknown at this time

Term Length: Unknown at this time

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Unknown at this time

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A

Held FY 15-16: N/A

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared - Nebraska Public Service Commission

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

N/A. This Committee has not yet been formed. It was authorized by the 911 Service System Act, which was signed by the Governor on April 18, 2016. The Committee will be established after the State 911 Director is appointed.

ABSTRACTERS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Abstracters Board of Examiners

Contact Person: Mardy McCullough, Director

Purpose: To insure that abstracters serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency.

How Many Affectable: 1,500,000 people

How Many Served: 500,000 people

Year Created: 1965

Year Active: 1965

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 76-502 to 76-558

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Five (5) Members

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Three - active registered abstracters for at least five years. One - real estate attorney. One - public representative

Per Diem: \$50/Day

Expense Reimbursement: Actual expense for board, lodging and mileage.

Term Length: Five (5) Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2 (Two)

Held FY 13-14: 4 (Four)

Required FY 14-15: 2 (Two)

Held FY 14-15: 3 (Three)

Required FY 15-16: 2 (Two)

Held FY 15-16: 4 (Four)

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$52,443

FY 14-15 Budget: \$63,650

FY 15-16 Budget: \$57,590

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Biggest accomplishment has been creating an agency website with info and directory available to licensees and public.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Contact Person: Frank Daley, Executive Director
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Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2522

Purpose: The NADC is charged with the administration and enforcement of the States campaign finance disclosure 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 Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 49-14,105

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 9 (8 appointed, Secretary of State ex officio)

Who Appoints: 4 are appointed by Governor and 4 by Secretary of State

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications Of Members: Of the eight appointed members: a) no more than three may be from the same congressional district; b) no more than four may be of the same political party; and c) one must be an Independent. While on the Commission, appointed members may not: engage in lobbying; be a public employee, a public official or a state elective official; campaign for the election or appointment of himself or herself to an elective public office; or hold an office in any political party or political committee.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes, actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: No minimum requirement

Held FY 13-14: 7

Required FY 14-15: No minimum requirement

Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: No minimum requirement

Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: 8 FTE

Shared or Separate: All separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,191,842.00

FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,350,982.00

FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,476,829.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

- a) Commenced 125 investigations;
- b) issued 33 orders finding violations;
- c) responded to Conflict of Interest Statements from state and local government officials and government employees;
- d) collected, reviewed and made available to the public the campaign statements filed in connection with the 2012 statewide elections, the 2013 Omaha and Lincoln City elections, the 2014 statewide elections, the 2015 Lincoln City elections, and various special elections;
- e) conducted educational sessions for those subject to the NPADA;
- f) published brochures and instructional materials for candidates, committees, and lobbyists.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING

Survey Response

Formal Name: Advisory Committee on Aging

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Purpose: The Advisory Committee on Aging shall advise the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding:(1) The collection of facts and statistics and special studies of conditions and problems pertaining to the employment, health, financial status, recreation, social adjustment, or other conditions and problems pertaining to the general welfare of the aging of the state;(2) 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) The latest developments of research, studies, and programs being conducted throughout the nation on the problems and needs of the aging;(4) The mutual exchange of ideas and information on the aging between federal, state, and local governmental agencies, private organizations, and individuals; and(5) Cooperation with agencies, federal, state, and local or private organizations, in administering and supervising demonstration programs of services for aging designed to foster continued participation of older people in family and community life and to prevent insofar as possible the onset of dependency and the need for long-term institutional care.

How Many Affectable: 181,000

How Many Served: 45,000

Year Created: 1965

Year Active: 1965

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 68-1101. Federal: 45 CFR Part 1321.

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care, State Unit on Aging.

Number of Members: 12

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications Of Members: 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.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 2

Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 2

Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Shared, DHHS, MLTC, State Unit on Aging

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None, advise only

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Aging Advisory Committee participated in and approved the 2015-2019 State Plan submitted to the Administration on Aging in 2015. The Committee advised staff on statutory changes to streamline processes, and align state services with federal regulations. The committee promoted and supported work of the Aging Nebraskans Task Force, the creation of the Aging &

Disability Resource Centers, the Alzheimers State Plan, and the Caregiver Transitions Act. The committee promoted the Office of the Public Guardian efforts. The Committee advised staff regarding special projects or grants to improve the services to the elderly population statewide. Committee members share with local elderly population information on services available from the aging network.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Advisory Council on Public Water Supply

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Public Health, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health
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Lincoln NE 68509-5026
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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.

How Many Affectable: 1,344 Public Water Systems

How Many Served: 1,602,411

Year Created: 1976

Year Active: 1976

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act, Chapter 71, Article 53
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-5311

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of
Public Health

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: 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 subdivisions governing board or board of public works or similar board that oversees the operation of a public water supply system.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes - actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

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 Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-5310 of the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act, the Director, with the approval of the Council, may authorize exemptions (extensions 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. The Council reviewed and recommended the Department grant additional exemptions to

four (4) communities from the Arsenic Rule. Those systems include: the Village of Shelby, the City of Stromsburg, the Village of Haigler and the Village of Wauneta.

The Council reviewed the following chapters of Title 179, Regulations Governing Public Water Supply Systems:

Chapter 2-002 Drinking Water Standards and Treatment Techniques 3
Monitoring and Analytical Requirements 4
Public Notification of Drinking Water Violations 5
Reporting and Record Keeping 6
Variances and Exemptions 8
Ground Water Rule 12
Control of Lead and Copper 13
Surface Water Treatment 14
Consumer Confidence Report 16
Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts 23
Initial Distribution System Evaluation 24
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Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment 26
Revised Total Coliform Rule

These chapters contained revisions due to the implementation of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act for: the Ground Water Rule, Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment, Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts, Short Term Revisions to the Lead and Copper Rules and the Revised Total Coliform Rule. These regulations became effective December 22, 2012 (Chapters 5 and 12), June 11, 2013 (Chapters 23, 24 and 26) and March 22, 2016 (Chapters 2-002, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, 16 and 26).

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

Contact Person: Andre B Aman, Deputy Director & Legal Counsel
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Purpose: It shall be the duty of the commission to advise the Governor relative to the appointment of a director and it shall report to the Governor whenever it feels that the director is not properly fulfilling his or her duties. It shall further act in an advisory capacity to the director. The commission shall have, in addition, the following specific duties: (1) To allocate state funds and approve the use of federal funds to be spent for the construction or maintenance of airports; (2) to designate the locations and approve sites of airports; (3) to arrange and authorize the purchase of aircraft upon behalf of the state; (4) to select and approve pilots to be employed by the state, if any; and (5) to assist the director in formulating the regulations and policies to be carried out by the department under the terms of the State Aeronautics Department Act. The commission may allocate state funds for the promotion of aviation as defined for the purpose of this section by the department by rule and regulation. The director may designate one or more members of the commission to represent the department in conferences with officials of the federal government, of other states, of other agencies or municipalities of this state, or of persons owning privately owned public use airports. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 3-104)

How Many Affectable: The lives affected by the Aeronautics Commission's work is not readily quantifiable. As the Commission allocates state funds and approves the use of federal funds for airport construction and maintenance, their activities touch and concern the entire State.

How Many Served: (see above)

Year Created: 1945

Year Active: 1945

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 3-104

Parent Agency: Department of Aeronautics

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

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. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 3-104)

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Shared. Department of Aeronautics.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes. The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission has the statutory duty to allocate state funds and approve the use of federal funds to be spent for the construction or maintenance of airports; as well as to arrange and authorize the purchase of aircraft.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Approved 100 airport projects, with an estimated total cost of \$138,848,368, to move forward in requesting funds from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program.

Allocated \$504,775 in state-aid grant funds to 14 airport projects. (There were 24 airport project requests in total for \$2,193,608. However, the Aeronautics Commission lacked the funds to satisfy those requests.) Allocated \$2,810,176 in state Hangar Loan funds to 10 airports.

Allocated \$24,308 in state Fuel Facility Loan funds to 2 airports.

Approved the purchase of a new Beechcraft King Air C90GTx for \$3,508,407. Approved 1 pilot to be employed by the state.

Approved Pilots working for Silverhawk Aviation, who are current in the King Air C90, to act as State Pilots on state aircraft.

AGING NEBRASKANS TASK FORCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Aging Nebraskans Task Force

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State Unit on Aging
Medicaid & Long-Term Care,
Department of Health & Human Services
PO Box 95026
Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

Purpose: The purposes of the task force are (a) to develop and facilitate implementation of a statewide strategic plan for addressing the needs of the aging population in the state and (b) to develop a state plan regarding individuals with Alzheimer's or related disorders as provided in section 68-1110. The task force shall provide a forum for collaboration among state, local, community, public, and private stakeholders in long-term care programs.

How Many Affectable: 246,277

How Many Served: 61,551 22,653 Medicaid & Public Assistance; 38,898 AAA
Unduplicated Clients

Year Created: 2014

Year Active: 2014

Sunset Date: January 1, 2017

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1107

Parent Agency: Health & Human Services Committee of the Legislature

Who Appoints: Executive Board of the Legislative Council; designees as indicated
in legislation.

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications Of Members: The executive committee of the task force shall include as voting members the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, a member of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, a member of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, a member of the Legislature's Planning Committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council,

and an at-large member appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The voting members of the executive committee shall choose a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the voting members. The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his or her designee shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of the executive committee of the task force. The remaining four members of the task force shall be nonvoting members appointed by the executive committee of the task force through an application and selection process, representing stakeholders in the long-term care system and may include a representative of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Committee on Aging, representatives of health care providers, elder law attorneys, representatives of the long-term care ombudsman program, health care economists, geriatric specialists, family caregivers of seniors in at-home care, providers of services to the elderly, seniors currently or previously in institutional care, and aging advocacy organizations.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Three years (2014-2016)

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Dan Jenkins, Aide to Senator Kate Bolz

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Issued a Statewide Strategic Plan in December 2014. The Strategic Plan outlined several initiatives that were brought forward as legislative proposals.

2015: LB 320 passed, Created the Aging & Disability Resource Center pilot projects; and the Alzheimers & Related Dementias State Plan. Several ANTF sub committees met to develop legislative initiatives.

2016: LB 698 passed, Created Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights, Assisting Caregiver Transitions Act, Health Care Facility Licensure Act, Memory Care Endorsement for Assisted Living, and Alzheimers Special Care Disclosure Act. The Aging & Disability Resource Center pilot sites were selected through a request for grant proposals process. An evaluation contractor for the ADRC sites was hired. The ADRCs were launched in July 2016.

BOARD OF APPRAISERS FOR EDUCATIONAL LANDS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of Appraisers for Educational Lands

Contact Person: Kelly L. Sudbeck, Executive Secretary/CEO
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Lincoln, NE 68505
(402) 471-2014

Purpose: The Board of appraisers for Educational Lands meets as necessary to hear condemnation proceedings relating to educational lands, except those acquired through 72-222.02. Following each hearing, the Board makes an award and files the same in the office of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

How Many Affectable: All educational lands, except those acquired through Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-222.02.

How Many Served: 10 cases since July 1, 2012

Year Created: 1949

Year Active: 1949

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-224.03

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: 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.

Per Diem: \$50 per day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None

Held FY 13-14: None

Required FY 14-15: None

Held FY 14-15: One

Required FY 15-16: None

Held FY 15-16: One

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared. Board of Educational Lands and Funds provides Staff support and pays per diem and expenses of the three Board Members.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0. Included in expenditures for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0. Included in expenditures for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0. Included in expenditures for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-224.03 requires that the per diem and expense reimbursement be paid by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

\$475,241.93 was awarded to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds from 10 cases.

AQUACULTURE BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Aquaculture Board

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

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: All aquaculturalists in Nebraska

How Many Served: There are 37 licensed aquaculturists in Nebraska. Approximately 20 that raise and sell fish and 17 that are dealers.

Year Created: 1993

Year Active: 1993

Sunset Date: Not specified

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 2-5003

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Six

Who Appoints: Governor appoints four industry representatives

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Three aquaculturists, one NE Game and Parks Fish Biologist, one NE Dept of Agriculture representative, and one aquaculture industry representative

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. The four industry representatives shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

Term Length: 3 years. Can be reappointed at the Governors discretion

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

April 12, 2013 held annual meeting at North Platte Fish Hatchery, discussion focused on aquatic invasive species (AIS). April 11, 2014 held annual meeting at North Platte Fish Hatchery, new AIS protocol was discussed. Game and Parks has mobile disinfection units at some lakes.

April 10, 2015 held annual meeting at North Platte Fish Hatchery, discussion focused on changing regulations for reportable disease to lower the economic impact on fish farmers, also discussed changes to AIS testing to be on par with neighboring states.

April 8, 2016 held annual meeting at North Platte Fish Hatchery, update on current Game and Parks operations, no changes to the regulations at current time.

ARTS COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Arts Council

Contact Person: Suzanne Wise

Purpose: The duties of the council shall be:

(1) To stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts and public interest and participation therein

(2) To make such surveys as may be deemed advisable of public and private institutions within the state engaged in artistic and cultural activities, including, but not limited to, music, theatre, dance, painting, sculpture, architecture, and allied arts and crafts, and to make recommendations concerning appropriate methods to encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of the state

(3) To take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of our state and to expand the state's cultural resources and(4) To encourage and assist freedom of artistic expression essential for the wellbeing of the arts.

How Many Affectable: Since the Nebraska Arts Council supports arts and arts education activities that are open to all, in theory, every individual in the state can be affected.

How Many Served: 3,185,233 (FY14) according to reports filed by grantees

Year Created: 1973

Year Active: 1973 to present

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 82-309 to 82-314

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 15

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications Of Members: "Citizens who are known for their professional competence and experience in connection with the arts. In making such appointments, consideration shall be given to recommendations made by representative civic, educational, and professional

associations and groups concerned with or engaged in the production or presentation of the arts generally."

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 year term renewable for an additional 3 year term

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 15,200

FY 14-15 Budget: 15,200

FY 15-16 Budget: 15,200

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes. The Arts Council is responsible for approving the agency's \$3,687,257 (FY15) budget in three areas and includes general funds, Federal funds and earnings from the Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

1. Developed, in collaboration with the NE Dept. of Education, state curriculum standards in the fine arts
2. Underwrote a statewide arts and economic prosperity survey that revealed Nebraska's nonprofit arts & culture industry generates \$175 M. in economic activity, supports 6,473 FTE jobs and returns \$18.7 M in revenue to the state and local governments
3. Distributed \$8,000,859 to 2402 nonprofit arts organizations, social service agencies, schools (public, private and home), divisions of government and certified religious organizations for arts programming
4. Completed total digitalization of agency functions

BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Board of Barber Examiners

Contact Person: Ken Allen, Director
Board of Barber Examiners
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Lincoln, NE, 68509-4723
(402) 471-2051

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 individuals seeking to become a barber or barber services in Nebraska

How Many Served: 1400 barbers. 550 Shops

Year Created: 1927

Year Active: 1928

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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/her appointment. Although, not required by statute, the members are appointed from each congressional district.

Per Diem: \$75/day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings Required In:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: 2

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$195,084

FY 14-15 Budget: \$159,934

FY 15-16 Budget: \$166,110

Other Funding Sources: None - Board of Barber Examiners is a self-funding agency

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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 expense of administration.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Board authority for licensing by credentials from other states and or countries in addition to our current reciprocity agreements. Statutory change from annual renewals to two-year licensing system. Provide updated on-line courses for the barber instructor educational program. Conduct job analysis survey. Web site updated to provide all applications and information for licensing and updated other information concerning the Board of Barber Examiners. Incorporated the use of online payment for licenses and fees. Adopted new statutes to aid in federal funding for barber students.

BEGINNING FARMER BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Beginning Farmer Board

Contact Person: Don Anthony, Board Chair
43970 Road 758
Lexington, NE 68850

Karla Bahm, Program Administrator
Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture
PO Box 94947
Lincoln, NE 68509-4947

Purpose: To develop and direct programs to provide increased and enhanced opportunities for beginning farmers and livestock producers.

How Many Affectable: Numbers are based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service 2012 Census identifying operators under 34 and over 65 years of age.

FY 12-13 Estimate 24,700
FY 13-14 Estimate 25,400
FY 14-15 Estimate 26,100
FY 15-16 Estimate 26,800

How Many Served: FY 12-13 Actual 324
FY 13-14 Actual 285
FY 14-15 Actual 298
FY 15-16 Actual 323

Year Created: 1999

Year Active: 1999

Sunset Date: December 31, 2022

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 77-5204

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

Number of Members: Seven

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

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

Term Length: Expire at once

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 2

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 2

Held FY 15-16: 3

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

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

FY 13-14 Budget: \$55,038 Department of Agriculture

FY 14-15 Budget: \$58,308 Department of Agriculture

FY 15-16 Budget: \$60,375 Department of Agriculture

Other Funding Sources: N/A

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

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Renamed and rebranded the program as NextGen to differentiate it from other beginning farmer programs.

Created new promotional materials, display materials and website. (Sept. 2014) Performed a survey of past beginning farmer participants. Compiled results to evaluate effectiveness of the program. (March 2015)

Produced and posted YouTube testimonial videos of program participants. (Oct. 2015)

Held 46 transition/succession workshops throughout Nebraska educating 2,649 attendees.

Promoted and held six Cultivate Your Legacy transition/succession presentations at Husker Harvest Days (Sept. 2015)

Attended 94 outreach events reaching approximately 470,000 attendees.

Approved 181 cases.

Issued a total of \$3,673,984 of tax credits for tax years 2012 through 2015.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Survey Response

Formal Name: Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Contact Person: Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, Executive Director
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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: Approximately 30,000

How Many Served: 1,783

Year Created: 2000

Year Active: 2000

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-8601 to 71-8616

Parent Agency: N/A

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 per day
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
Term Length: Four (4) Years
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Commission 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.

NCBVI is committed to provide the services needed to accomplish each clients' vocational goal. The general approach is to provide training and resources needed, on an individual basis, for blind individuals to become employed. Our rules, policy, guidance, and procedures are geared toward quality services so our consumers can achieve their goals. NCBVI invests a great deal of time and money to help clients gain quality employment. As a result, NCBVI continues to receive large amounts of Social Security reimbursement.

In FY 2013, NCBVI received \$1,223,648.82 of Social Security reimbursement. In 2014, NCBVI received \$541,597.85, in 2015, \$148,936.38, and to date, in 2016, \$503,022.15.

Quarterly Commission Board 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. At most quarterly meetings, there is a Focus Topic wherein the Commissioners and the public learn more about the services and programs that NCBVI provides.

Commissioners have attended State and National consumer conventions of the blind and other NCBVI activities. The Commissioners and Executive Director worked with an organizational specialist to assist with organizational development at NCBVI. The results were very productive, helping the agency to remain responsive to the needs of blind and visually impaired Nebraskans of all ages.

The Commission Board continues to work to improve processes and procedures to stay abreast of the activities of the Commission and to prepare for the future. It maintains a thumb drive containing files with comprehensive information for new Commissioners and for all to use as an ongoing resource and archive of reference material. The Board developed an orientation process for new Commissioners. It has worked to develop an electronic method for sharing information. The performance review process for Executive Director has been revised.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is the new federal law amending the Workforce Act and the Rehabilitation Act. WIOA was enacted July 22, 2014. It provides opportunities to advance a customer-centered workforce investment system driven by the needs of job seekers and employers businesses, to support strong regional economies, and to provide individuals with pathways to the middle class and beyond. NCBVI is a core partner with other state entities to roll out WIOA as it is applied and will impact all stakeholders in the Nebraska workforce system.

BOILER SAFETY CODE ADVISORY BOARD (BSCAB)

Survey Response

Formal Name: Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board (BSCAB)

Contact Person: Christopher B. Cantrell, Boiler Inspection Program Manager
Nebraska Department of Labor
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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.

How Many Affectable: 11000

How Many Served: 11000

Year Created: July 9, 1988

Year Active: August 8, 1988

Sunset Date: NA

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-739

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Labor

Number of Members: 8 (7 voting, 1 non-voting)

Who Appoints: Governor

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 public
Non-voting member is the Boiler Inspection Program Manager (State Boiler Inspector).

Per Diem: \$50.00

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: NA

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

2013 - Began to work on developing updates to Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 229. These updates are required as the industry changed and modernizes. Advised the Commissioner of Labor on the status of the Boiler Inspection Program & status of the proposed transfer of the Boiler Inspection Program to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Discussed how to deal with state Auditor findings regarding handling of checks. Also discussed how to limit the growth of the Cash Fund and discussed fee reductions.

2014 - Continued to work on Code updates to Title 229. Reviewed revisions to 20 of the 28 chapters of this Code. Discussed and decided upon moving forward with the acceptance of credit cards as a method of reducing the amount of checks received by the boiler Program. Boiler inspection fees and certificate fees reduced by 12 to help limit the growth and then shrink the cash fund balance.

2015 - Finalized the submission of the revisions to Title 229 and submitted them for review by the GPRO and subsequent public comment.

In May of 2016 all 20 chapters submitted for incorporation into the Administrative Code. Also in May of 2016, credit card payments and an online searchable boiler registry were released for use.

NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Brand Committee

Contact Person: Jerry Kuenning
(308) 882-4001

Purpose: Created to protect Nebraska Brand and Livestock owners from Theft of Livestock through established brand recording, brand inspection and livestock theft investigation.

How Many Affectable: In excess of 50,000

How Many Served: In excess of 50,000

Year Created: 1941

Year Active: N/A

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 54-191

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: At least three of the members must be active cattle producers and at least one member must be an active feeder. Members must own cattle, reside in the brand inspection area, own a Nebraska recorded brand, and shall be persons whose principal business and occupation is the raising or feeding of cattle within the brand inspection area.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Actual and necessary travel expenses

Term Length: May serve 2 terms each, length of term is four years.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 4,406,077

FY 14-15 Budget: 4,459,610

FY 15-16 Budget: 4,599,176

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 54-197

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Brand Inspectors recovered 3,015 Estrays, valued at \$4,341,650.01 for cattle producers. Criminal Investigators successfully prosecuted 22 criminal cases and brand recording issued 2006 new livestock brands.

BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Nanette Simmons
Division of Children and Family Services
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Purpose: To make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Commission regarding the Bridge to Independence Program, extended guardianship assistance, and extended adoption assistance.

How Many Affectable: 300

How Many Served: 237

Year Created: 2013

Year Active: 2013

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-4513

Parent Agency: DHHS

Number of Members: 17

Who Appoints: Nebraska Children's Commission

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications Of Members: The members of the Bridge of Independence Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited to, (a) representatives from all three branches of government, and the representatives from the legislative and judicial branches of government shall be nonvoting, ex officio members, (b) no less than three young adults currently or previously in foster care, which may be filled on a rotating basis by members of Project Everlast or a similar youth support or advocacy group, (c) one or more representatives from a child welfare service agency, and (e) one or more representatives from an agency providing independent living services.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: 2 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2

Held FY 13-14: 4 meetings held and 6 subcommittees were created that also held meetings each fiscal year.

Required FY 14-15: 2

Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 2

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: N/A

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act (LB 216) was passed in the 2013 legislative session to create an age-appropriate, youth-focused, and voluntary program of services and support to age 21 for young people who age out of foster care. The program has since been titled Bridge to Independence. The Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act created an Advisory Committee to make initial recommendations regarding implementation of the program and to provide ongoing oversight. The Advisory Committee, involving a wide variety of professionals and stakeholders, began meeting in July 2013. Six workgroups comprised of Advisory Committee members and other stakeholders were established to cover the following key areas of implementation:

Policy, Eligibility, and Transition into the Program

Outreach, Marketing and Communications

Case Management, Supportive Services and Housing

Case Oversight
Evaluation and Data Collection
Fiscal Monitoring Issues and State-Funded Guardianship

The Advisory Committee reviewed recommendations from the six workgroups. Recommendations that were adopted by the Advisory Committee were included in a report to the Children's Commission on November 19, 2013. The Children's Commission accepted the Advisory Committees recommendations and submitted them to DHHS, the HHS Committee of the Legislature, and the Governor. The majority of recommendations contained in the 2013 report have been adopted by DHHS or are still under consideration.

IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the Bridge to Independence (B2i) program began on October 1, 2014. Staffing for the program includes two Supervisors and eleven Independence Coordinators. The Department has created many pathways to the B2i program. These pathways include: contacting the Abuse-Neglect Hotline, the Bridge to Independence website, the young person's past or present caseworker or Project Everlast. All sources will lead to the website where the Young Adult can apply for the program. If a Young Adult prefers, the Department staff will complete an application with them in person or over the phone. DHHS staff give regular updates on implementation at Advisory Committee meetings. All indications are that implementation is going well and that the program is working as it was intended to work. Young people report having a great relationship with the Independence Coordinators and that they feel comfortable calling their Independence Coordinator when they need something.

CAPITOL COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Capitol Commission

Contact Person: Robert C. Ripley, Capitol Administrator
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Purpose: The nine member Nebraska Capitol Commission meets quarterly to oversee and approve all operational and policy matters carried out by the Office of the Capitol Commission (OCC) for the on-going care, preservation and restoration of the Nebraska Capitol and grounds.

How Many Affectable: All individuals who visit and work in the Capitol

How Many Served: 800 to 1000 building occupants per day, and roughly 100,000 visitors per year

Year Created: 2004

Year Active: 2004

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1108.32

Parent Agency: Independent agency attached to DAS for only Accounting, Budget, and HR purposes.

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Four members appointed by the Governor, others ex-officio

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: Capitol Administrator appointed by Governor, Three congressional district members, one appointed by Governor from each district serving staggered three year terms.

Per Diem: Allowed for the three (3) appointed congressional district members.

Expense Reimbursement: Four times annually for 1st Dist \$115.56; 2nd Dist \$58.86; 3rd Dist \$149.04

Term Length: Congressional district members serve three-year staggered terms

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings Required In:

Required FY 13-14: Four (4)

Held FY 13-14: Four (February, June, August, November)

Required FY 14-15: Four (4)

Held FY 14-15: Four (February, June, August, November)

Required FY 15-16: Four

Held FY 15-16: Four (February, June, August, November)

Support Staff: 27 Staff in Office of the Capitol Commission including Administrator

Shared or Separate: 27 OCC staff plus 3 shared Grounds staff with DAS-Building Division

FY 13-14 Budget: \$3,697,911

FY 14-15 Budget: \$3,693,302

FY 15-16 Budget: \$4,053,489

Other Funding Sources: Program 901 State Capitol Improvements Fund; direct Capital Construction Appropriation; Possible 309 TF Allocation

Spending Authority: As determined by Legislative appropriation and reviewed/approved by the Nebraska Capitol Commission.

Since July 1, 2012:

OCC via the Nebraska Capitol Commission has been responsible for all on-going maintenance, preservation, restoration and enhancement projects involving the Capitol and its landscape. This includes daily cleaning, mechanical, electrical and grounds maintenance, original furniture repair/restoration, restoration of Capitol murals, offices and furnishings, providing public tours and care for archival material to interpret the history of the Capitol as a National Park Service, Registered National Historic Landmark.

CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Contact Person: Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner
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Purpose: NCEC advocates for and guides enhancement of the setting of the Nebraska State Capitol within the defined Capitol Environs District, and advocates for preservation and enhancement of significant views to the Capitol tower throughout the capital city and surrounding area.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1987

Year Active: 1988

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Lincoln Ordinance No. 14949 (Lincoln Municipal Code 27.56);
Nebraska Revised Statute § 90-306.

Parent Agency: Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

Number Of Members: 7 voting, 3 ex-officio/non-voting

Who Appoints: 2 voting members appointed by Governor, 5 by City of Lincoln
(Mayor/City Council)

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: One of two appointees by Governor must be a Lancaster County resident; City appointees must include a developer, an urban planner, an architect, and a landscape architect.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 11

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 10

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared; provided by Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Dept.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Commission has guided the thorough redesign of Centennial Mall, in addition to its usual functions as the design review board for the Environs District. Members individually have participated in the fundraising and in writing and editing for inscriptions on the Mall. Centennial Mall's rebuilding IS the crowning gem of the Commission's activities since its formation in 1987.

CARBON SEQUESTRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Survey Response

Formal Name: Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee to the Department of Natural Resources

Contact Person: Susan France, Manager
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Purpose: The Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee advised the Director of Natural Resources in preparing the report and conducting the assessment pursuant to section 2-5305. This report was published in 2001. Following the report, the committee was to recommend policies or programs to enhance the ability of Nebraska agricultural landowners to participate in systems of carbon trading. Such recommendations are to include potential policies or programs designed to optimize economic benefits to agricultural producers participating in carbon trading transactions. Such policies or programs may include, but are not limited to, identifying existing or the potential of creating nonprofit organizations or other public or private entities capable of serving as assemblers of carbon credits or as intermediaries on behalf of producers in carbon trading systems. The committee is to encourage the production of educational and advisory materials regarding carbon sequestration on agricultural lands and participation in systems of carbon or greenhouse emissions trading and identify and recommend areas of research needed to better understand and quantify the processes of carbon sequestration on agricultural lands.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2000

Year Active: 2000

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 2-5301 through 2-5306

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Number of Members: 14
Who Appoints: Governor
Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Director of Agriculture or his or her designee; Director of Natural Resources or his or her designee; Director of Environmental Quality or his or her designee; 1 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; 1 from the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; 1 from the Nebraska Energy Office; 1 representing an entity which generates electrical energy (G); 2 who are producers of field crops at least one of whom actively employs a minimum tillage management system in his or her farming operation (G); 1 with expertise in greenhouse emissions, marketing or trading (G); 1 representing natural resources districts (G); and one representing the ethanol industry (G).

Per Diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
Term Length: Serve at Pleasure of Governor
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None
Held FY 13-14: None
Required FY 14-15: None
Held FY 14-15: None
Required FY 15-16: None
Held FY 15-16: None

Operations

Support Staff: Yes
Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: There is authority for receiving, but we have not received any.

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee has not found any information sufficient to cause the need for a meeting for the last four years.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FUND

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board

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Purpose: Award grants to agencies, organizations, or individuals for community-based child abuse prevention programs; Support and encourage the formation of local child abuse councils; Consult with applicable state agencies, commissions, and boards to help determine probable effectiveness, fiscal soundness, and need for proposed community-based educational and service prevention programs; Facilitate information exchange among groups concerned with prevention programs; and Encourage statewide educational and public awareness programs regarding the problems of families and children which (i) encourage professional persons and groups to recognize and deal with problems of families and children, (ii) make information regarding the problems of families and children and the prevention of such problems available to the general public in order to encourage citizens to become involved in the prevention of such problems, and (iii) encourage the development of community prevention programs.

How Many Affectable: According to the DHHS Annual Data report for Calendar Year 2014, there were 2,575 substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect.

How Many Served: In FY 2014-2015, programs funded by the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board directly served 359 children and their families. These children and families are served through multiple sessions over several months to achieve measurable and sustainable.

Year Created: 1986

Year Active: 1986

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-1903

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: 2 representatives of DHHS appointed by the CEO 7 members appointed by the Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications Of Members: The appointed board members (a) shall demonstrate knowledge in the area of child abuse and neglect prevention, (b) shall be representative of the demographic composition of this state, and (c) to the extent practicable, shall be representative of all of the following categories (i) the business community, (ii) the religious community, (iii) the legal community, (iv) professional providers of child abuse and neglect prevention services, and (v) volunteers in child abuse and neglect prevention services.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. Members are reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Term Length: 3 years. Members may serve two terms.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2

Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 2

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 2

Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: 2

Shared or Separate: Shared between DHHS and the Nebraska Children and Family Foundation

FY 13-14 Budget: \$250,000

FY 14-15 Budget: \$250,000

FY 15-16 Budget: \$250,000

Other Funding Sources: Federal dollars are used to help cover cost of support staff.

Spending Authority: Yes, the Board awards grants to agencies, organizations, or individuals for community-based child abuse prevention programs

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

In 2012-2013, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board administered grants to support research-based primary prevention through community collaborations. Grants focused on children from birth to 17, from high-risk to general populations. A total of 208 children and 185 families were directly served.

In 2013-2014, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board supported research-based strategies to promote safe and healthy children, families and communities. In 2013-2014, five community collaborations implemented these strategies. A total of 404 children and 314 families were directly served. All strategies were evaluated to assess benefits that were realized. Evaluation data also provided information for continued improvements in the coming year. Several hundred additional children and families in over 60 counties were involved through sixteen local child abuse prevention councils and shorter term services or community events.

In 2014-2015, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board provided funding for strategies that targeted universal populations, high risk populations and high need individuals. Three primary strategies were implemented: Parents Interacting with Infants (universal), 3-5-7 Permanency Quest (high risk), and Parent Child Interaction Therapy (high need individual). All strategies were implemented by community collaborations working toward a common goal of increasing protective factors that have been shown to reduce child abuse and neglect: parental resilience, concrete supports, social connections, knowledge of child development, nurturing and attachment, and children's social-emotional competence. Combined, the strategies reached children from the ages of infancy through youth. A total of 359 children in 301 families participated in multiple sessions of these strategies.

In the first six months of 2015-2016, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board funded five community collaborations to promote children's safety and well-being through three prevention strategies. During the first six months of this year, a total of 119 children and 107 families have been served. Results for the full year will be available in the fall of 2016.

CHILD AND MATERNAL DEATH REVIEW TEAM

Formal Name: Nebraska Child and Maternal Death Review Team

Contact Person: Debora Barnes-Josiah, PhD; Lifespan Health Services Unit, Division of Public Health, DHHS

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 § 28-711 or as otherwise required by state law.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1993

Year Active: 1993

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-3404 through 71-3411

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Number of Members: 15

Who Appoints: CEO, DHHS

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.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. Actual and necessary expenses only.

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 8
Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$15,500
FY 14-15 Budget: \$19,500
FY 15-16 Budget: \$15,771

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

In 2013, the CDRT authorizing legislation was amended to include maternal deaths. A contract was executed in 2015 with the Nebraska Medical Association to review maternal deaths, beginning with deaths in 2014. Reports on child deaths were completed for 2009 (Sept., 2013) and 2010-2011 (Nov., 2015), incorporating reviews of a total of 690 child deaths. The CMDRT continues to sponsor the Douglas County and Northeast Nebraska Child and Infant Mortality Review Teams.

CLIMATE ASSESSMENT RESPONSE COMMITTEE (CARC)

Survey Response

Formal Name: Climate Assessment Response Committee (CARC)

Contact Person: Mat Habrock, CARC Chair
(402-471-2341),
Bryan Tuma, Asst. Dir., NEMA
402-471-7401
Mary Baker, NEMA Hazardous Matl Ofcr
402-471-7185

Purpose: Provide timely and systematic data collection, analysis and dissemination of information about drought and other severe climate occurrences to the Governor and other interested persons. Provide the Governor with information and advice relevant to requests for federal disaster declarations and to the use of funds and other types of assistance available to the state because of such declarations. Establish criteria for start-up and shut-down of assessment and response activities. Provide organizational structure, maintain a current inventory of state and federal agency responsibilities, and improve methods of assessing impacts of drought.

How Many Affectable: Statewide population

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1991 (LB274)

Year Active: 1991

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-4901

Parent Agency: N/A

Number Of Members: Membership and number determined by Governor. Members represent specific areas of expertise, including NEMA. Ex officio members are the Director of Agriculture, Health & Human Services CEO, and the Director of Natural Resources.

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Areas of expertise as outlined in statutes. With regard specifically to NEMA - By statute, NEMA is charged with responding to emergency situations, such as

drought or floods, at the direction of the Governor. To avoid any overlap of duties, what was formerly the role of the Emergency Response Committee (ERC), was folded into the NEMA organization and separated from the official CARC structure however, maintaining communications between CARC and NEMA is critical during times of weather emergency.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Actual and Necessary expenses

Term Length: At pleasure of Governor

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Two
Held FY 13-14: Three

Required FY 14-15: Two
Held FY 14-15: One

Required FY 15-16: Two
Held FY 15-16: Two

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: None (NEMA)
FY 14-15 Budget: None (NEMA)
FY 15-16 Budget: None (NEMA)

Other Funding Sources: None (NEMA)

Spending Authority: None (NEMA)

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

NEMA only: Coordinate state response to emergency situations as needed across the entire state to include but not limited to: tornado, flood, wild fire, animal disease, winter storm, hazardous materials spill, etc.

NEBRASKA COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Contact Person: Vanessa Humaran
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Purpose: This group serves as an advisory committee to the Nebraska Crime Commission. Membership on the committee is established in Nebraska Statute and reflects the requirements of the JJDP Act.

How Many Affectable: approximately 334,464

How Many Served: approximately 334,464

Year Created: 1985

Year Active: 1985

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 43-2412; 43-2413

Parent Agency: Crime Commission

Number of Members: 32

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Geographically or professionally related to different capacities in working with Juveniles.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 1-3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff : Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 20,000

FY 14-15 Budget: 20,000

FY 15-16 Budget: 20,000

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes, the committee has the power to allocate and spend money on program objectives.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice has recommended funding in the amount of \$1,914,305 for over 60 programs statewide that provide prevention and intervention type services for juveniles under the age of 19. An annual Governor's report is completed by the Coalition outlining the accomplishments for the years where several programs are highlighted for their success in working with juveniles. Coalition members attend an annual conference sponsored by OJJDP in order to provide a voice for Nebraska and bring back innovative and new practices that could be implemented within the committee.

COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Collection Agency Licensing Board

Contact Person: David L. Wilson
Licensing Director & Associate General Counsel

Purpose: The Board is responsible for the administration of the Collection Agency Act as well as the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 45-604. The Board reviews all applications for collection agency licenses. The Board also investigates licensees for alleged wrong-doing regarding the handling of client funds.

How Many Affectable: Those desiring a collection agency license and their clients.

How Many Served: 437 licensed collection agencies and their clients.

Year Created: 1963

Year Active: 1963

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 45-603

Parent Agency: Secretary of State

Number Of Members: 5, the Secretary of State and 4 appointed members

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 4 members

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 45-603(1), three of the members shall be licensees actively engaged in the collection business in Nebraska, one from each of the congressional districts, the other member must be a non-licensed member of the public.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Secretary of State

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes, to employ persons and make other necessary expenditures

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board has reviewed and approved or denied applications for Collection Agencies in Nebraska, as required by the Act, at quarterly meetings. The Board has also updated the rules and regulations governing licensees. Through its staff, the Board has addressed consumer complaints filed against licensees.

COMMISSION OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Commission of Industrial Relations

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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: All public employees at all levels of government.

How Many Served: Due to the nature of labor disputes, no specific number or estimate is attainable.

Year Created: 1947

Year Active: 1947

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-803

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Required

Qualifications of Members: Must be representative of 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: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None
Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: None
Held FY 14-15: 7

Required FY 15-16: None
Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: 3

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$309,579
FY 14-15 Budget: \$320,351
FY 15-16 Budget: \$313,047

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 48-804.02 and 48-806; LB 657

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The Commission has handled 59 representation cases, 21 wage cases, and 28 cases involving other types of labor disputes. Eighteen opinions have been published--3 wage disputes, 4 representation disputes, and 11 unfair labor practice disputes. Fifty-six elections have been conducted, resulting in the certification of 54 bargaining unit representatives and the de-certifications of 8 bargaining unit representatives, 2 of which were replaced by a new bargaining unit representative.

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.

COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy

Contact Person: Jeffery A. Pickens, Chief Counsel;
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Purpose: To effectively represent indigent individuals charged with first degree murder and serious violent or drug-related felonies at trial and on 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 (LASF) and the Civil Legal Services Fund (CLSF), awarding grants to qualifying certified providers of civil legal services to indigent Nebraskans from collected docket fees; 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 and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund (LRAP).

How Many Affectable: Using the widget example in the survey guide, the first question would be, how many people throughout the State who are charged with murder or other serious violent or drug crimes would benefit from our representation. The answer is all of them. However, we don't know how many people are presently charged with such crimes throughout the State. The second question is how many of these people would qualify for our representation? The answer is those who are indigent. We don't know how many indigent defendants throughout Nebraska are presently charged with murder or other serious violent or drug crimes. The answers to the above questions are potentially knowable, however it would be extremely burdensome to obtain such information.

How Many Served:

For fiscal year 12-13, Commission attorneys handled: 36 homicide cases, including trials, appeals, post-conviction cases, and other proceedings; 44 violent and/or drug related felonies; and 3 DNA cases.

For fiscal year 13-14, Commission attorneys handled: 40 homicide cases, including trials, appeals, post-conviction cases, and other proceedings; 50 violent and/or drug related felonies; and 2 DNA cases.

For fiscal year 14-15, Commission attorneys handled: 37 homicide cases, including trials, appeals, post-conviction cases, and other proceedings; 56 violent and/or drug related felonies; and 3 DNA cases.

For fiscal year 15-16, Commission attorneys handled: 36 homicide cases, including trials, appeals, post-conviction cases, and other proceedings; 39 violent and/or drug related felonies; and 5 DNA cases.

LASF/CLSF:

For fiscal year 12-13, 16 civil legal service providers received funds totaling \$2,386,568.43.

For fiscal year 13-14, 14 civil legal service providers received funds totaling \$2,157,790.

For fiscal year 14-15, 14 legal service providers received funds totaling \$2,083,924.

For fiscal year 15-16, 14 legal service providers received funds totaling \$2,072,377. A two-year foreclosure assistance grant providing awards to civil legal service providers to assist with foreclosure matters was administered under the LASF.

For fiscal year 13-14, 6 legal service providers received funds totaling \$375,288.

For fiscal year 14-15, 6 legal service providers received funds totaling \$624,712. During fiscal year 15-16, one legal service provider returned unspent funds totaling \$1,609.65.

LRAP - This program had no spending in fiscal years 12-13 and 13-14. For fiscal year 14-15, 28 Nebraska attorneys received an award totaling \$135,865.

For fiscal year 15-16, 57 Nebraska lawyers received an award totaling \$144,826. Two attorneys have returned funds due to their inability to honor the three-year commitment of service and one attorney returned an overpayment after loans were paid off, totaling \$9,857.

Year Created: 1995

Year Active: 1996

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 7-201 to 210; 25-3001 to 3010; 29-2101; 29-3504; 29-3919 to 3933; 29-4116 to 4125; 33-107.01 and 33-107.02; 33-156; and 81-1316.

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 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.

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: N/A

Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$4.3 million, \$2,908,366 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 14-15 Budget: \$4.5 million, \$3,333,348 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 15-16 Budget: \$4.8 million, \$2,072,377 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 the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

From July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2016, the Commission continued to represent indigent defendants in Nebraska's courts in first degree murder cases, other serious violent and drug offenses, and DNA cases. We handled 149 homicide cases and 189 serious violent felony cases, many of which included multiple counts that were not counted as separate cases. The vast majority of the violent, non-homicide cases were sexual assault cases, which can be exceptionally difficult cases to investigate and try. Thirteen homicide cases were tried to juries.

One notable case was *State v. Oliveira-Coutinho*. This was a Douglas County case in which our client was charged with three counts of first degree murder. The victims were a Brazilian couple and their 8 year old son. Our client was also from Brazil and only spoke Portuguese. Interpreters were needed to speak with our client, to depose some of the witnesses, and for trial. We spent \$3,349.70 on interpreters. A jury found our client guilty of three counts of first degree murder and found a number of aggravating circumstances were present for each murder. After a mitigation hearing, a three judge panel found the mitigating circumstances approached or exceeded the weight of the aggravating circumstances and imposed three consecutive life sentences. In order to develop and investigate mitigating circumstances, the Commission's assigned lawyer spent considerable time working with the Brazilian Consulate and members of the client's family. We also employed a forensic psychiatrist, a forensic psychologist, a private investigator, and an immigration expert for trial and sentencing purposes. The total expenses the Commission paid in this case were over \$32,000. The district court also appointed a Spanish-speaking Omaha lawyer as co-counsel in the case. He did not speak Portuguese. The district court reimbursed him for legal services rendered in the amount of \$57,996.48. While he was an outstanding lawyer, he lacked experience in murder cases and death penalty cases. The Commission's lawyer spent more time on this case than the court-appointed Omaha lawyer. Douglas County saved at least \$100,000 because of the Commission's representation of Mr. Oliveira-Coutinho.

While the Commission's primary mission when created by the Legislature in 1995 was to handle death penalty cases, the Commission has also played a significant role when the U.S. and Nebraska Supreme Courts have announced unexpected decisions.

For instance, in the mid-90s, when the Nebraska Supreme Court decided that malice was an element of second degree murder, dozens of inmates convicted of second degree murder were able to get their convictions vacated. The Commission represented a number of these inmates when their cases returned to the district courts. In 2010 and 2012, the United States Supreme Court unexpectedly held that juvenile offenders could not be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole except under very limited circumstances. The court likened life without parole sentences to death sentences when imposed upon juveniles.

Since July 1, 2012, the Commission represented and continues to represent six indigent defendants who were sentenced to at least one term of life imprisonment without parole for

crimes they committed before they were eighteen years old. We represent these defendants in Douglas County, Washington County, Sarpy County, Hall County, York County, and Dawson County. Our oldest client is 55 years old and has been in prison for 39 years. Our youngest client is 29 years old and has been in prison for 12 years. In each of these cases, the life sentences were ultimately vacated by Nebraska's district courts. These cases required protracted litigation before the unconstitutional sentences were vacated. One case was appealed to the Nebraska Supreme Court before the sentence was vacated. Another case is pending before the Nebraska Supreme Court on the States appeal from the order vacating the sentence. Prior to resentencing for these defendants, the law now requires a death penalty-like mitigation hearing. Each of the cases requires involvement of an expert in adolescent brain development and a comprehensive evaluation by a forensic psychologist with expertise with adolescents. The expenses for these experts is approximately \$10,000 per case.

Additionally, each case requires the Commissions assigned lawyer to read thousands of pages of police reports, medical and mental health reports, prior testimony, and prison records. The assigned lawyer must prepare for and participate in the mitigation hearing and resentencing hearing. The assigned lawyer has also written numerous briefs for these cases.

Additionally, in each case there may be a new direct appeal alleging the newly imposed sentence is unconstitutionally disproportionate or otherwise excessive. Each case requires hundreds of hours of the assigned lawyers time. The Commission will save each of the six counties in which we represent these defendants as much as \$100,000. Through its Major Case Resource Center, the Commissions lawyers on a daily basis responded to requests for advice and assistance from public defenders and court-appointed attorneys throughout the State. Our advice and assistance reduced the amount of time such public defenders and court-appointed counsel were required to spend on their cases, thereby saving county money. At the same time, by educating counsel, our advice and assistance improved the overall effectiveness of counsel and reduced the risk of successful claims of ineffective assistance of counsel.

Since 2003, the Commission has been entirely cash funded and has provided services for counties at no cost to the counties. Cases handled by the Commission saved counties hundreds of thousands of dollars, while providing the constitutional mandate of effective assistance of counsel. Since July 1, 2012, the Commission granted awards to civil legal service entities in accordance with the statutes governing the Legal Aid and Services Fund and the Civil Legal Services Fund, which allowed such entities to continue to provide civil legal services to indigent people. We also administered those funds, which includes monthly disbursement of funds to such entities, quarterly monitoring of submitted financial and activity reports and annual review of audits submitted by entities.

Since 2014, the Commission has granted awards to qualifying lawyers who applied for loan repayment assistance under the Legal Education for Public Service and rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund, which includes annual disbursement of funds to lawyers, quarterly monitoring of submitted qualifying loan status documentation, and semi-annual review of submitted continuous qualifying employment documentation of such lawyers.

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASSESSMENT
MATRIX

Survey Response

Formal Name: Committee of experts to advise the Department of Agriculture on the development of an assessment matrix

Contact Person: Nebraska Department of Agriculture Director
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Purpose: To advise the Department of Agriculture on the development of an assessment matrix which may be used by county officials to determine whether to approve or disapprove a conditional use permit or special exception application.

How Many Affectable: All 93 counties

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2015

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: None specified

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-2,294

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Number of Members: Not to exceed ten

Who Appoints: Director of the Department

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Composed of representation from county board members, county zoning, administrators, livestock production agriculture, the University of Nebraska, and other experts determined by the director.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Law is silent

Term Length: Not specified

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: Not specified

Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$24,000

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: LB106A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

As of the writing of this survey, the committee had completed a draft of the initial assessment matrix and received public comments through July 31, 2016. The committee will receive the comments under consideration and finalize the matrix by the required deadline of Aug. 30, 2016. The matrix will then be posted on the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website for public access.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATIONAL GRANT COMMITTEE

Survey Response

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

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Purpose: The committee oversees state funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Grant Fund. The fund provides grants to community colleges for applied technology and occupational faculty training, instructional equipment upgrades, employee assessment, pre-employment training, employment training, and dislocated worker programs benefiting the state. Grants also are available for programs or activities to enhance student performance in degree, certificate or diploma completion, retention our foundations education, or the collection, reporting, analysis and utilization of student data. Legislation passed in 2015 expanded the oversight responsibility of the committee to include the Community College Gap Assistance Program effective July 1, 2016. The Gap Assistance Programs primary goal is to address workforce shortages in high-need occupations in Nebraska, as well as to train those already employed in these in-demand areas and increase their advancement potential. Community colleges can award gap assistance to students taking non-credit courses that could lead to jobs in one of these occupations. Because these students are enrolled in non-credit courses, they're not eligible for federal financial aid.

How Many Affectable: All current community college students

How Many Served: 1,515 students have benefited

Year Created: 2012

Year Active: 2012

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1539 (Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant) and Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-2010 (Gap Assistance Program)

Parent Agency: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Number of Members: Seven, consisting of one representative each from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Department of Economic Development, Department of Labor, and Department of Education, as well as three representatives from the community college areas.

Who Appoints: Participating agencies and community colleges

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: See "Number of Members" question above. Participating agencies and community colleges choose their representatives.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: Two years for community college representatives; no defined term length for agency representatives.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None

Held FY 13-14: Two

Required FY 14-15: None

Held FY 14-15: Two

Required FY 15-16: None

Held FY 15-16: Two

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: Up to \$500,000

FY 14-15 Budget: Up to \$500,000

FY 15-16 Budget: Up to \$500,000 - Note: Gap Assistance Program Initial appropriation begins July 1, 2016.

Other Funding Sources: The Community College Gap Assistance Program is funded through State Lottery revenue, with an initial appropriation beginning July 1, 2016.

Spending Authority: Occupational Education Grant Committee members are responsible for awarding grants based on applications submitted by the community colleges. Gap Assistance

Program Committee members have no spending authority. Distribution of funds to community colleges is outlined in the statute.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

For the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Grant:

2013-14 Grant: A consortium of all six community colleges submitted an application with each college identifying specific initiatives to meet the consortiums overall goals. For the 2013-14 grant, the main focus was on reverse transfer and student success and persistence intervention. Central Community College (CCC) identified 94 housing students having academic risk factors and provided these students the opportunity to enroll in either CCCs College Survival course or College Foundations course at no cost as well as hiring six part-time success coaches. 28 of the 94 students enrolled for the following summer semester. Metropolitan Community College (MCC) purchased codes to access Gallup's StrengthsFinder Assessment for use by both faculty and students. Mid-Plains Community College hosted On Course professional development training that provided a foundation in learner-centered education and provided participants with practical and proven educational strategies they can implement immediately with their students. Northeast Community College (NCC) launched a drop-in tutoring program that more than doubled the number of students receiving tutoring from the previous academic year and, overall, increased the number of students that took advantage of tutoring to 463 students. Southeast Community College had 64 faculty members complete level three of the Engaged Learning program and 35 faculty members complete level two. After implementing active learning strategies, faculty felt that student engagement had increased. Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) also hosted On Course training with 78 faculty participating in the one-day professional development training and 50 Student Service team members participating in the one-day training. WNCC also purchased equipment to pilot a flipped classroom technique. In a flipped classroom, students watch online lectures, collaborate in online discussions, or carry out research at home and engage in concepts of the course in the classroom with the guidance of the instructor. In all four math courses, students in the pilot course outperformed those students in the traditional classroom setting.

2014-15 Grant: For the 2014-15 grant, reverse transfer and professional development projects were continued at most of the colleges with the consortium providing state-wide On Course workshops. New activities for this grant year included: CCC had 12 advisors attend the 2015 Appreciative Advising Institute. Appreciative Advising is the intentional collaborative practice of asking positive, open-ended questions that help students optimize their educational experiences and achieve their dreams, goals, and potentials. NECC hiring nine Peer Advisors to implement a peer advising program to assist in registration decisions. MCC having eight staff attend the 2015 National Academic Advising Association Summer Institute to assist in developing an action plan to improve their advising program. WNCC forming a team to attend the Higher Learning Commission Academy on Student Persistence and Completion. This program advises institutions on defining, tracking and analyzing data on student success; establishing clear goals and strategies for student population groups; and implementing those goals. The program also introduces institutions to new techniques for researching and comparing

emerging methods of evaluation and improvement. Institutions also learn how to collect and analyze data to identify patterns that lead to data-informed decisions.

2015-16 Grant: Two proposals were received one from the consortium (all community colleges except MCC) and one from MCC. The consortiums proposal consisted mainly of marketing the community colleges Career and Technical Education programs. To accomplish this, the consortium will be contracting with an agency specializing in communication, promotion, branding, and marketing. MCCs proposal includes participation in AKSARBENs Career Connectors Pilot Program that will follow Avenue Scholars cohort from high school to MCC and provide enhanced advising/coaching once students enter MCC. Additionally, this proposal includes an evaluation of the projects impact by contracting with the University of Nebraska at Omaha's STEP office. If the program is successful, the AKSARBEN Foundation intends to replicate it across Nebraska.

COMMUNITY GARDENS TASK FORCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Community Gardens Task Force

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Purpose: The purpose of this task force is to foster growth in the number, size, and scope of community gardens in this state by encouraging state agencies, municipalities, and private parties in their efforts to promote community gardens.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: Currently 14 community gardens

Year Created: 2015

Year Active: 2015

Sunset Date: Not specified

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 2-305

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Nine

Who Appoints: Director of Agriculture

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: At least three of the members shall be representatives of nonprofit organizations involved with community gardens. The remaining members may include representation from appropriate state agencies, existing community gardens, counties, cities, towns, villages, utility districts, and school districts.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: Not specified

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: Not specified

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Community Garden Task Force is charged with studying community gardens in the state and providing recommendations on how to expand them and their impact. The task force is inventorying existing community gardens, reviewing local and state policies around community gardens, and expanding the existing Douglas County Community Garden Tool kit to be used across the state. The task force has made progress in each of these areas and will report to the Legislature in December 2016.

COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee

Contact Person: John F Heacock, ASSBD

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: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1995

Year Active: 1995

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1108.41

Parent Agency: ASSBD

Number Of Members: Eight

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

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

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: Indefinite

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: ASSBD

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: Developed State of Nebraska comprehensive capital facilities 6-year plan to prioritize all capital construction funding requests submitted by State Agencies every biennium.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE POOL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool

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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 purpose of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act is to provide a mechanism to ensure the availability of health insurance coverage 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 be 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 Act to provide affordable insurance for individuals with such medical conditions by making such health insurance coverage available. Because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the only remaining individuals in the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool (CHIP) are those on Medicare under the age of 65 due to disability and unable to obtain a Medicare Advantage plan due to a lack of availability in that county.

How Many Affectable: As of July 2016, 8 individuals remain in CHIP.

How Many Served: As of July 2016, 8 individuals remain in CHIP.

Year Created: 1985

Year Active: 1985

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 44-4201 to 44-4235

Parent Agency: Department of Insurance

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Director of Insurance

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Pursuant to section 44-4216, the board shall be selected by the director and shall be composed of four representatives of domestic insurers, one representative of health agencies which are involved in advocating for individuals with special health care needs, one representative of individuals eligible for pool coverage, and one representative of the general public. The representative of health agencies shall not be a member of the board of directors, an officer, or an employee of an insurer. 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 or 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. The representative of the general public (I) shall 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 and (II) shall not be an individual who is qualified for selection as the representative of individuals eligible for pool coverage as provided in subdivision (2)(b)(ii)(B) of section 44-4216.

Per Diem: None unless traveling on business then paid for costs as approved for by the Board.

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.

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

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Administration is done at Aetna Insurance. A portion of some work is performed at the Department of Insurance

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: CY 12: Premium Income \$22,356,253 Claims Incurred \$30,021,784
Operating Costs \$1,339,121 Distributive Fund Transfer \$8,999,645

FY 14-15 Budget: CY 13: Premium Income \$30,341,379 Claims incurred: \$46,470,578
Operating Costs: \$1,611,827 Distributive Fund Transfers: \$17,938,255

FY 15-16 Budget: CY 14: Premium Income \$443,887 Claims incurred: \$363,181 Operating
Costs: \$17,734 Distributive Fund Transfer (\$63,743)

Other Funding Sources: In the past, grants have been available. Those grants have expired.

Spending Authority: Yes, the Board is empowered by 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

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Because of the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), CHIP has seen a drastic reduction in the amount of individuals enrolled from over 6,000 down to around 8 individuals in July of 2016. The CHIP law, as written, excludes all those individuals who can obtain coverage in the normal marketplace. The only ones left eligible currently under CHIP are those under the age of 65 on Medicare. Of that subset, only those who do not have access to Medicare Advantage or in their county or Medicare Supplement can sign up for CHIP.

CONVENTION CENTER FACILITY FINANCING ASSISTANCE BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board (See Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-2603(2))

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Purpose: To approve or deny state assistance under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act (Act).

How Many Affectable: Any political subdivision in the State of Nebraska that had acquired, constructed, or passed a general obligation bond to construct an eligible convention center or sports arena could have applied to the board for assistance prior to December 31, 2012.

How Many Served: There were two beneficiaries.

Year Created: 1999

Year Active: 2000

Sunset Date: December 31, 2012

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-2603

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Number of Members: Five

Who Appoints: The Board consisted of the 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 education

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: See above. Four members qualified based on holding other offices. The fifth must be an economics professor.

Per Diem: None.

Expense Reimbursement: None.

Term Length: The professor of economics was appointed to a two-year term. The other terms are indefinite.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: The Board met at the request of the Governor. There were two meetings.

Held FY 13-14: The Board met at the request of the Governor. There were two meetings.

Required FY 14-15: The Board met at the request of the Governor. There were two meetings.

Held FY 14-15: The Board met at the request of the Governor. There were two meetings.

Required FY 15-16: The Board met at the request of the Governor. There were two meetings.

Held FY 15-16: The Board met at the request of the Governor. There were two meetings.

Operations

Support Staff: For administrative and budget purposes only, the Board was considered part of the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The last meeting of the Board was on October 26, 2012, at which time the Board approved state assistance for the City of Lincoln with respect to the financing of the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-2612, there can be no more applications and hence there can be no more meetings of the Board.

CONVEYANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Conveyance Advisory Committee

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Purpose: To recommend to the commissioner rules and regulations governing the operation, maintenance, servicing, construction, 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 promulgated pursuant to the act. Shall make recommendations to the commissioner regarding variances.

How Many Affectable: 6,000

How Many Served: 6,000

Year Created: 2008

Year Active: 2008

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-2503

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Labor

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: State Elevator Inspector - State Fire Marshal or designee And one member from each of the following categories: - Major elevator manufacturing company - Elevator servicing company - Building manager - Elevator mechanic - One individual from each county having over 100,000 inhabitants

Per Diem: \$0
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
Term Length: 3 years, Elevator Inspector and Fire Marshal serve continuously
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: No

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

2012 - The Committee recommended to the Commissioner that the inspection fees be increased due to the financial standing of the program. The Committee sent recommendations to the Commissioner regarding Special Purpose Personnel Elevators used in granaries be inspected upon request.

2013 - The Committee recommended to the Commissioner that Title 228.1.003 be amended to include ASME A17.1-2010, ASME A17.2-2010, ASME A17.3-2011, ASME A18.12-2011, ANSIASSE A10.4-2007, NEC 20. The committee recommended to the commissioner that the wording in Title 228.1.003 be amended that the QEI Standards be amended from the ASME to ANSI due to changes in the organization. Recommended adopting ANSI MH 29.1-2012 for Scissor Lifts Safety due to the fact several were installed for passenger use and not inspected. The section 5.11 of ASME A17.1-2013 for Wind Turbines was recommended for adoption.

2014 - O'Keefe Thyssen Krupp's HMRL Machine Room Less Hydraulic elevator was reviewed by the committee and recommended to the Commissioner for Statewide approval. 2015 - The Committee reviewed Fire Service upgrades to existing buildings and that they should include the elevator system responding to fire alarm initiating devices. The committee supported adopting the Elevator Code required MCP (Maintenance Control Program) in a manner that would make it required to be onsite on elevators installed or modernized on or after January 1, 2013. This would not impose undue financial burden on building owners and elevator service providers.

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

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Purpose: The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education was created to bring a statewide perspective to decision-making and planning for Nebraska's higher education system. The Coordinating Commission balances the best interests of taxpayers, students and Nebraska's postsecondary institutions. The Coordinating Commission's responsibilities include: Creating and putting into action a comprehensive statewide plan to guide Nebraska's higher education system Partnering with Legislators to develop innovative and results-driven higher education policy Helping low-income Nebraska students attend college by awarding need-based financial aid and developing state financial aid strategy Administering the Community College Gap Assistance Program, which offers financial aid to students who want to work in high-need fields Ensuring the efficient use of taxpayer funds by approving or disapproving postsecondary construction projects that rely on tax funds Reviewing public college and university budget requests for compliance with the statewide comprehensive plan and making recommendations to the Legislature and Governor Approving or disapproving academic programs based on specific criteria Authorizing the operation of out-of-state postsecondary institutions in Nebraska and providing consumer protection for students enrolled in postsecondary education programs in Nebraska Assembling and analyzing statewide data and publishing reports tied to the states' higher education goals Administering State appropriations to Nebraska's six community colleges Helping teachers and underserved populations through the administration of federal education grants Administering a nationwide distance learning agreement on behalf of the state that saves Nebraska colleges and universities thousands of dollars each year

How Many Affectable: Approximately 1.1 million (est. 2015 Nebraska population ages 18-64)

How Many Served: Approximately 190,000 (Total enrollment of state postsecondary institutions plus number of high school students receiving Access College Early scholarships)

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

Year Active: 1992

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Article VII-14 of the Nebraska Constitution; Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1401 et. Seq.

Parent Agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Eleven commissioners

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

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, at-large basis.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Six years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Six
Held FY 13-14: Eight

Required FY 14-15: Six
Held FY 14-15: Nine

Required FY 15-16: Six
Held FY 15-16: Seven

Support Staff: 12.5

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,341,128
FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,352,660
FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,424,948

Other Funding Sources: None for operation budget

Spending Authority: The Commissions spending authority is granted through Legislative appropriations to various budgetary programs in order to carry out the duties listed in the State Constitution and statutes.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Existing Programs Review: The Commission is constitutionally required to review, monitor and approve or disapprove each public institutions 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, 2012, and July 1, 2016, the Commission reviewed 982 existing programs. Of those, 743 were approved, 12 were referred to the institutions for further review or additional information, and 227 were discontinued by the institutions. The Commission also reviewed 119 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 72 proposals for new academic programs and organizational units at public institutions. Another 178 proposed programs were reviewed and determined to be reasonable and moderate extensions of existing programs, thus requiring no action by the Commission.

Approval of Out-of-State Institutions: The Coordinating Commission is required to approve out-of-state institutions wanting to operate in Nebraska. The Commission approved two out-of-state institutions to operate in Nebraska. In April 2013, the University of South Dakota was approved to offer a Master of Arts in Speech-Pathology, Reading Recovery (three graduate courses), and Science, Culture and History of the Missouri River (one undergraduate course). In 2016 the Commission also approved Hope International University to operate in Nebraska, with a campus in Papillion.

Capital Construction Facilities: The Commission currently has two major responsibilities related to capital construction projects at public postsecondary education institutions, as well as one responsibility that was removed from statute in 2014. 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 \$90,000 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, 2012, through July 1, 2016, the Commission reviewed 19 capital construction project proposals by the institutions. Of these requests, one proposal was revised to reduce the size of the facility by 13,636 gross square feet, which resulted in a \$3,735,600 reduction in its state appropriation request. The second 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 ongoing routine maintenance and addressing deferred repair as statewide facilities priorities for both the 2013-15 and 2015-17 biennium. A third responsibility was to review revenue bond projects and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding their approval or disapproval. There were four revenue bonds proposals submitted from July 2012 until 2014, when LB 546, passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor during the 2014 session, removed the Commission from this process.

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 2012, the Commission reviewed 43 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 43 requests, 16 requests were for new or expanding funding. For those, the Commission strongly recommended new general funds for two requests. Recommended new general funds for six requests. Recommended some new general funds for three requests. Recommended no new general funds for three requests. Recommended alternate funding for one request. Recommended funding be appropriated to an already established program for one request. In addition, there were 12 requests that were part of the continuation budget recommendation, and 12 requests for new building openings. The total dollars for institutional continuation costs and new and expanded requests, was \$42,664,510 for the biennium. In fall 2014, the Commission reviewed 56 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 56 requests, 27 requests were for new or expanding funding. For those, the Commission strongly recommended new general funds for none of the requests. Recommended new general funds for twenty requests. Recommended some new general funds for three requests. Recommended no 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 fourteen requests for new building openings. The total dollars for institutional continuation costs and new and expanded requests, was \$72,706,453 for the biennium.

Financial Aid: Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Program The Commission administers the ACE program, which awards scholarships to low-income high school students enrolled in a college course at a participating public or private postsecondary institution. ACE funds awarded and # of students served: 2012-2013: \$813,760; 1,705 students 2013-2014: \$921,071; 1,866 students 2014-2015: \$953,595; 1,919 students 2015-2016: \$815,955; 1,897 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). NOG funds awarded and students served 2012-2013: \$15,185,498; 15,757 students 2013-2014: \$16,419,718; 15,944 students 2014-2015: \$16,455,272; 15,943 students 2015-2016: Final numbers not yet available ACE Plus Scholarship Program The Commission initiated the ACE Plus Scholarship Program in 2010 with the first year of awards in academic year 2011-2012. The program was discontinued after the 2015-16 academic year, as the federal grant that funded the program was no longer available. The ACE Plus program provided assistance to first- and second-year college students who were ACE scholarship recipients prior to graduating from high school. ACE Plus funds awarded and students served 2012-2013: \$269,750; 394 students 2013-2014: \$260,500; 351 students 2014-2015: \$283,000; 377 students 2015-2016: \$242,500; 327 students Community College Gap Assistance Program In 2015, the Legislature gave authority to the Coordinating Commission to administer the Community College Gap Assistance Program, which had a formal start date of July 1, 2016. Through lottery funds, this program will receive roughly \$1.4 million annually. These funds will be distributed to the states six community colleges, which will recruit and select eligible low-income students in eligible programs to receive grants.

Reports and Analysis: The Commission published the following reports and analyses between July 1, 2012, and July 1, 2016: Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) A Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid Report (2012, 2014) Postsecondary Education Operating Budget Recommendations (2012, 2014) Capital Construction Budget Recommendations and Prioritization (2012, 2014) Delivering Courses Beyond Campus Walls (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) Estimated College Continuation Rates for Nebraska Public High Schools (2013, 2014, 2015) Biennial Report (2012, 2014) Education Committee hearing on postsecondary affordability (2015) Access College Early scholarship program year-end report (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) Nebraska Opportunity Grant year-end report (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) 2015 Supplemental Forms Report on Enrollment, Tuition & Fees, and Financial Aid (2016) Peer Reports for Nebraska Public Postsecondary Institutions (2014, 2015)

Operational Projects and Accomplishments: College Access Challenge Grant. The Coordinating Commission acted as the States administrator of the federal College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACG), which ended in 2015. The CACG was a five-year formula grant program designed to increase the number of underrepresented students who enter and remain in postsecondary education. In FY 2014, the Coordinating Commission received \$1.4 million in grant funds from the CACG. The Commission 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; Education Quest Foundation, based in Lincoln; Ho-Chunk Community Development Corp., which is affiliated with the Winnebago Tribe; Nebraska Methodist College; Valentine Public High School; Scottsbluff Public High School; and Chase County Public Schools. Improving Teacher Quality state grant program 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 2012-13, a review panel awarded funding for one project in science, one mathematical communication, one in technology, and one in writing. The total amount of funds available for awards in 2012-13 was \$283,552. The total amount awarded for the four chosen projects was \$284,327. The additional money came from funds not awarded in 2011-12. For 2013-14, a review panel selected funding for one project in STEM, one in history, one in earth science, and one in mathematics. The total amount of funds available for awards in 2013-14 was \$294,145. The total amount awarded for the four chosen projects was \$298,638. The additional money awarded came from unused funds from the previous year. For 2014-15, a review panel selected funding for two projects in mathematics, one in world languages, two in social studies, and one in STEM. The total amount of funds available to Nebraska for awards in 2014-15 was \$275,855. The total amount awarded for the six projects that received funding was \$276,114. The additional money awarded came from unused funds the previous year. For 2015-16, a review panel awarded funding for one project in writing, one in mathematics, one in engineering, and one in science. The total amount of funds available to Nebraska for awards in 2015-16 was \$293,324. The total amount awarded for the four projects that received funding was \$252,522. The remaining funds were made available for projects that may had more participant applicants that slots funded or other unexpected costs. Oral Health Training and Services Fund In 2015, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law LB 661, which established the Oral Health Training and Services Fund. The legislation calls on the Coordinating Commission to administer the fund and contract with postsecondary dental institutions for up to \$8 million in services, with the state requiring a match of 4:1 from non-state sources; i.e., up to \$32 million in matching contributions.

The commission began work on a Request For Proposals in 2015, which was released in July 2016. Funds are expected to be awarded in early 2017. Updating of Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education Article VII, Section 14 of the Nebraska Constitution gives the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education the authority to adopt, and revise as needed, a comprehensive plan for postsecondary education. The authority to adopt and revise a comprehensive plan is further elaborated in Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-1404. The Commission began the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan in 2015, working closely with the states postsecondary institutions and other stakeholders to revise Chapter One and establish measurable goals. FAFSA Completion Initiative - In 2015, the Coordinating Commission began leading an effort in Nebraska to encourage more high school students to apply for federal financial aid to attend college. As part of the U.S. Department of Education's new FAFSA Completion Initiative, the Commission can provide certain designated entities typically high schools with limited data about student's progress in completing and filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA Initiative will enable the designated entities to better target counseling, help with completing the FAFSA, and other resources to those students. Identifying such students can promote college access and success by ensuring students, particularly low-income students, have access to financial aid.

The Commission received funding from the Legislature in 2015 for the implementation of the initiatives software. Updating of peer institutions in 2014 and 2015, the Coordinating Commission approved updated peer groups for all of the states 13 public postsecondary institutions. The states Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education requires the Commission to provide a list of peer institutions for each of the state's public postsecondary

institutions. The Commission uses these peer groups for budget and academic program review, as well as for other comparisons that aid in Commission decision-making. Peer institutions are defined as those similar in mission, programs, size, students, wealth, etc., and are used to establish basic central tendencies. The Commission worked closely with the institutions to establish the updated peer groups.

Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit - The Coordinating Commission is leading Nebraska's work as part of a 13-state initiative to help military service members, veterans, and their families overcome barriers to earning postsecondary credentials and entering the workforce. The Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC), which aims to, among other things, identify effective policies and best practices that can be shared among participating states. Volunteers from state agencies, university systems, college campuses, and other organizations have been working together as part of the initiative. The Coordinating Commission has served as the MCMC facilitator in Nebraska, with a staff member serving on the MCMC steering committee.

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement - The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a national council and administered by four regional education compacts. Nebraska was accepted as part of SARA in 2014. The Coordinating Commission is the states portal agency for the initiative, meaning Nebraska institutions apply to the Commission to participate. As of July 1, 2016, 24 Nebraska colleges and universities had joined SARA.

CORN DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION & MARKETING BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board

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Purpose: The Nebraska Corn Board is the state agency that has the purpose of participating in programs of market development, research, promotion and education with the goal of protecting and stabilizing the corn industry and the economy of the areas producing corn.

How Many Affectable: 23,000

How Many Served: 23,000

Year Created: 1978

Year Active: 1978

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 2-3601 through 2-3635

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 8 appointed members, 1 elected at large by 8 appointed

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 8 members

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-3611 "...members who (1) are citizens of Nebraska, (2) are at least twenty-one 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 their income from growing corn."

Per Diem: \$25 day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$524,990
FY 14-15 Budget: \$544,190
FY 15-16 Budget: \$524,750

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes, the board allocates funds in the areas of market development, promotion, education and research.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Corn Board adopted a new Business Plan in 2012 that includes key strategies and solutions that support our cornerstones of market development, promotion, research and education and builds upon Nebraska's Golden Triangle of corn livestock - ethanol.

Accomplishments in line with the strategies include initiating a ethanol flex fuel infrastructure program that has installed nearly 50 pumps across the state to increase consumer choice; partnered with NASCAR to reach over 75 million fans on the usage of E15 and developed the American Ethanol brand; expanded the American Ethanol brand in updating of required fuel dispenser labels and utilizing the brand in all ethanol promotions in line with a national strategy; expanded Nebraska red meat exports through reintroduction of beef into the Japan tsunami regions and conducted Nebraska specific promotions in southeast Asia and the EU that has resulted in new partnerships; conducted extensive distillers grains research for cattle on feed that has positioned Nebraska as the leading cattle on feed state; funding the Nebraska Corn Checkoff presidential chair to focus on new uses of corn; reviewed restructured committees to increase input from Growers Association on key initiatives; provided initial and continual funding for Raising Nebraska to reach consumers of how their food is grown and the farmers ranchers that grow it; teamed with Olympic gold medalist Curt Tomasevicz to be our spokesperson and

reaching schools throughout the state; supported the Corn Farmers Coalition that turned the conversation to a positive understanding of US corn production in the WDC area, then re-purposed the material for a statewide campaign that also had the same positive effects; supported a biofuels curriculum that reaches 140,000 youth; initiated CommonGround to answer consumer questions by female farmers/ranchers across the state; partnered with American Lung to be our spokesperson on cleaner air and the value of ethanol to such goal; support positions that are incorporating corn production into science literacy curriculum across the state; re-purposed quarterly CornsTalk newsletter to address consumer questions and inserted into daily weekly newspapers; developed and support leadership programs; expanded internship program to provide college students with personal/professional growth to understand national international corn initiatives.

COUNCIL ON STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Council on Student Attendance

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Purpose: The purpose of the Council on Student Attendance is to evaluate data contained in attendance reports districts submit to the Nebraska Department of Education, develop recommendations to reduce the incidents of absenteeism, consider whether policies and practices for addressing absenteeism are operational and make recommendations for improvements where necessary, and review school district policies and make specific recommendations for policy improvement.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2014

Year Active: 2014

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-527.01

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: State Board of Education

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: Number of members: 10. Consisting of a member of a school board, two parents, a superintendent or his or her designee of a district, a student attending a public school, a representative of a community or advocacy organization, and a county attorney who are appointed by the State Board of Education; and the probation administrator or his or her designee, the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: No set number required

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: No set number required

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: \$6,216

FY 15-16 Budget: \$6,402

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Council on Student Attendance was created in April 2015. In the past two years the Council has reviewed attendance data submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education, has developed recommendations, guidance, and resources for school districts and local boards, collaborated with the Nebraska Association of School Boards, presented to school and district administrators, participated in a cross-agency collaborative meeting sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, and has aligned its work with the tenets of AQuESTT.

COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

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Purpose: As an advisory body to the State Board of Education, NCTE will develop and recommend for State Board approval and adoption:

Standards relating to state approval of higher education institutions providing teacher, counselor and/or administrative preparatory programs; and programs leading to a special services certificate.

Standards relating to admission in to and retention in an approved professional education program leading to teacher, counselor, administrative or special services certification.

Standards relating to certificate endorsements.

Standards relating to the relationships of Nebraska teacher, counselor, administrator and special certification with other states and national bodies.

How Many Affectable: 35,000 teachers and candidates

How Many Served: All affectable were served

Year Created: 1947

Year Active: 1947

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-808(3)

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: 48 voting members, plus 33 alternates

Who Appoints: State Board of Education

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Membership qualifications are outlined in the Organizational Policies of the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education, Section 4.00. Membership includes equal representation from Higher Education, School Governance and Teachers, plus representatives from the Nebraska Department of Education and two at-large members selected by the State Board of Education. Organizations submitting nominations shall give consideration to balancing the representation with regard to geographic location and state board district, gender, ethnicity, grade level, academic subject area and school enrollment size.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years, except for Higher Education and NDE which are annual

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 3

Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 3

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 3

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: Yes-Adult Program Services

Shared or Separate: Shared position within Adult Program Services

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since July 1, 2012: 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 1, 2012 include significant endorsement updates; enhancement and reform of educator preparation/certification processes; educator pipeline-supply strategy development; and updates to certification requirements.

COUNTY ATTORNEY STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council

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Purpose: This group serves as an advisory council to the Nebraska Crime Commission.
Membership on the committee is established in Nebraska Statute

How Many Affectable: 250

How Many Served: 250

Year Created: 1980

Year Active: 1980

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 23-1213 to 23-1222

Parent Agency: Crime Commission

Number of Members: 11

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Douglas County attorney, Lancaster County attorney, one professor of law or forensic science, 2 county commissioners or supervisors, 4 county attorneys or deputies from counties other than Douglas or Lancaster counties, 1 county sheriff or chief of police, and 1 certified forensic pathologist.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: none
FY 14-15 Budget: none
FY 15-16 Budget: none

Other Funding Sources: none

Spending Authority: none

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The County Attorney Standards Advisory Council continues to monitor all county attorneys and ensure they report all continuing education hours as mandated by statute. The council has formulated and established new guidelines to promote uniform and quality death investigations for county coroners.

CRAFT BREWERY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Craft Brewery Board

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Purpose: The purpose of the board is to: establish a public forum to provide any manufacturer of beer or producer of agricultural products used in the brewing process the opportunity, at least once annually, to discuss with the board its policies and procedures and serve as an advisory panel to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission in all matters pertaining to the beer industry.

How Many Affectable: All adult Nebraska citizens and out-of-state tourists.

How Many Served: NA

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: Not specified

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 53-501

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Seven

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: 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 the manufacture or the wholesale or retail sale of beer in this state or engaged or previously engaged in the production in this state of agricultural products that are utilized in the brewing process. The board shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Governor on a nonpartisan basis. At least two board members shall be selected by the Governor from a list of no fewer than ten candidates submitted by the Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild or its successor organization. In addition, at least two board members shall be selected by the Governor from a list of no fewer

than ten candidates submitted by the Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska or its successor organization. The Director of Agriculture or his or her designee and the executive director of the Nebraska Tourism Commission or his or her designee shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of the board.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. All voting board members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: Three years, upon completion of which he or she may, at the Governors discretion, be reappointed

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A

Held FY 15-16: N/A

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: Yes. There are three funding sources from which the board collects their funds: (1) Fees received from shipping licenses issued to beer manufacturers pursuant to subsection (2) of Neb. 53-123.15. (2) Gifts, grants, bequests, and any money appropriated by the Legislature (3) Annual license fees or opt out fee imposed by Neb. Rev. Stat. 53-124.01.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Craft Brewery Board was created in 2016. Therefore, there are no accomplishments to report.

CRIME VICTIM'S REPARATIONS COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

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Purpose: To hear appeals by claimants and to set policy surrounding the Crime Victim's Reparations program.

How Many Affectable: 423 claims were filed since July 1, 2012. Only denied claims can appeal.

How Many Served: 24 denied claims were appealed since July 1, 2012.

Year Created: 1978

Year Active: 1979

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1801 through 81-1842

Parent Agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Number Of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications Of Members: Five members of the Crime Commission and three public members. One public member shall represent charitable organizations, one public member shall represent businesses, and one public member, who has training and relevant work experience with victims and survivors of crime, shall represent crime victims.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes, per Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1174 through 81-1177

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Quarterly or as needed

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: Quarterly or as needed

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: Quarterly or as needed

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: Since July 1, 2012, the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee has heard and made decisions on 15 appeals and made policy decisions for the Crime Victim's Reparations program.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS INTERAGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Critical Incident Stress Interagency Management Committee

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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 Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-7101 to 71-7113

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Critical Incident 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.

Term Length: None

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$10,000
FY 14-15 Budget: \$10,000
FY 15-16 Budget: \$5,000

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

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 four basic trainings for new members plus two Peer to Peer courses and four statewide conferences. A total of 183 CISM debriefings and 44 defusings and 23 One-on-Ones were conducted. CISM services were provided to 2,556 providers and their families since 2012. There 367 active volunteer CISM team members

DAIRY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board

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Purpose: Maintain and expand domestic sales of milk and dairy products, develop new products and new markets, improve methods and practices relating to marketing or processing of milk and dairy products, and inform and educate consumers of sound nutritional principles including the role of milk in a balanced diet.

How Many Affectable: All dairy farmers

How Many Served: 162 dairy farmers in Nebraska

Year Created: 1992

Year Active: 1999

Sunset Date: Not specified

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 2-3951

Parent Agency: Governor

Number of Members: Seven

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Members of the board shall: 1. be residents of Nebraska, 2. be at least twenty-one 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.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Members of the board shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

Term Length: Three years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Once every six months

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: Once every six months

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: Once every six months

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Contracts with Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Midwest Dairy for support services.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$2,000

FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,000

FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,000

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: \$1,399,957 spending authority yes the board can allocate funds to promote, educate and conduct research to increase the consumption of milk and milk products.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The producer investment through the 10 cent per cwt check-off is utilized to increase dairy product sales through promotion, education, and research. A major accomplishment is the Fuel Up to Play 60 program in which Nebraska was the lead state in rolling out this program to empower youth, schools and communities to stay healthy. This program is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by National Dairy Council and NFL, in collaboration with the USDA, to help encourage today's youth to lead healthier lives. Funds are also used to conduct research projects in cooperation with other mid-west states. An accomplishment in this area related to how milk is processed, resulted in an extended shelf life of milk. Promotional advertising projects are also funded to increase consumer awareness of the health and nutritional value of consuming milk and milk products in one's diet.

NEBRASKA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Survey Response

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

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Purpose: The Commission was created to improve the quality and coordination of existing services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and development of new services when necessary.

How Many Affectable: 20% of Nebraska's population has some type of hearing loss.

How Many Served: Any Nebraska Resident with any degree of hearing loss.

Year Created: 1979

Year Active: 1979

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-4732

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The commission members shall include three deaf persons, three hard of hearing persons and three persons who have an interest in and knowledge of deafness and hearing loss issues.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes, 12 full time including Director and 2 part time employees

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 1,237,692.45
FY 14-15 Budget: 1,177,475.19
FY 15-16 Budget: 1,085,089.66

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: NCDHH receives a budget from the Legislature and based on Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-4732 has authority to spend those funds

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

NCDHH has assisted the Department of Education in passing Rule 51 which required school sign language interpreters to have higher test scores so they are more qualified to interpret to children. NCDHH has also worked to get LB287 passed which requires Video Remote Interpreting companies to hold a business license. In addition to all sign language interpreters that are receiving compensation to interpret must hold a license.

NCDHH has also held several events in the last 4 years to promote and statewide communication for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. The events range from a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Night with the Lincoln Salt Dogs and a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo.

NCDHH also attends many exhibit shows, fairs, and health and wellness fairs to promote the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program, the Lions Hearing Aid Bank and the Sertoma Hearing Aid Bank. NCDHH partners with the Public Service Commission as well as the Hearing Aid Banks to get the residents of Nebraska assistive telecommunication devices and hearing aids to those who cannot afford to buy them.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INTERNAL PEER
REVIEW COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Department of Correctional Services Internal Peer Review Committee

Contact Person: Harbans Deol, DO, PhD
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Purpose: Review professional practice according to acceptable community practice standards and the American Medical Association Code of Ethics

How Many Affectable: 265 Health Care Staff

How Many Served: Approx. 5200 Inmate patients

Year Created: 2003

Year Active: 2004

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-4,153

Parent Agency: Department of Correctional Services

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: NDCS Deputy Director for Health Services

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Medical Director, MD, Physician's Assistant or ARPN, Psychiatrist, Behavioral Health Administrator, Director of Nursing

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: 18 months

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: No separate budget
FY 14-15 Budget: No separate budget
FY 15-16 Budget: No separate budget

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

- Review of all inmate deaths
- Review of all external peer review reports for medical, mental health and dental services
- Review of any submitted patient care concerns

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

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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.

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.

How Many Served: Approximately 5,080 individuals served.

Year Created: 1991

Year Active: 1991

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-1212.01

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Number of Members: 16

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 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. One member shall be designated as chairperson by the Governor.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: Yes, Members are reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1174 to 81-1177.

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: None allocated. Usually approximately 3 DHHS staff members prepare for the meeting or attend meetings.

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 0.00
FY 14-15 Budget: 0.00
FY 15-16 Budget: 0.00

Other Funding Sources: Expense reimbursement, as required by statute are paid for through the Divisions operating budget.

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

In 2013 visited the Resource for Human Developmental, Live Yes Studio and provided comments feedback to the division In 2014 visited Beatrice State Developmental Center in Beatrice. In 2015 visited Bridges program in Hastings Members attended and provided feedback from an outside perspective on the annual 2013 service coordination training Members attended and provided feedback on the 2014 Colossal Conference held in La Vista Providing feedback on waiver development for resubmission to CMS in 2016

DISABILITY SERVICE STAKEHOLDER OLMSTEAD ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Disability Service Stakeholder Olmstead Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Courtney Miller, Director
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Purpose: The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a comprehensive strategic plan for providing services to qualified persons with disabilities in the most integrated community-based settings pursuant to the Olmstead decision.

How Many Affectable: All individuals in the state of Nebraska who either have a disability, have a family member with a disability, or provide services to an individual with a disability.

How Many Served: Approximately 88,425 individuals served.

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: 2018

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,122

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Number Of Members: Minimum of 25

Who Appoints: DHHS CEO

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: Committee members to include a representative from the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services, the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities, the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council, the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education, a housing authority in a city of the first or second class and a housing authority in a city of the primary or metropolitan class, the Assistive Technology Partnership, the protection and advocacy system for Nebraska, an assisted-living organization, the behavioral health regions, mental health practitioners, developmental disability service providers, an organization that

advocates for persons with developmental disabilities, an organization that advocates for persons with mental illness, an organization that advocates for persons with brain injuries, and an area agency on aging, and including two persons with disabilities representing self-advocacy organizations, and, at the departments discretion, other persons with expertise in programs serving persons with disabilities

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: None

Term Length: blank

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: None allocated. Approximately 7 DHHS staff members anticipated participation in meeting preparation and/or attendance.

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0.00

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0.00

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: Law passed April 19, 2016. DHHS held initial internal meetings and is in the process of soliciting interest in the committee. Currently on track to hold a full committee meeting and provide a preliminary progress report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 15, 2016.

DRY BEAN COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Dry Bean Commission

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Purpose: The Neb. Dry Bean Commission was established in 1987. The Commission administers the check-off on dry beans at the first point of sale and invests those funds in foreign and domestic marketing, research, education, promotion and communication.

How Many Affectable: 1,500 producers, processing companies and landlords

How Many Served: 2,500 producers, processors and landlords

Year Created: 1987

Year Active: 1987

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-3745

Parent Agency: Contracted with NE Dept of Ag for auditing, fee collection and accounting

Number of Members: 9 members; 6 grower representatives 3 processor representatives

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 7, 2 At-large Growers appointed by Commission

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 1 grower representative for each district, 3 processor representatives and 2 At-Large grower representatives. The Director of the UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center, Scottsbluff, NE, is an ex officio member.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years with a 3 term limit

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 5

Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 5

Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 5

Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$40,736.41

FY 14-15 Budget: \$42,556.93

FY 15-16 Budget: \$44,773.08

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The NDBC has been committed to helping the state's dry bean industry advance through programs of international and domestic marketing, research and consumer education. The NDBC looks for opportunities to increase the consumption of dry edible beans, educate consumers about the health benefits of incorporating dry beans into their diets and continues to fund research aligned with the goals of the Commission.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENDOWMENT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES

Survey Response

Formal Name: Early Childhood Education Endowment Board of Trustees

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Purpose: To administer the Early Childhood Education Grant Program for children birth to age three.

How Many Affectable: There are approximately 77,688 children birth to age 3 in Nebraska

How Many Served: 871 Infants and Toddlers

Year Created: The Board of Trustees was established in 2006 through LB 1256, Board of Trustee appointments were made in 2007

Year Active: 2007

Sunset Date: none

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 79-1104.03 -04

Parent Agency: For administrative support and budgetary purposes only, the Board of Trustees is within the State Department of Education.

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Two (2) persons nominated by the endowment provider, 1 early childhood professional representing an urban at-risk area, 1 early childhood professional representing a rural at-risk area, the Commissioner of Education or higher designee, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or higher designee.

Per Diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
Term Length: Three years
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None required
Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: None required
Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: None required
Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: The Board of Trustees does not have a support staff for its work. The Department of Education provides budgetary and legal support. The Endowment Provider employees a technical assistance staff paid through technical assistance and evaluation funds.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$8,000 from the technical assistance and evaluation allocation is budgeted annually for board member expenses.

FY 14-15 Budget: \$8,000 from the technical assistance and evaluation allocation is budgeted annually for board member expenses.

FY 15-16 Budget: \$8,000 from the technical assistance and evaluation allocation is budgeted annually for board member expenses.

Other Funding Sources: The Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund receives periodic disbursements from the private endowment per Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-1104.01

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. §. 78-1104.02

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

In 2013, the Board of Trustees approved Early Childhood Education Endowment Program (Sixpence) grants to an additional 14 school districts. In 2015, the Early Childhood Education Endowment Program expanded again and the Board of Trustees approved another 6 Sixpence grants. At this time, the total number of school districts with Sixpence grants stands at 31. The

program has an evaluation completed each year. Sixty-eight (68) % of the infants and toddlers served experienced 3 or more factors that pose risks to their growth and learning. The majority (range of 73% to 92%) of the children in Sixpence met widely-held expectations for rate of development across all developmental areas. Sixpence programs also made a significant positive impact on parent-child interactions. Parents had a strong relationship with their children and demonstrated significant improvements in overall parent-child interactions as well as in building relationships and supporting their children's learning.

ECONOMIC FORECASTING ADVISORY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board

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Purpose: Develop a consensus projection of economic activity in Nebraska and provide an advisory forecast of General Fund revenue receipts.

How Many Affectable: The Board affects most, if not all, Nebraskans since the consensus General Fund revenue forecast is used to set the operating budget for the State of Nebraska.

How Many Served: Serves the entire State of Nebraska by producing the official General Fund revenue forecast, which aids in determining the budget.

Year Created: 1984

Year Active: 1984

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-27,156

Parent Agency: Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the Nebraska Department of Revenue

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Five members are appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and four members are appointed by the Governor.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Members of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board shall demonstrate expertise in the field of tax policy, economics, or economic forecasting.

Per Diem: None.

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Two.

Held FY 13-14: Two

Required FY 14-15: Three

Held FY 14-15: Three

Required FY 15-16: Two

Held FY 15-16: Two

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since July 1, 2012, the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board has met in October 2012, February 2013, April 2013, October 2013, February 2014, October 2014, February 2015, April 2015, October 2015, and February 2016. At each of these meetings the board provided a consensus forecast of economic activity in Nebraska and determined the forecast of the General Fund revenue receipts.

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL LANDS AND FUNDS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds

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Purpose: The Board was established in 1867 (the date of Statehood) when the Federal Government made a grant to the Board of 2.8 million acres of land in trust for the benefit of the public schools of Nebraska. The Nebraska Constitution in 1875 provided in Article VII, Sec. 9 the following: The following funds shall be exclusively used for the support and maintenance of the common schools in each school district in the State as the Legislature shall provide:

- a. Income arising from the perpetual funds.
- b. The Income from the unsold school lands, except that costs of administration shall be deducted from the income before it is so applied.
- c. All other grants, gifts and devises that have been or may hereafter be made to the state which are not otherwise appropriated by the terms of the grant, gift or devise, and
- d. Such other support as the Legislature may provide.

How Many Affectable: All of the Nebraska Public Schools and students

How Many Served: All of the Nebraska Public Schools are affected. According to the Nebraska Board of Education there are 368,587 students in grades K-12 in the Nebraska Public Schools.

Year Created: Although the land was granted to the State in 1867, the “Nebraska Act Enabling Congress” was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1864. The relevant section of that act is Section 7 which provides: “And be it further enacted, that sections number sixteen and thirty-six in every township, and when such sections have been sold or otherwise disposed of by an act of Congress, other lands, equivalent thereto, in legal subdivisions of not less than one-quarter section, and as contiguous as may be, shall be, and are hereby, granted to said State for the support of the common schools.” (Emphasis added)

Year Active: See above (1867). The current successor Board was created in 1939.

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-201

Parent Agency: N/A

Number Of Members: 5
Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: One member shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts as the districts were constituted on January 1, 1961, and a fifth member shall be appointed from the state at large. One member of the board shall be competent in the field of investments.

Per Diem: \$50 per day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. Necessary travel expenses.

Term Length: 5 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 12
Held FY 13-14: 12

Required FY 14-15: 12
Held FY 14-15: 12

Required FY 15-16: 12
Held FY 15-16: 12

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$4,339,705
Expended\$3,520,045 Plus R.E. Taxes\$8,808,000R.E. Taxes
Expended\$9,002,607

FY 14-15 Budget: FY 14-15 budget\$4,580,540Budget Expended\$4,304,582 Plus R.E.
Taxes\$9,473,000R.E. Taxes Expended\$10,111,041

FY 15-16 Budget: blank

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: Yes. Land management and administrative expenses. The proceeds from the leasing of said lands are used for administrative expenses (including taxes of approximately 70% of total expenditures), and conservation expenses, with the balance of approximately \$34

million dollars from 2015 income, being distributed to the public schools in 2016 from the Temporary School Fund. Section 72-201 provides that the funds arising from these lands shall be disposed of in the manner provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, and section 72-201 to 72-251. This distribution is to Nebraska's K-12 public schools.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board has increased the value of its land holdings from \$999.9 million in 2012, to \$1.552 billion in 2015. It has increased its gross revenue from \$37.4 million in 2012 to \$49.4 in 2015, and has entered into numerous wind turbine, oil and gas, and uranium leases which provide additional non-agricultural revenue sources. During this period, the approximate net amounts distributed to K-12 public schools has been \$131,713,000. In 2013 the Board hosted a conference in Omaha for approximately 150 representatives from 23 western states who, along with Nebraska, are members of the Western States Land Commissioners.

STATE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Contact Person: Sara Hulac
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Purpose: The Compact deals with the challenges of military children and their frequent relocation.

How Many Affectable: Approx. 4,500

How Many Served: Approx. 4,500

Year Created: 2011

Year Active: 2011

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-2201 through 79-2206

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-2204 (1) State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; created; members; terms; expenses; duties; meetings.

(1) The State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is created within the department. The council shall consist of:

(a) The following ex officio members:

(i) The Commissioner of Education;

(ii) The chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature, who shall serve as a nonvoting member of the council;

(iii) The compact commissioner appointed pursuant to section 79-2205; and

(iv) The military family education liaison, who shall serve as a member of the council after his or her appointment pursuant to subsection (3) of this section; and

(b) The following members appointed by the State Board of Education:

(i) The superintendent of a school district that has a high concentration of children of military families; and

(ii) A representative of a military installation located in this state.

(2) The members of the council appointed by the State Board of Education shall serve three-year terms. Vacancies in the council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

(3) The council shall have the following duties:

(a) To advise the department with regard to the state's participation in and compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; and

(b) To appoint a military family education liaison to assist families and the state in implementing the compact.

(4) When the council holds a single meeting in a calendar year, that meeting may be held by videoconferencing notwithstanding subdivision (2)(e) of section 84-1411.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Chairperson of the Education Committee, School District Representative, Military Representative, Military Family Education Liaison

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: However long the representative holds the position

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: 1

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$10,000
FY 14-15 Budget: \$10,000
FY 15-16 Budget: \$10,000

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-2206: The department shall distribute amounts from the Education Innovation Fund pursuant to section 9-812 and may accept a devise, donation, or bequest to pay for any or all of the cost of administering the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children under the authority given to the State Board of Education under § 79-318.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Nebraska continues to support and help coordinate the education of military children.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT COORDINATING COUNCIL (ESUCC)

Survey Response

Formal Name: Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC)

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Purpose: The ESUCC was created to work toward statewide coordination of educational services to provide the most cost-effective services for the students, teachers, and school districts in each educational service unit. By statute, 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: ESUCC supports 17 ESUs serving 245 school districts employing 22,000 teachers educating 307,000 students.

How Many Served: ESUCC supports 17 ESUs serving 245 school districts employing 22,000 teachers educating 307,000 students.

Year Created: ESUCC was created in 2007.

Year Active: ESUCC has an active date of July 1, 2008

Sunset Date: ESUCC has no sunset date.

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-1245

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Pursuant to statute, the governing board of the ESUCC is comprised of the states 17 ESU Administrators. Those administrators are hired by each individual educational service unit.

Who Appoints: Administrators are hired by each individual educational service unit.

Legislative Approval: No. Pursuant to statute, the governing board of the ESUCC is comprised of the states 17 ESU Administrators. Those

administrators are hired by each individual educational service unit.

Qualifications of Members: Pursuant to statute, the governing board of the ESUCC is comprised of the states 17 ESU Administrators. Those administrators are hired by each individual educational service unit.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: Service on the governing board of the ESUCC is based on each administrator's term of employment by their respective educational service units.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: The ESUCC as a whole meets 11 times per year, with two of those meetings being joint meetings with staff from the Nebraska Department of Education. The ESUCC also has a number of standing committees which meet on a monthly basis.

Held FY 13-14: The ESUCC as a whole meets 11 times per year, with two of those meetings being joint meetings with staff from the Nebraska Department of Education. The ESUCC also has a number of standing committees which meet on a monthly basis.

Required FY 14-15: The ESUCC as a whole meets 11 times per year, with two of those meetings being joint meetings with staff from the Nebraska Department of Education. The ESUCC also has a number of standing committees which meet on a monthly basis.

Held FY 14-15: The ESUCC as a whole meets 11 times per year, with two of those meetings being joint meetings with staff from the Nebraska Department of Education. The ESUCC also has a number of standing committees which meet on a monthly basis.

Required FY 15-16: The ESUCC as a whole meets 11 times per year, with two of those meetings being joint meetings with staff from the Nebraska Department of Education. The ESUCC also has a number of standing committees which meet on a monthly basis.

Held FY 15-16: The ESUCC as a whole meets 11 times per year, with two of those meetings being joint meetings with staff from the Nebraska Department of Education. The ESUCC also has a number of standing committees which meet on a monthly basis.

Support Staff: 10 staff

Shared or Separate: All shared with Educational Service Unit 17.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$275,228.00

FY 14-15 Budget: \$275,228.00

FY 15-16 Budget: \$275,228.00

Other Funding Sources: Math Science Partnership (NMPDS) Grant: 2013-14 - \$400,000; 2014-15 - \$400,000; 2015-16 - \$400,000. Career Connections 2014-15 - \$215,000 (NDE); 2015-2016 \$168,000 (NDOL). Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) 2015-2016 - \$39,450. Academic Achievement P

Spending Authority: No, The Board approves the budget each September and approves monthly bills at Board meetings. Executive Director has the spending authority.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The vision for the ESUCC, as defined by 79-1246, provides a statewide coordination of services for 17 ESU's, 245 School Districts serving 307,000 students. The coordination of services provides for efficiency of resources, effective implementation of services, and the provision of equitable services throughout the state. Through the Master Services Agreement between ESUCC and the 17 ESU's, collaborative efforts center around statewide professional development (coordination of statewide contracts and service delivery); statewide cooperative purchasing program which resulted in a savings for school districts and ESU's of approximately \$4.5 million for the past year; the Nebraska Student Record System (SRS) for Special Education in which 240 of the 245 school districts implement; the assessment provided through the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) is implemented in 235 out of 245 school districts; a statewide learning object repository has been developed and available for implementation during the 2016-17 year; the statewide Learning Management Systems (LMS) have been researched, negotiated for statewide purchases and placed within the Coop Marketplace;

EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

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Purpose: The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission was created to provide statewide non-commercial television and radio programming. The Commission currently holds the license for the nine transmitters and five translators that comprise the NET Radio network. It also holds the license for eight of the nine television transmitters and for the 15 translators that comprise the NET Television network.

How Many Affectable: Up to 700,000 households in Nebraska for radio and television; any device connected to the Internet

How Many Served: 3. More than 906,000 watch NET Television and more than 97,000 listen to NET Radio weekly. NET's website is visited more than two million times per year. More than 110,000 requests were made to stream live Statehouse coverage, totaling nearly 7 million min

Year Created: 1963

Year Active: 1963

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-1313 to 79-1325

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 11

Who Appoints: Governor (9), plus President of Univ. of Neb. designee and Commissioner of Education designee

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Appointed members subject to legislative approval include: a Nebraska state college representative, a Nebraska community college representative, a Nebraska private educational institution representative, and two members of the public from each of the

state's three congressional districts, none of whom may be associated with any of the institutions listed above.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: As designated by the Commission
Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: As designated by the Commission
Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: As designated by the Commission
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET)

FY 13-14 Budget: 10,043,759
FY 14-15 Budget: 10,178,470
FY 15-16 Budget: 10,511,544

Other Funding Sources: Yes - authorized cash fund for NOAA, cell phone leases of tower space

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-1316

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

NET switched from leased satellite services to fiber lines and microwave technology to deliver the networks television and radio signals to the transmitters across the state, reducing interconnection costs by over 90%. HD radio channels were introduced statewide, adding more news and music programming. Fifteen new television documentaries premiered in the past three years. Each year more than 200 hours of college and high school sports aired on NET Television channels. NET Radio launched a cooperative programming partnership with KVNO Radio (UNOs classical format station), cutting costs for both stations and allowing each stations programming to be heard statewide.

NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES
FINANCE AUTHORITY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Educational, Health, and Social Services Finance Authority

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Purpose: The Authority was created to provide a means whereby the institutions of private higher education, health care, and social services in the state can finance the construction, acquisition, improving, equipping and renovation of needed facilities on a tax-exempt basis.

How Many Affectable: 9 private institutions and other qualifying health care and social Service organizations.

How Many Served: 3 to 2 high education, 1 social services

Year Created: 1981

Year Active: 1981

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Sections 58-801 to 58-866

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: At least one member in the fields of public accounting; education building construction; finance; officer or employee of an institution of private higher education; officer or employee of an institution of private health care; and officer or employee of an institution of private social service. 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: Terms Rotate

Meetings Required In:

Required FY 13-14: 1 required

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 1 required

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 1 required

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$267,301.71

FY 14-15 Budget: \$259,010.16

FY 15-16 Budget: \$215,023.05

Other Funding Sources: All of the Authority's revenue is from fees paid by the borrowing institutions.

Spending Authority: Yes, the Authority expends revenues to pay its operating expenses.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

During the 2013 legislative session, the Authority sought and was granted an expansion of its issuing authority to include not-for-profit institutions of health care and social services. In the last 4 years the Authority has issued \$50,011,230 of bonds notes. Of this total, \$20,310,000 was for social services.

NEBRASKA ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL FINANCE
AUTHORITY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority

Contact Person: Thomas J. Purcell

Purpose: To assist private institutions of elementary and secondary education in the constructing, financing, and refinancing of projects.

How Many Affectable: Nebraska has approximately 200 non-public schools

How Many Served: NESSFA has done transactions for approximately 25 such schools

Year Created: 1997

Year Active: 2003

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-1801 to 79-1852

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Five

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: None

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None
Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: None
Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: None
Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: Fees from participating schools (0.1% of amount financed)

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-1816

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Authority has entered into six transactions involving six schools provided tax-exempt financing totaling \$15,488,194. The financings during such time period benefited the following schools: Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, Creighton Preparatory School, Skutt High School, Marian High School, Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, and Omaha Christian Academy.

BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of Emergency Medical Services

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Purpose: (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. At this time, we believe this board is no longer necessary.

How Many Affectable: All seeking one of the licenses the board can issue, and the individuals that use those services.

How Many Served: 8,006 licensees and an unknown number of individuals that used their services. 2,709 of those licenses have been issued since the last report.

Year Created: 1997

Year Active: 1997

Sunset Date: NA

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-167

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Number of Members: 17

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members:

(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 emergency medical responders, two shall be emergency medical technicians, one shall be an advanced emergency medical technician, and two shall be 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 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 appointed after January 1, 2017, there shall be at least three members who are volunteer emergency medical care providers, 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.

(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.

(4) Special meetings of the board may be called by the department or upon the written request of any six members of the board explaining the reason for such meeting. The place of the meetings shall be set by the department.

(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, of a business credentialed pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act, or of a business regulated by the board to which the appointment is being made; (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.

Per Diem: \$50.00

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Five years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: A portion of three DHHS staff share the work of this board

FY 13-14 Budget: \$62,580

FY 14-15 Budget: \$70,064

FY 15-16 Budget: \$65,106

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since July 1, 2012 recommendations for licensure on 2,709 persons. Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of Engineers and Architects

Contact Person: Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director
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Purpose: The Board of Engineers and Architects was created to administer the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act which governs the practices of engineering and architecture in the State of Nebraska through licensure and regulation. The mission of the Board of Engineers and Architects is to establish requirements for education, experience, examination and enforcement for the practices of engineering and architecture through timely and quality regulatory services. A thorough review of applications and complaints is fundamental in meeting our mission. Information is an integral element of our enforcement component.

How Many Affectable: Safeguards life, health, property, and promotes public welfare of those in the State of Nebraska

How Many Served: Approximately 7,800 professional engineers, 1,850 architects, 2,085 organizations, 20 temporary engineering/architect permit holders, 340 engineer examinees, 25 architect examinees, 450 engineer and architect emeritus (per fiscal year)

Year Created: 1937

Year Active: 1937

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 81-3401 to 81-3455

Parent Agency: None

Number Of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: Three architect members, two appointed after consulting with the appropriate architectural professional organizations and one education member who is a faculty member of the University of Nebraska appointed upon the recommendation of the Dean of

Architecture of the University of Nebraska; four professional engineer members, three appointed after consulting with the appropriate engineering professional organizations and one education member who is a faculty member of the University of Nebraska appointed upon the recommendation of the Dean of Engineering of the University of Nebraska; and one public member. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Nebraska for at least one year immediately preceding appointment. Each architect or professional engineer member shall have been engaged in the active practice of the design profession for at least ten years, shall have had direct supervision of work for at least five years at the time of his or her appointment, and shall be licensed in the relevant profession.

Per Diem: \$100/day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Five Years, terminating on the last day of February

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 14

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 11

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 16

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared - Expenses for the Board and for the programs overseen by the Board are paid from the same cash fund. The State Board of Engineers and Architects employs an Executive Director, six full time staff and one to two part time IT students.

FY 13-14 Budget: Board: \$ 459,347 Program expenditures: \$135,220
FY 14-15 Budget: Board: \$ 531,157 Program expenditures: \$127,050
FY 15-16 Budget: Board: \$ 473,650 Program expenditures: \$130,000

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes, per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3432

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects held strategic or operational planning meetings on May 9, 2012, June 13, 2014, June 27, 2014, and April 14, 2015.

In the 2013 Legislative Session, successful passage of LB7 amended Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-3436, 81-3437, 81-3450, and 81-3454 of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act (Act) to define the design of the seal used by architects and engineers and its components. Changes defined the rules and regulations regarding the application of the seal, specifically deleting the requirement of a written signature to be provided for electronic transmission of signatures and seals and removed the requirement of a costly electronic revision approval system.

In 2015, successful passage of LB23 amended the definitional language and added necessary definitions for consistency and simplicity throughout the Act. Statutes addressing the application and examination processes relating to engineers and architects were clarified. Sections were added relating to construction services and coordinating professionals. Language concerning seals was moved into a separate section. The majority of revisions in LB 23 were editorial in nature and were made to simplify and modernize the Act. To further define statute revisions and clarify the corresponding rules and regulations, revisions to Title 110 of the Nebraska Administrative Code were approved and became effective in November 12, 2013 and April 30, 2016.

On October 14-16, 2013, the Board helped support the University of Nebraska Lincolns Building the 22nd Century Conference held in Omaha, Nebraska. The conference created a thoughtful vision of what the 22nd century built environment might look like, articulated key technological barriers to be transcended and identified underlying scientific questions that will need to be answered.

On November 13, 2015, the Board sponsored a half-day continuing education seminar at Scott Conference Center in Omaha, which highlighted responsibilities of professional practice for architects and professional engineers. Because responsibilities to meet the needs of clients and also safeguard life, health, property and promote public welfare can be in conflict, the seminar addressed ethical decision making skills.

ENHANCED WIRELESS 911 ADVISORY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board

Contact Person: Jeffrey L. Pursley
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Purpose: The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board was created to advise the commission concerning the implementation, development, administration, coordination, evaluation, and maintenance of enhanced wireless 911 service.

How Many Affectable: All individuals in the state

How Many Served: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 787,336 calls
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 872,055 calls
Data for FY 14-15 and 15-16 were not available at the time of the report

Year Created: 2001

Year Active: 2002

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-461

Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: One sheriff; Two county officials or employees; Two municipal officials or employees; One representative from the states wireless telecommunications industry; One manager of a public safety answering point not employed by a sheriff; One representative of the states local exchange telecommunications service industry; and One member of the public.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared - Nebraska Public Service Commission

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The Board has continued its role of advising the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding the administration of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. 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 Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund surcharge; the deployment and funding of text to 911 service; issues related to developing a plan to implement Next Generation 911 services, and issues related to Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data development, standards, and funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Survey Response

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

How Many Affectable: Not applicable

How Many Served: Not applicable

Year Created: 1971

Year Active: 1971

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-1503

Parent Agency: 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 populations; and a doctor with knowledge about the human health aspects of air, water and land pollution.

Per Diem: \$40

Expense Reimbursement: Yes, actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2
Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 2
Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 2
Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Shared with Department of Environmental Quality

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

FY 2013 Environmental Quality Council Actions: September 20, 2012: Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program Percentage Allocations Approved; Amendment of Title 132, Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations Approved; Amendment of Title 129, Nebraska Air Quality Regulations Denied. April 4, 2013: Amendment of Title 133, Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program Approved. June 20, 2013: Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Intended Use Plan Approved; Amendments to Title 129, Air Quality Regulations Approved; Litter Percentage and Recycling Grant Program, 2014 Funding Percent Allocations Approved; Amendment of Title 133, Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program Approved.

FY 2014 Environmental Quality Council Actions: February 6, 2014: Amendments to Title 128, Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations Approved; Amendments to Title 132, Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations Approved; Amendments to Title 199, Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program Approved; Amendments to Title 197, Rules and Regulations for Certification of Wastewater Treatment Operators in Nebraska Approved; Amendments to Title 129, Nebraska Air Quality Regulations - Approved as Amended;

Amendments to the 2014 State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan Approved. June 19, 2014: 2015 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Approved as Amended; Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program 2015 Funding Percentage Allocations Approved; Amendments to Title 133, Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program Approved.

FY 2015 Environmental Quality Council Actions: October 16, 2014: Amendment of Title 128, Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations Approved; Amendment of Title 117 Nebraska Surface Water Quality Standards Approved. February 11, 2015: Amendment of Title 195, Chemigation Regulations Approved; Program Priority System for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Fund Approved; Rulemaking Petition to Amend Title 128, Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations Approved. June 4, 2015: Amendment of Title 195, Chemigation Regulations Approved; 2016 Intended Use Plan for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Approved; Amendment to Title 129, Nebraska Air Quality Regulations- Approved.

FY 2016 Environmental Quality Council Actions: November 12, 2015: Amendment to Title 132, Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations Approved; 2016 Funding Percentage Allocations for the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program Approved; Program Priority System for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program Approved; Amendment to Title 131, Rules and Regulations for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Drinking Water Construction Assistance Program Approved; Amendment to 2016 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Approved. March 22, 2016: Amendment to Title 128, Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations Approved. June 14, 2016: 2017 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Approved; Amendments to Title 131, Rules and Regulations for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Drinking Water Construction Assistance Program - Approved as amended; Amendments to Title 129, Nebraska Air Quality Regulations Approved.

NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Environmental Trust

Contact Person: Mark Brohman
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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: N/A

How Many Served: The Trust has funded over 1900 projects in all 93 counties.

Year Created: 1992

Year Active: 1993

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-15,170

Parent Agency: By statute, the Game and Parks Commission shall provide administrative support, including, but not limited to, payroll and accounting functions, to the board.

Number of Members: 14

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: The board shall consist of the Director of Environmental Quality, the Director of Natural Resources, the Director of Agriculture, the secretary of the Game and Parks Commission, the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, and nine citizens appointed by the Governor with the approval of a majority of the Legislature. The citizen members shall begin serving immediately following notice of nomination and prior to approval by the Legislature.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: All members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses.

Term Length: 6 years for citizen board members

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: 5

Shared or Separate: The Trust receives administrative support from the NE Game and Parks Commission.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$22M

FY 14-15 Budget: \$20M

FY 15-16 Budget: \$19M

Other Funding Sources: Nebraska Lottery

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: In the four past year the Trust has granted over \$80M to projects across the State of Nebraska for water, air, soil, habitat, recycling and waste.

Some of those grants included restored Plum Creek Lake in Lexington and Lake Helen in Gothenburg, funded electric and compressed natural gas vehicles across the state, supported the Water Leaders Academy, funded the Master Naturalist program, restored Spring Lake in Omaha, funded multiple research projects on water reductions and soil protection in Nebraska's agricultural fields, control invasive species across the state, provided grants to aid Natural Resources Districts in carrying out their missions, funded water displays at the Lincoln and Omaha Children's Museums, provided grants to purchase recycling equipment, grants for tree planting projects across the state, chemical cleanouts in Nebraska high schools, fund the B-cycle program in Omaha, and partnered on the Nebraska Game and Park Commissions permanent State Fair Display.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission

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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.

How Many Affectable: Any individual who is accused or is the victim of discrimination in the applicable areas.

How Many Served: 9,500

Year Created: 1965

Year Active: 1965

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1116

Parent Agency: The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission does not have a parent agency it is an independent, non-code agency.

Number Of Members: 7 Commissioners

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The Qualifications of the members are determined by the Governor.

Per Diem: Commissioners receive \$50 per day

Expense Reimbursement: Commissioners receive expense reimbursements

Term Length: 3-year terms

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 12
Held FY 13-14: 12

Required FY 14-15: 12
Held FY 14-15: 12

Required FY 15-16: 12
Held FY 15-16: 12

Support Staff: The NEOC has 4 support staff.

Shared or Separate: Seperate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,033,880 General Funds +\$681,256 Federal Funds \$1,715,136 Total
FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,187,188 General Funds +\$712,618 Federal Funds \$1,899,806 Total
FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,170,244 General Funds +\$732,931 Federal Funds \$1,903,175 Total

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.)

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 Since July 1, 2012:

INVESTIGATIONS

Since July 1, 2012 the NEOC has continued to modify and refine its intake and investigative procedures to more efficiently implement the Commission's mission of eradicating discrimination. The NEOC has made improvements in the areas of intake screening and its 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 in the most efficient and effective manner possible. 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.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) PROGRAM.

The NEOCs Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program has continued to grow in popularity over the last few years, and has provided proven results. The ADR program was initially launched in 2004/2005. This program essentially added mediation as an alternative option to the Commissions 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. 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 a resolution, whereas the pre-determination settlement (PDS) process involves discussion of the 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. Since July 1, 2012, a total of 385 cases were sent to ADR, for an average of 96 cases per year. Over the last four years, 16% of ADR cases resulted in successful mediation, while over 30% resulted in successful pre-determination settlements. These efforts resulted in lost wage and other monetary payments to Complainants. Non-monetary benefits included training on discrimination laws, neutral references, apologies, agreement to not contest Complainants seeking unemployment benefits, and changes to, or adoption of policies to address discrimination concerns. In addition to the ADR program, the NEOC also seeks to resolve cases subsequent to a reasonable cause determination through a conciliation process. Since FY 2012/2013, the NEOC has had an average of 49 cases in conciliation. The average success rate of conciliations is not as high as that obtained in the ADR program (average 55% successful in FY 1415), but monetary relief amounts totaled \$413,897 for FY 1415. Although the financial relief obtained for Complainants can sometimes be significant, the 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 associated with the agency. The NEOC without cost to 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 that anti-discrimination laws are enforced.

For the period July 2014 through June 2015, NEOCs staff made 24 presentations to over 400 persons around the state, and provided technical assistance to 3,307 contacts. These presentations included discussion on topics such as disability discrimination in employment, federal and state fair housing laws; workplace harassment, reasonable accommodations for persons with companion animals, and many more topics.

The NEOC provides training, education, and outreach across the entire state of Nebraska. This includes providing training in a variety of geographically dispersed towns and cities. Often the NEOC is asked to conduct specialized training for specific groups. Last year, the NEOC presented information about the Nebraska Landlord and Tenant Act and its intersection with the fair housing laws to a group of property managers and landlords. Employers often ask for specific training regarding non-discriminatory practices for recruiting and hiring a diverse and qualified staff. The NEOC has partnered with the real estate community in providing technical training on issues of housing discrimination for which the agents and brokers can obtain 3.0 Continuing Education 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 throughout Nebraska. 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. The NEOC remains a registered provider of two distinct Continuing Education classes, which include topics relating to discrimination and special issues under the Fair Housing Act.

As the NEOC has continued its collaboration with its partners in the employment and housing arena, it has also reached out to individuals through its website and at seminars and educational institutions. The NEOC has coordinated with experts to deliver a full gamut of material for use in educating the public. The NEOC website was a source of information for more than 800 contacts each month. The site provides access to relevant laws and statutes, and provides insight into some specific issues of discrimination such as sexual harassment, and national origin and familial status discrimination related to occupancy laws.

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 small, though some businesses have required entire staff to participate. In the past, this has included presentations with up to 700 people in attendance. 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. Educational institutions have benefitted through curriculum material on fair housing interpreted into six languages other than English, for use by elementary, middle, and high school instructors and placed on the NEOC website. College and university students were provided with authentic discrimination case scenarios, so the theory of human resource management becomes a practical application.

In an effort to increase awareness about employment and housing discrimination, the NEOC contracted with NET to create a series of public service announcements in 2016. These PSAs have run on television on NET channels, as well as on the radio on NPR channels.

NEBRASKA ETHANOL BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Ethanol Board

Contact Person: Mr. Todd Sneller, Administrator
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Purpose: The NEB is directed by statute to cooperate with the private sector to help create, maintain, and facilitate growth in ethanol production and allied industries in the state. The Nebraska Ethanol Boards mission is to establish procedures and processes necessary to the manufacturing and marketing of ethanol fuel. The board accomplishes this by:

Analyzing marketing process and test procedures to assure acceptance in the marketplace.

Cooperating with industry professionals to establish privately-owned agriculture ethyl alcohol plants.

Sponsoring research and development of industrial and commercial uses for ethanol and its co-products.

Promoting state and national air quality improvement programs and influencing legislation that encourages the use of renewable fuels.

Promoting the use of renewable ethanol as a partial replacement for imported oil to ensure the energy security of the country.

How Many Affectable: Nebraska's 23,000 corn farmers, 25 ethanol plants, and the 5,000 employed in the ethanol plants.

How Many Served: All affectable were served.

Year Created: 1993

Year Active: 1993

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1335

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 7
Who Appoints: Governor
Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members:

1. Farmer representing general farming
2. Farmer representing corn
3. Farmer representing wheat
4. Farmer representing sorghum
5. Person representing general business
6. Person representing labor interests
7. Person representing state petroleum marketers

Per Diem: \$25/day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$342,230
FY 14-15 Budget: blank
FY 15-16 Budget: blank

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: Yes, the NEB allocates and spends funds based on needs and goals of the agency (Marketing, Public Education, Research, etc.)

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: In the past four years, more than a dozen new fuel retail stations have added higher blends of ethanol to their fuel lineup. As of July 20, Nebraska has more than 85 fuel sites that offer higher blends of ethanol like E85. We are also part of Access Ethanol Nebraska, a public-private partnership between the Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Ethanol Board and Nebraska Department of Agriculture, with the Energy Office as the lead agency. Federal funding for the AEN came from the Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) grant through the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Commodity Credit Corporation, which requires a dollar to dollar match from the state, private industry and foundations. This grant has allowed for more than \$6 million in federal, private and state funds to be available for ethanol flex fuel pumps, fuel storage tanks, necessary infrastructure, marketing and education.

We partnered with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) in Omaha to work on solutions to the ground-level ozone and possible EPA non-attainment status that the Omaha metro faces. As part of their Little Steps Big Impact campaign, MAPA now recommends fueling your car with biofuels to help reduce emissions and clean up the air. Ethanol and its co-products can serve as the foundation for many next-generation bioproducts from green chemicals to nutraceuticals and animal feed supplements. Nebraska Ethanol Board has been partnering ethanol plants with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to bring in next-generation bioscience companies to co-locate with ethanol plants and evolve in Nebraska.

All 25 ethanol plants now produce corn oil, a co-product of ethanol production that can be sold to make biodiesel, used in livestock feed or for food-grade purposes. Prior to the last five years corn oil was not a significant revenue source; however, in 2014 corn oil production value was \$17 million in Nebraska. While the Nebraska Ethanol Board cannot take direct credit for this, the conferences and educational seminars we have hosted helped introduce information on the latest technological advances in ethanol production that eventually led to ethanol plant modifications to extract corn oil.

The Lincoln Formula SAE International competition started in 2013 with only seven teams in the combustion category competing with E85. Nebraska Ethanol Board has sponsored and been on site at this competition speaking to student teams about racing fuel since the beginning. This year, 20 cars competed with E85 in their tanks.

The Nebraska Ethanol Board has partnered with the Nebraska Corn Board on four major fuel promotions in the Omaha market to educate flex fuel drivers about their ability to use E85 fuel. NEB staff has participated in hundreds of events in the past four years to educate the public on the benefits of ethanol (FFA conventions, smart energy expos, state fairs, rest stop blitzes, raceways, fuel promotions, fuel station grand openings, health fairs, Renewable Fuels Month, etc.) The Nebraska Ethanol Board has held four annual Emerging Issues forums bringing together approximately 150 attendees each time to inform ethanol producers and allied industries of technical advances, value-added opportunities, and new marketing information in the ethanol sector. NEB has held four annual Environmental, Health & Safety Summits with 50 attendees at each summit to learn about safety and regulatory compliance issues that apply to the ethanol

industry. In 2014, we established an annual video contest for Nebraska High School students to submit ethanol videos. This has allowed teachers to discuss renewable fuels and value-added agriculture by using our video contest as the capstone project. In 2015, we had 16 video entries and spoke with several classrooms about the benefits of ethanol.

This year, we partnered with the Partners in Pollution Prevention program to work with a University of Nebraska-Lincoln chemical energy student. The student developed an SPCC document to help farmers and ranchers meet on-farm fuel storage regulations. The document will be made available to local farmers, co-ops, farm bureau and several other ag organizations. This will allow farmers to meet state fuel storage regulations and help prevent any leaks that could contaminate the environment.

EVERY WOMAN MATTERS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Every Woman Matters Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Melissa Leypoldt
402-471-0314

Purpose: Advocate screening for early detection of breast and cervical cancer in women. Raising funds for treatment of breast and cervical cancer in women not served by any other program. Disburse funds for treatment through the Every Woman Matters Foundation. Planning and implementing educational programs and public education efforts, and participation in community events.

How Many Affectable: All women living in the State of Nebraska

How Many Served: 8 women through distribution of treatment dollars. As of 2016 the committee has dissolved the foundation and moved remaining money to existing partners who provide direct assistance to women diagnosed with cancer. Due to priorities of the group and the impact of the Affordable Care Act, the need for these services were no longer seen as a priority for the Advisory Group.

Year Created: 1991

Year Active: 1991

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-003.01, 71-7001.01, 71-7010, 71-7012, and 71-7013.

Parent Agency: DHHS

Number of Members: 24

Who Appoints: Agency Director

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: At least 8 women, 1 breast cancer survivor, and other members of the public or private sector who have an interest in health care and the promotion of screening for breast and/or cervical cancer.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: Travel and lodging as needed

Term Length: 2 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,200

FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,200

FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,200

Other Funding Sources: Susan G. Komen Foundation

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-7010, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Cash Fund

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Implementation of priorities identified in the Breast Cancer Control Plan 2011-2016. Five priorities were identified: 1. Increase delivery of screening services and improve follow-up by healthcare providers 2. Advocate for policies and funding that increase access to services 3. Increase consumer access to current and culturally appropriate information and education 4. Improve access to supportive services including financial assistance, transportation, emotional support, and education 5. Promote healthy lifestyle behaviors that can decrease the risk of reoccurrence and death from breast cancer.

Strategies have included creation of work groups to meet needs of specific targeted populations, including the Metro African American Breast Cancer Task Force and the Lincoln Breast Cancer Coalition. The development of web page for sharing and connecting breast cancer survivors, advocates, partners, and providers has been instrumental to the progress of addressing priorities. Website and work done by the advisory committee can be found at <http://www.bcpartnerships.net>

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND CITY STREET
SUPERINTENDENTS

Survey Response

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

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(* Effective 7-1-16, the BEX board is under NDOR Materials and Research)

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: 417 persons hold one or both licenses. All but four (4) of the 93 counties and all but two (2) of the 529 municipalities have appointed a licensee as their highway or street superintendent (whether on staff or as a private consultant).

How Many Served: All those affectable were served.

Year Created: 1969

Year Active: 1969 (first examination administered in 1970)

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section § 39-2301
Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Roads (provides administrative support but does not oversee the boards licensing activities.)

Number of Members: Seven (7)

Who Appoints: Governor

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: 4 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: As may be necessary
Held FY 13-14: 7

Required FY 14-15: As may be necessary
Held FY 14-15: 7

Required FY 15-16: As may be necessary
Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared. Nebraska Department of Roads.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$11,123.94
FY 14-15 Budget: \$12,068.05
FY 15-16 Budget: \$13,417.69

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No
Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Administered eight (8) examinations. A total of 57 persons took the exam, of which 34 passed and were licensed. Also licensed 20 registered professional engineers (by equivalency). Reissued Class B licenses for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 and Issued Class A licenses for 2013 -2015, 2014-2016, 2015-2017 and 2016-2018. Assisted NDOR and the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Nebraska Extension, Nebraska Local Technical Assistance Program (NE-LTAP) in presenting eight (8), three day workshops for examination applicants. (The workshops are offered twice annually, free of charge, in Kearney.)

NEBRASKA EXCHANGE STAKEHOLDER COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission

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Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act is to provide state-based recommendations and transparency regarding the implementation and operation of an affordable insurance exchange.

How Many Affectable: Not applicable

How Many Served: Not applicable

Year Created: 2013

Year Active: 2013

Sunset Date: July 1, 2016

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 44-8701 to 44-8706

Parent Agency: Department of Insurance

Number of Members: 9 members plus 2 ex officio members

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: 4 members to represent the interests of consumers who will access a health insurance exchange, at least 1 of which to represent rural consumers; 1 member representing small business; 2 members representing health care providers; 1 member representing health carriers eligible to offer plans on the exchange; 1 member representing health insurance agents; Director of Insurance (ex officio); director of Medicaid (ex officio)

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-8704, members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: CY 13: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: CY 14: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: CY 15: 3
Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Commission was required to annually file a report to the Governor and Legislature on or before December 1 concerning the implementation and operation of the exchange, challenges and problems identified in the implementation and operation of the exchange, and recommendations to address such problems and challenges. Meetings were held to gather the necessary information to accomplish this goal. Upon the recommendation of the Commission, the Legislature terminated the Commission on July 1, 2016. Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

NEBRASKA FIRE SAFETY APPEALS BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board

Contact Person: Regina Shields, Agency Legal Counsel and Legislative Liaison
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402-471-9477

Purpose: For the purposes of assisting the State Fire Marshal in matters pertaining to the performance of his or her duties, there is hereby established the Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board. In case of disagreement concerning the propriety of any action taken or proposed to be taken by the State Fire Marshal or the application of any statute, rule, or regulation of his or her office with respect to any establishment or installation, the State Fire Marshal may, and upon application of any party in interest, shall provide for a hearing before the Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board in the county of the establishment or installation which is the subject of the disagreement.

How Many Affectable: Any person who receives orders from the State Fire Marshal Agency can request a hearing before the Appeals Board.

How Many Served: In the last 9 years the Board has only been asked to hear one case.

Year Created: 1971

Year Active: 1971

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-502.01

Parent Agency: State Fire Marshal Agency

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: (1) A representative of the fire insurance industry with experience in fire prevention inspections, (2) an architect licensed in this state, (3) a member of a board of education of a public school district, (4) a fire protection engineer, (5) a member of the inspection division of a paid fire department in this state, (6) an active member of a volunteer fire

department in this state, (7) two representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services, and (8) a representative of the Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 yeats

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: No

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board has been called to hear one appeals hearing. The Board upheld the order issued by the Agency and issued time frames for the party to comply.

GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Contact Person: Director Jim Douglas
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Purpose: The legislature created the Commission and gave it sole charge of state parks, game and fish, recreation grounds, and all things pertaining thereto. Neb. Rev. Stat. 37-301. Specific statutes regarding this charge are found in Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 37. The legislature has also assigned the Commission responsibilities and authorities in relation to: (1) the acceptance and maintenance of certain real estate as described in Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 72 and Chap. 90; (2) the study, application, and maintenance of in-stream appropriations to provide the beneficial use of water in a manner that is necessary for recreation or fish and wildlife as described in Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 46; (3) creating certain rules and regulations relating to the operation of vehicles on property owned by the Commission and to enforce laws and rules relating to motor vehicles as contain in Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 60; (4) maintenance of state recreational roads, highways, and bridges as described in Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 39; (5) providing administrative support to and participating in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 81; (6) work with the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission to execute commemorative events pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 81; (7) participation on the Tourism Commission pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 81; (8) consulting with the Department of Agricultural to develop rules and regulations relating to the Domesticated Cervine Animal Act pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 54; (9) collaborating with and providing expertise to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission on funding water programs, projects, and activities, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 2; (10) filing reports with the Public Service Commission regarding the advisability of approving, denying, or modifying the location of the proposed route of a major oil pipeline pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 57; (11) consulting with the Water Funding Task Force pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 50; (12) providing administrative support for and participating on the Niobrara Council pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 72; (13) cooperating with the State Forrester pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 85; (14) participating on the Geographic Information Systems Council pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 86; (15) enforcing the laws of the State of Nebraska through its conservation officers pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 29-215; (16) participating on the Nebraska Safety Advisory Council pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-1008; (17) cooperating and coordinating with county governments and officers pursuant to the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act as found in Neb. Rev. Stat. Chap. 23; and (18) all other authorities, responsibilities, roles which are prescribed by the legislature. The Commission has adopted the following mission statement: The Game and Parks Commission is responsible for 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: All Nebraskans and non-resident visitors

How Many Served: 64% of Nebraskans in 2014. 1.28 million permits & stamps sold
Year Created: 1929
Year Active: 1929 and every year since
Sunset Date: None
Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 37-101
Parent Agency: None
Number of Members: 9
Who Appoints: Governor
Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications Of Members: Qualifications: Neb. Rev. Stat. 37-101(1):(1)(a) The Game and Parks Commission shall consist of nine members, one from each of the eight districts provided for by section 37-102 and one at-large member, and shall be appointed by the Governor with the consent of a majority of all members of the Legislature. (b) Members of the commission shall be legal residents and citizens of Nebraska and shall be well informed and interested in matters under the jurisdiction of the commission.(c) At least three members of the commission shall be actually engaged in agricultural pursuits.(d) Not more than five of the members of the commission shall be affiliated with the same political party. The political party affiliation of each prospective member shall be determined as of the statewide general election prior to his or her appointment.(e) Members of the commission representing districts provided for by section 37-102 shall be bona fide residents of the district from which they are appointed.(f) When a member ceases to be a member of the political party determined under subdivision (d) of this subsection, ceases to be a bona fide resident of the district, or ceases to be actually engaged in agricultural pursuits if required to meet the qualifications for his or her appointment, the office shall be immediately vacated.

Per Diem: \$35 per day for days away from home on Commission business
Expense Reimbursement: Yes, per Nebraska Revised Statutes 37-105
Term Length: Four years
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Quarterly meetings are required
Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: Quarterly meetings are required
Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: Quarterly meetings are required
Held FY 15-16: 8

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$19,863

FY 14-15 Budget: \$19,863

FY 15-16 Budget: \$34,163

Other Funding Sources: Permits, stamps, user fees, federal grants; see annual report

Spending Authority: Yes, the Commission allocates funds and approves expenditures

Accomplishments Since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission works to conserve Nebraska's natural resources for the benefit of those resources and our citizens and visitors. Since 2012, the board of nine commissioners and staff have managed hunting seasons and regulations for game species; managed Nebraska's state parks, state recreation areas and other public lands; managed the fisheries at numerous public lakes across the state; helped landowners manage wildlife habitat on their land; worked to conserve Nebraska's threatened and endangered species; provided law enforcement for fish, wildlife, parks, and boating; and provided hunter and boater education. Specific accomplishments include managing deer herds following a large Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease outbreak that significantly reduced deer numbers to allow recovery; lake renovations and improvements for angler and boater access; created mobile applications for purchasing permits and providing information on smart phones and tablets; updated our website and how we communicate information to the public; created educational programs and opportunities to expand our outreach to youth and adults about fish and wildlife conservation, fishing, hunting, camping, and boating; created a new pheasant plan focused on improving pheasants and pheasant hunting in Nebraska; developed a master plan and made improvements to Fort Robinson State Park; developed a Venture Parks plan for the future of E.T. Mahoney State Park, Platte River State Park, Schramm SRA and Louisville SRA; secured funding and undertaken efforts to address deferred maintenance in our parks system statewide; responded to wildfires in 2012 with 149 staff working over 8,500 hours; worked with Niobrara River basin NRD's and Nebraska Public Power District to secure the future of the Niobrara River for fish, wildlife, recreation; updating and improving our hunter education programs; led efforts to manage aquatic invasive species and prevent their establishment in Nebraska; and improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the agency.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Geographic Information Systems Council

Contact Person: Ed Toner, Chief Information Office
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402-471-3560

Purpose: The Legislature's stated intent was to create a Geographic Information System Council (GIS 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 GIS 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. The GIS Council serves as an advisory council to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC).

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1991

Year Active: 1991

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-570

Parent Agency: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Number of Members: 27

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Nineteen (19) members designed by statute (86-570) representing specific sectors (state agencies, local and regional public entities) involved in GIS, and eight (8) members designated in the GIS Council Charter by the NITC.

Per Diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
Term Length: 3 years
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 7

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Office of the Chief Information Office

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: The GIS Council relies on the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for staff and operational support. Those expenses are reflected in Program 101 and Program 172, which are part of the OCIOs appropriation and budget.

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Standards and Guidelines.

Adopted new standards for Elevation Acquisition Using LiDAR (NITC 3-203), Imagery (NITC 3-204), Street Centerline (NITC 3-205), and Address (NITC 3-206). The existing Geospatial Metadata (NITC 3-201) standards were updated to include changes in ISO data standards endorsed by the FGDC and to provide more definition to geospatial data elements.

Strategic Plan and Business Plans.

Strategic Plan completed in 2012 with stakeholder input from across the state. It served as a roadmap to setting statewide priorities and was used to develop the Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI) strategic initiative and action items. Completed the Elevation Business

Plan and Nebraska Statewide Parcel Geodatabase Development and Implementation Plan in 2015.

Workgroups.

Established ongoing working groups for NebraskaMAP, Street Centerline and Addressing, Imagery, Elevation, and Land Records to develop standards and business plans.

NESDI and Related Projects

Partners and resources have been finalized to begin implementation and finish LiDAR (elevation) coverage for the entire state. A Nebraska Statewide Parcel Geodatabase was developed and implemented to gather core land records information from counties on an annual basis for use in State business operations. Established a statewide K-12 GIS Education Initiative by leveraging a statewide enterprise license agreement for software and services to private and public schools. An online geospatial data clearinghouse called NebraskaMAP was released in 2016. It currently provides more than 150 authoritative data sets for Nebraska.

Progress Reports

More detailed information regarding the GIS Council's accomplishments is available in the Nebraska Information Technology Commission's biennial progress reports (<http://nitc.nebraska.gov/commission/reports/reports.html>).

BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of Geologists

Contact Person: Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant
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Purpose: The mission of the Board is to assure geological practices in Nebraska are carried out by qualified individuals to ensure the safeguarding of life, health, and property of the citizens of Nebraska. The mission is carried out by: Assuring that those who serve the public through the practice of geology have the education and experience needed to be competent in the field; enforcing the Geologists Regulation Act through education and compliance oversight; and providing quality and responsive regulatory services.

How Many Affectable: Safeguards life, health, property, and promotes public welfare of those in Nebraska.

How Many Served: Approximately 324 Licensees, 20 Examinees, 58 Organizations, 2 Temporary Permits, 12 Emeritus Members, and the public through public awareness of what geologists do and why licensure is important.

Year Created: 1998

Year Active: 1998

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-3520

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Six professional geologists, one of which is an education member who is a member of the professional faculty of a geology or geosciences department of a college or university located in Nebraska; and one public member. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3520.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared through a Service Contract with the Board of Engineers and Architects

FY 13-14 Budget: 23,918.00

FY 14-15 Budget: 26,6870.00

FY 15-16 Budget: 26,157.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes – Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3524

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Legislature revised the Geologists Regulation Act in 2013 along with the Title 171 of the NAC to bring the Act and Rules up to date with current practices and national Model Law as well as add an additional pathway to licensure for some applicants.

In 2013, online license renewals were offered streamlining the process for both the licensee and staff. The Board is currently paying for the online processing fee for the licensees.

The Board was able to reduce many of the fees associated with examinations and licensure in 2015 due to reaching its targeted Cash Fund Reserve as set forth in Board Policy G-P08.01.

GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Governor's Residence Advisory Commission

Contact Person: Doug Hanson, Administrator for the Task Force for Building
Renewal (individual is Secretary for the Commission)
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Doug.hanson@nebraska.gov

Purpose: The Commission shall conduct an annual inspection of the Governor's Residence. A report of the inspection shall be submitted to the Governor within 30 days after the day of the inspection.

How Many Affectable: Anyone interested in visiting the Governor's mansion

How Many Served: On average, approximately 14,500 to 15,000 people visit the Governor's Residence Annually. This includes public tours, school groups, luncheon guests, Holiday events and Husker Tailgates.

Year Created: 1998

Year Active: 1998

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 72-2101, 72-2102, 72-2103, 72-2104, and 72-2105

Parent Agency: Department of Administrative Services

Number of Members: Six (6) at large members, 2 from each congressional district with no more than 3 being from the same political party, the Governor's spouse; the Director of Administrative Services or designee; the Administrator for the Task Force for Building Renewal; Director of Nebraska Historical Society; and a current member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: N/A

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. Expenses for travel/lodging and public notice of meetings.

Term Length: Six (6) at large members appointed for four year terms. Those designated by position serve for as long as they occupy that position.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Expense reimbursements and public notices

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Conducted eight (8) inspections and/or site visits, 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 wall finish repairs, carpet replacement, Great Room wall repairs, electrical and lighting repairs, painting, and transitional renovations for change of Governors.

GOVERNORS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Governors Technical Advisory Committee on Assessment and Accountability

Contact Person: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D. Commissioner of Education

Purpose: Review the statewide assessment plan, statewide assessment instruments, and the accountability system as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-760.03 in order to advise the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the State Department of Education.

How Many Affectable: Over 300,000 students in public education

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2008

Year Active: 2008

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 79-760.03

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Three nationally recognized experts in educational assessment and measurement, one administrator from a school in Nebraska, one teacher from a school in Nebraska

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Travel Expenses

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A
Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: N/A
Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: N/A
Held FY 15-16: 1

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$7000.
FY 14-15 Budget: \$7000.
FY 15-16 Budget: \$7000.

Other Funding Sources: General Funds

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Advised on statewide interim assessment system, statewide accountability development, statewide assessment plan, professional development related to statewide assessment, statewide writing test score release, statewide writing online administration, revised accountability system within A Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT), technical quality of assessment instruments, and revision of statewide assessments to assess college and career ready standards of English Language Arts and Mathematics.

GRAIN SORGHUM DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION & MARKETING
BOARD

Survey Response

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

Contact Person: Barbara Kliment, Executive Director
Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board
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Phone: 4024714276

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 producers.

How Many Affectable: All sorghum producers in Nebraska

How Many Served: All affectable were served

Year Created: 1981

Year Active: 1981

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 2-4001 to 2-4020

Parent Agency: N/A

Number Of Members: Seven (7)

Who Appoints: 6 - Governor Appointed; 1 - Board Elected

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: Citizen of Nebraska, at least 21 years of age, and derive a portion of their income from growing grain sorghum.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: Yes - actual and necessary

Term Length: Three (3) years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$23,282 (Administration, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)
FY 14-15 Budget: \$18,233 (Administration, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)
FY 15-16 Budget: \$20, 202 (Administration, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)

Other Funding Sources: As a Qualified State Organization of the United Sorghum Checkoff Program, the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board receives passback funds (15-25% of funds collected in Nebraska - as determined annually by the USCP Board of Directors).

Spending Authority: Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Order, established pursuant to the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996 (7 USC §§ 7411-7425)

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Grain Sorghum Board continues to maintain its basic programs of market development, research, producer-consumer education and federal legislative affairs. International marketing efforts are conducted through the national checkoff program insofar as 75% of the national checkoff funds collected in the state remain with the national board. Those efforts are carried out in collaboration with and through the U.S. Grains Council, the international marketing arm of the industry. Council programs for sorghum are jointly planned and coordinated throughout their network of offices in key markets around the world. International market development programs are vital to sorghum producers inasmuch as 30 to 50% of the U.S. sorghum crop is exported. Key international customers include China, Mexico, Japan, the Middle East and Europe. Growth in food uses for sorghum creates new, high-value demand.

The Sorghum Board continues their in-state promotion efforts of sorghum for food uses. Educational programs include cooking demonstrations, publication and distribution of recipes,

enhanced visibility via social media, etc. Sorghum is gaining awareness and popularity among professional chefs, nutritionists and the healthy consumer. In 2015 sorghum consumption as a food grain increased nearly 40 percent compared to the previous year and secured a three percent overall market share. The number of products on the grocery shelf that contain sorghum has eclipsed 350 products. As well, mainstream brands are adding sorghum to new products every year. Recipes developed by the Sorghum Board are also made available for publication on the National sorghum checkoff consumer webpage. Board staff fields numerous calls on how to cook/bake with sorghum and where to purchase.

Producer education efforts include sorghum hybrid demonstration plots, field days, educational 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 Leadership Education Action Development Program, Ag in the Classroom, Ag Day Promotions, and Ag Safety Camps.

Program funds invested in federal legislative issues primarily relate to the Farm Bill and Crop Insurance Program and are conducted in collaboration with and through the National Sorghum Producers. Close communication is also maintained with USDA and cooperators relative to conservation programs as they impact sorghum. In June of 2015, the Department of Energy announced \$30 million investment for sorghum research that will bring high breeding technology to the industry. Also in October, 2015 DOE announced a second major investment focusing on 2 projects at 13 institutions including the University of Nebraska as a program leader. Projects will study drought tolerance and nitrogen usage as well as microbiological interactions to enhance sorghum as a biofuels crop. In 2016 the sorghum industry was faced with a 9th Circuit Court decision that cancelled all previously registered sulfaxaflor products, which included Transform WG. This products was widely used for the control of the sugarcane aphid, a new insect pest to sorghum. The Board worked through the Department of Agriculture to secure emergency use exemptions to allow this crop protection tool to be available to sorghum producers.

The Board has voiced their continued support for the Renewable Fuels Standard volumes and growth that will contribute to rural economic development and job creation.

GRAPE AND WINERY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Grape and Winery Board

Contact Person: Max McFarland, Chairman
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Lexington, NE 68850
Phone: (308) 324-5375

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.

How Many Affectable: All adult Nebraska citizens and out-of-state tourists.

How Many Served: An estimated 110,000 visitors to Nebraska wineries every year

Year Created: 2000

Year Active: 2000

Sunset Date: Not specified

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 53-301

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Five

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 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.

Per Diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
Term Length: 3 years
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2
Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 2
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 2
Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared. The boards Winery and Grape Producers Promotional Fund is located in the Department of Agriculture. An individual, working on a part-time contractual basis for the board, assists the department in fulfilling the clerical responsibilities associate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$113,164.30
FY 14-15 Budget: \$220,871.10
FY 15-16 Budget: \$280,703.61

Other Funding Sources: N/A

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.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board of Directors met twice during the fiscal year. 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, 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. 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 were approved for funding. For a complete list of all

projects, and their respective amounts, please refer to the 2014 Annual Report found at <http://www.grapeandwineryboard.nebraska.gov>. The Board released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in February 2014 seeking grant proposals from individual growers, farm wineries, organizations, industry groups, or academic institutions for the 2014 2015 fiscal year. A total of nine proposals were approved for funding.

Overview of Activities for FY 14-15 The Board of Directors met twice during the fiscal year. Priority funding was given to marketing and research projects targeted at increasing the sales and production of Nebraska grapes and or wines. For a complete list of all projects, and their respective amounts, please refer to the 2015 Annual Report found at <http://www.grapeandwineryboard.nebraska.gov>. The Board released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in March 2015 seeking grant proposals from individual growers, farm wineries, organizations, industry groups, or academic institutions for the 2015 2016 fiscal year. A total of 12 proposals were approved for funding.

Overview of Activities for FY15-16 The Board of Directors met once during the fiscal year. The Board released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in March 2016 seeking grant proposals from individual growers, farm wineries, organizations, industry groups, or academic institutions for the 2016 2017 fiscal year. A total of seven proposals were approved for funding. 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, support Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association (NWGGA) activities, and work closely with the University of Nebraska Lincoln to receive guidance and education based upon industry research. Documents and information pertinent to the Boards functions and history can also be found at <http://www.grapeandwineryboard.nebraska.gov>.

HALL OF FAME COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission

Contact Person: Trevor Jones, Secretary
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Purpose: To officially recognize Nebraskans who have achieved prominence.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1961

Year Active: 1961

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-724

Parent Agency: Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS)

Number of Members: 6 appointed, 7th is the- Director of the NSHS who serves as a voting member and as Commission Secretary; In addition, the Governor is an ex officio member.

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Not stipulated in statute other than no more than three appointees can be affiliated with the same political party.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Six years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: No requirement; meets as necessary to conduct business

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: See above

Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: See above

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: NSHS Director and support services from the NSHS staff in setting meetings, and processing Commissioners' travel and meeting expenses in accordance with state procedures

Shared or Separate: Shared with the NSHS

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: Receives contributions for the design and fabrication of each inductee's bust to be displayed in the Capitol.

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Selected, created the bust and, in 2014, installed Dr. Albert Saunders Johnson in the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Currently in the second year of the prescribed five-year cycle. Receives nomination from the public in years one and two. Consideration of nominees begins in year three.

HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

Survey Response

Formal Name: Health Advisory Board (Department of Motor Vehicles)

Contact Person: Sara O'Rourke

Purpose: The Health Advisory Board (Department of Motor Vehicles) provides medical advice to the Director regarding applicants' mental and physical capabilities to safely operate motor vehicles.

How Many Affectable: 1,000

How Many Served: None - the Board has not convened for a number of years.

Year Created: 1994

Year Active: 1994

Sunset Date: NA

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 60-4,118 thru 60-4,118.04

Parent Agency: Department of Motor Vehicles

Number of Members: Six

Who Appoints: Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles with the advice and recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: One general practice physician, one physician engaged in the practice of ophthalmology, one physician engaged in the practice of orthopedic surgery, one physician engaged in the practice of neurological medicine and surgery, one optometrist and one psychiatrist.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Initially, two shall be appointed for four years, two shall be appointed for three years and two shall be appointed for two years. Thereafter, each member shall be appointed for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None
Held FY 13-14: None

Required FY 14-15: None
Held FY 14-15: None

Required FY 15-16: None
Held FY 15-16: None

Support Staff: NA

Shared or Separate: No special funding.

FY 13-14 Budget: NA
FY 14-15 Budget: NA
FY 15-16 Budget: NA

Other Funding Sources: NA

Spending Authority: Board expenses in 60-4,118.02

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board has not convened for a number of years.

HEALTH CARE DATA BASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Martin Swanson, Health Policy Administrator
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Purpose: Pursuant to 71-9202, the Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee was created to make recommendations regarding the creation and implementation of the Nebraska Health Care Data Base which shall provide a tool for objective analysis of health care costs and quality, promote transparency for health care consumers, and facilitate the reporting of health care and health quality data. The Nebraska Health Care Data Base shall be used to:(1) Provide information to consumers and purchasers of health care;(2) Determine the capacity and distribution of existing health care resources;(3) Identify health care needs and inform health care policy;(4) Evaluate the effectiveness of intervention programs on improving patient outcomes;(5) Review costs among various treatment settings, providers, and approaches; and(6) Improve the quality and affordability of patient health care and health care coverage.

How Many Affectable: Not applicable

How Many Served: Not applicable

Year Created: 2014

Year Active: 2014

Sunset Date: 2014

Authorization

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-9201 to 71-9204

Parent Agency: Department of Insurance

Number of Members: 12 members, plus 3 ex officio

Who Appoints: Director of Insurance

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: A member of academia with experience in health care data and cost efficiency research; at least one representative of hospitals; at least one representative of physicians; at least one other representative of health care providers; a representative of small employers that purchase group health insurance for employees, which representative is not an insurer or insurance producer; a representative of large employers that purchase health insurance for employees, which representative is not an insurer or insurance producer; at least one health care consumer advocate, knowledgeable about private market insurance, public health insurance programs, enrollment and access, or related areas and has background or experience in consumer health care advocacy; at least one representative of health insurers; a representative of organizations that facilitate health information exchange to improve health care for all Nebraskans; and at least one representative of local public health departments. The Director of Insurance or his or her designee (es officio); the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee (ex officio); and the Director of Public Health of the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee (ex officio).

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: indefinite

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:

Meetings Required In:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: CY 14: No set number of meetings required.

Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY: N/A

Held FY 15-16: N/A

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-9204(2), the Committee produced recommendations to the Director of Insurance related to a Nebraska Health Care Data Base. The recommendations were finalized on December 5, 2014. With the recommendations, the Committee completed its statutory obligations and work. The Director of Insurance forwarded these recommendations to the Governor and Legislature pursuant to statute.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Highway Commission

Contact Person: Sarah Kugler
State Highway Commission Secretary
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Lincoln, NE 68509-4759
(402) 479-4871

Purpose: The Commission was established to further public relation functions and assure the continuation of a representative group to serve as a liaison between the citizens, highway department, and governor. The purpose of the State Highway Commission is to support this mission by carrying out its duties as stated in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-1110.

How Many Affectable: The entire State of Nebraska, and visitors to the state.

How Many Served: No records are kept of individual contacts.

Year Created: 1953

Year Active: 1953

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 39-1101

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Roads

Number of Members: 8; In addition, the Director-State Engineer of the Nebraska Department of Roads is an ex officio member.

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Citizen of the United States, not less than thirty years of age, and a bona fide resident of the State of Nebraska and of the district from which he or she is appointed for at least three years immediately preceding his or her appointment. Not more than four members shall be of the same political party. In addition, the Director-State Engineer of the Nebraska Department of Roads is an ex officio member.

Per Diem: \$20/day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 6

Held FY 13-14: 7

Required FY 14-15: 6

Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: 6

Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared, Nebraska Department of Roads

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The State Highway Commission met one-on-one with multiple constituents across Nebraska, acknowledging and addressing their concerns; held several stakeholder meetings with citizens and business owners during the design phases of various projects; acted in an advisory capacity in support of LB 610 (2015) which later passed; passed resolution and acted in an advisory capacity in support of LB 960 (2016) which later passed; advised governor to approve the project corridor location, highway relinquishment agreement, and access control plan of S-30-6(1046), Schuyler to Rogers, C.N. 32033; S-30-6(1045), Rogers to North Bend, C.N. 21558; and S-30-6(1044), North Bend to Fremont, C.N. 20626; advised governor to approve the project location, project design, and access control plan of NH-385-3(118), Junction L-62AIS-385 to Alliance, C.N. 51432; advised governor to authorize NDOR to draft and enter into an agreement with Iowa and the Burt County Bridge Commission, to effectuate the transfer of the Decatur Toll Bridge to Nebraska and Iowa, as required by State Statute 39-895; advised governor to approve the relinquishment for a portion of State Highway Link 56C in Hershey, Nebraska, from Highway Reference Post 1.48 to Highway Referenced Post 1.98, the acquisition of control of access rights on the proposed new alignment of State Highway Link 56C or L56C, and at the junction of L56C

and US Highway 30, US-30; advised governor to approve the relinquishment of State Highway Spur S64G in Peru, Nebraska, from Highway Reference Post 0.13 to Highway Reference Post 0.62.

HOMELAND SECURITY POLICY GROUP

Survey Response

Formal Name: Homeland Security Policy Group

Contact Person: Lt Governor Mike Foley (402) 471-2256
Bryan Tuma, Asst. Dir., NEMA (402) 471-7401
Nikki Weber, Preparedness Mgr, NEMA (402) 471-7226

Purpose: Assess strategic alternatives and recommend broad courses of action for the development of comprehensive strategies.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2006 (LB940)

Year Active: 2006

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-830

Parent Agency: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) under leadership of Lt Governor as State Homeland Security Director

Number of Members: Determined by Governor. Current membership - 10 plus 2 ex-officio, non-voting members named by Executive Board of the Legislative Council from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs and Appropriations Committees.

Who Appoints: Governor and Executive Board of the Legislative Council

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: None

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: At pleasure of Governor

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: As needed
Held FY 13-14: Two

Required FY 14-15: As needed
Held FY 14-15: Two

Required FY 15-16: As needed
Held FY 15-16: Two

Support Staff: NEMA

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: None
FY 14-15 Budget: None
FY 15-16 Budget: None

Other Funding Sources: Homeland Security Grants (Federal)

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Provides annual report to the Legislature Executive Board identifying federal funds sent to the state in support of its preparedness activities and indicating the use of federal funds received by the state for homeland security, including specific amounts allocated to any unit of state or local government and the use to which the unit shall apply the funds.

COMMISSION ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Commission on Housing and Homelessness

Contact Person: Brian Gaskill
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Purpose: The objective of the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness is to develop ongoing, specific policies and program recommendations for the Governor that address affordable housing and homelessness at risk of homelessness issues. Issues include identifying and monitoring the implementation of: Models of community-based affordable housing production and homeless near-homeless programs; Progressive housing and homelessness near-homelessness policies, plans and courses of action; and Continuum of Care-based models that provide supportive services for persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

How Many Affectable: Anyone who 120% of the area median income or less

How Many Served: A reasonable estimate for the number of persons served that the NCHH oversees would be 50,000 persons. This calculation is based on the number of housing units assisted; an average number per household plus the number of persons that the homeless providers identified within their programs.

Year Created: 1994

Year Active: 1996

Authorization Citation: Executive Order 94-6, See also Neb. Rev. Stat. §58.704

Parent Agency: Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development

Number of Members: 15

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: "...The committee shall consist of fifteen members who represent a wide range of interests associated with the development and sales of housing. The Governor shall appoint the members and a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the members. The committee may be a committee or council previously created by statute or executive order of the Governor. The Governor shall attempt to have the nonprofit and for-profit communities equally represented on the advisory committee." See also Neb. Rev. Stat. §58.704(2).

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings Required In:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: 1

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$2,484.80
FY 14-15 Budget: \$3,864.72
FY 15-16 Budget: \$2,294.38

Other Funding Sources: Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Spending Authority: Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

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, National Housing Trust Fund, Emergency Solutions Grant Program and Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund to the Governor and the Legislature.

NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

Contact Person: Scott Shafer
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Purpose: The purpose of the Commission shall be to join representatives of all Indians in Nebraska to do all things which it may determine to enhance the cause of Indian Rights and to develop solutions to problems common to all Nebraska Indians. The Commission is committed to the social and economic betterment of all American Indians living in the state of Nebraska and educates for a greater cultural understanding of the State's first citizens. NCIAs principles are based in honoring and respecting the government-to-government memorandum between the Governor and Nebraska's headquartered tribes.

How Many Affectable: All individuals in the state. Native issues, culture and history are interwoven with and constantly interacting with all aspects of the lives of Nebraska's citizens and visitors.

How Many Served: Total Native Population in Nebraska is approximately 22,500.

Year Created: 1971

Year Active: 1971

Sunset Date: There is no sunset date for our agency

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2504

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 14 Commissioners

Who Appoints: Eight members are selected by the tribes for approval by the Governor. The remaining six members are appointed by the governor.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Members must be an enrolled tribal member. The Commission shall consist of fourteen members who shall be enrolled tribal members of a federally recognized Indian tribe residing with the state of Nebraska and from the following categories: Two from the Omaha Tribe reservation; two from the Winnebago Tribe reservation; two from the Santee Tribe

reservation; two from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; one from the City of Lincoln; two from the city of Omaha; one from the district comprised of Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, and Box Butte counties; one from the district comprised of Garden, Deuel, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff counties; and one member at large.

Per Diem: \$50

Expense Reimbursement: Yes for travel and other necessary expense to attend board meetings and other activities deemed relevant to conducting agency business and supporting it mission.

Term Length: Four (4) years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Operations

Support Staff: 2

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 205,261

FY 14-15 Budget: 208,175

FY 15-16 Budget: 219,237

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2503

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Academy (2016)

21 Native students participated in a five day leadership camp hosted at Doane College in Crete, NE. Students engaged in a digital story telling workshop telling stories about their lives and their commitment to developing as leaders in their communities.

Joint publishing project with UNL Center for Great Plains Studies (2016)

NCIA has partnered with UNL Center for Great Plains Studies on development and publishing of the book *The Long Struggle*. This book is an important addition to Nebraska's historical record concerning the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's relocation to Oklahoma.

Partnership with Hastings College (2016)

NCIA has partnered with Hasting College to produce a *Follow the Trail* pamphlet for distribution to travelers and tourists across Nebraska. Anticipated for 2016 is a partnership with the college to conduct a service learning project focused on the Standing Bear historic trail.

Chief Standing Bear Scholarships (2016)

Awarded two scholarships of \$2,500 each to Native students in Nebraska.

Partnership with UNL Mid-American Transportation Center and UNL History Department (2015)

NCIA has partnered with UNL Mid-American Transportation Center and UNL History Department to develop a state of the art web page and map depicting the Ponca Relocation Journey from Nebraska to Oklahoma.

Co-Host of Hubbard Lecture (2015)

The University of Nebraska State Museum welcomed filmmakers Dr. Elizabeth A. Castle and Christina D. King with Marcy Gilbert and Madonna Thunder Hawk for the third annual Claire M. Hubbard First Peoples of the Plains Lecture on Oct. 1 at the Sheldon Museum of Art. "Warrior Women" is the untold story of mothers and daughters fighting for civil rights in the American Indian Movement of the 1970s.

Reappointed to the Minority Task Force (2015)

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Academy (2015)

38 Native students participated in a five day leadership camp hosted at Doane College in Crete, NE. As part of the camp, students visited the Nebraska State Capitol, the Makers Space at UNL's Innovation Campus, the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, National Park Service in Omaha, and the Joslyn Art Museum.

Standing Bear and the Trail Ahead Symposium (2015)

In 2015, the Chief Standing Bear Breakfast was held in conjunction with the Center for Great Plains Symposium, creating a two day event *Standing Bear and the Trail Ahead*. On May 14th and 15th, the Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs brought together an exceptional gathering of Native American talent and achievement in Lincoln, NE. Over the course of the two days the symposium explored the status, challenges, and opportunities and prospects that Native Americans face going forward. The 2015 keynote speaker for the Chief Standing Bear Breakfast was Emmy Award winning news anchor and journalist Hattie Kauffman, who recently published her memoir *Falling Into Place* in 2013.

Chief Standing Bear Hiking & Biking Trail (2015)

Facilitated the transfer of land ownership from the Nebraska Trails Foundation to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

Native Daughters Oklahoma Curriculum (2015)

Partnered with UNL College of Journalism and Oklahoma Humanities to develop a free downloadable curriculum to accompany the Native Daughters Oklahoma magazine. Curriculum completed July 2015.

UNL Digital Humanities Collaboration (2015)

NCIA worked with a group of four UNL graduate students who are part of the UNL Digital Humanities program to develop a new interactive Standing Bear Trail map.

Membership on the Lincoln Community Foundation Board (2015)

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Academy (2014)

20 Native students participated in a digital story telling workshop held at Mahoney State Park. Students created movies exploring their self-identity.

Hubbard Lecture (2014)

On October 10, 2014, the University of Nebraska State Museum and NCIA partnered with the Claire M. Hubbard Foundation to welcome author and educator Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve and attorney Gena Timberman for the second annual Claire M. Hubbard First Peoples of the Plains Lecture at the Sheldon Museum of Art, 12th and R streets.

UNL EPSCOR Science Grant Project (2014)

NCIA is a program partner with the University of Nebraska on this grant project. The grant, a Research Infrastructure Improvement Track 3 award, is part of a pilot program through NSF and EPSCoR -- Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research -- to target underrepresented populations in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, often referred to as the STEM fields.

Chief Standing Bear Scholarships (2014)

Awarded two scholarships of \$2,500 each to Native students in Nebraska. This marks the eighth year of this program with a total of 26 students receiving \$35,000 of donated funds to pursue their dreams of higher education.

Hubbard Lecture (2013)

Gyasi Ross, "The Brilliance of Indigenous Mentorship and the Current Crisis to Native Communities When Mentorship Disappears On Friday, October 11, 2013, NCIA partnered with the Claire M. Hubbard Foundation and UNL to present the Hubbard Lecture, featuring Gyasi Ross. The goal of the annual lecture and surrounding events is to help advance the understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of the First Peoples of the Plains. Ross, who lives in Seattle, graduated from Columbia Law School and is a practicing attorney with Crowell Law Office-Tribal Advocacy Group, specializing in the economic development of tribes. Ross' family comes from the Suquamish Nation and Ross has continued his family's storytelling legacy with

the publication of his first book of short stories and poems in 2011. He is also a frequent contributor to the Seattle Times, Indian Country Today and the Huffington Post.

Membership on Racial Profiling Advisory Committee Crime Commission (2013)

Membership on UNL Presidents Advisory Committee (2013)

Membership on Community Justice Committee (2013)

Chief Standing Bear Breakfast (2013)

In 2013, the Chief Standing Bear Breakfast was held on Friday, May 10 in La Vista with nearly 700 in attendance. The keynote speaker was Roger Welsch, he has written more than 40 books, including *Its not the End of the Earth, But You Can See It From Here*; *Busted Tractors and Rusty Knuckles*; *Touching the Fire: Buffalo Dancers, the Sky Bundle, and Other Tales*; and his most recent, *Embracing Fry Bread: Confessions of a Wannabe*. His work has appeared in *Natural History Magazine*, *Readers Digest*, *Esquire Gentleman*, and elsewhere. He is a past recipient of the Mari Sandoz Award and the 1996 Man of the Year in Service to Nebraska Agriculture. His *Postcard from Nebraska* was a bi-weekly feature on CBSs Sunday Morning. In 1967, he was adopted into the Omaha Tribe and maintains strong ties to the tribe and to the Native American Church. He serves on behalf of the Pawnee Tribe as Ex-Officio representative for the tribe on the board of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs.

Online Screening of Challenges of Native American Women (2013)

NET Television, in collaboration with Vision Maker Video is pleased to host this interactive online screening and chat focusing on the Challenges of Native American Women. Our online guests are producer Princella Parker of the Omaha tribe and Judi Gaiashkibos, director of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs. We have two films to screen--the premiere of a short film, produced by Princella Parker, called *The Quiet Power of Danelle Smith* and an excerpt from the PBS special *Kind Hearted Woman*. Following the screening well have a discussion comparing the two films and the challenges both women face.

Chief Standing Bear Trail Project (2013)

Work continues to evolve on this project with a work group consisting of academic representatives from the University of Nebraska and Hastings College. Other participants include Nebraska Department of Roads, Nebraska Tourism, private sector business leaders and humanities representatives in Kansas and Oklahoma. Honorary Chair of the group is Nebraska Congressman Jeff Fortenberry. Plans are being finalized to partner with University of Nebraska's Center for Great Plains Studies to host a symposium on the trail and related issues. This symposium is scheduled for spring of 2015 in either Lincoln or Omaha.

Centennial Mall Partnership (2013)

Partnering with the Centennial Mall coalition to include a significant Native historical, cultural and educational component to the nearly \$10 million dollar redevelopment of the Centennial Mall in Lincoln.

Pawnee Arts Center-University of Nebraska Kearney Collaboration (2013)

Facilitated collaboration between the University of Nebraska-Kearney Center for Rural Research and Development, UNK ENACTUS student business group and the Pawnee Art Center in Dannebrog, Nebraska. The UNK group has agreed to consult with the Center and develop partnerships with local resources to help facilitate the mission of the Center to market Native artists work and educate the public about the history and culture of the Pawnee tribe.

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Academy (2013)

30 Native junior high and high school students attended a three day camp at Mahoney State Park. Students attended discussions on leadership and personal development.

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Project (2013)

)20+ Native students from Nebraska, in conjunction with DHHS and federal Maternal Children and Health grant are developing health related Public Service Announcements for broadcast and use in Nebraska and the United States.

ICWA Hearing (2012)

Co-hosted in Macy, Nebraska a public hearing with the Nebraska Legislature and Nebraska Appleseed Foundation to hear testimony about foster care and ICWA issues in the state of Nebraska. The agency continues to work with members of the states tribal relations committee to review ICWA and foster care issues for Native youth in Nebraska.

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Project (2012)

Held a 2 day camp leadership camp for 27 Native high school students at Ponca State Park. The camp featured presentations by nationally recognized Native leaders. In partnership with NET, a Nebraska Stories piece was produced and broadcast across the state.

TECHNICAL PANEL OF THE NEBRASKA INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Contact Person: Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer

Purpose: The mission of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) 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 Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-515

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 9 voting; 1 nonvoting legislative liaison; 1 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 §§ 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: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Office of the Chief Information Officer

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: The NITC relies on the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for staff and operational support. Those expenses are reflected in Program 101, which is part of the OCIOs appropriation and budget.

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

- **Statewide Technology Plan.** Prepared and revised a “Statewide Technology Plan” including approval of strategic initiatives and action items supporting each initiative. The current initiatives are: State Government IT Strategy, Cloud Strategy, State IT Spending Analysis, IT Security, Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI), Network Nebraska,

Digital Education, Community IT Development, and eHealth. Received progress reports on the action items for each initiative.

(http://nitc.nebraska.gov/documents/statewide_technology_plan.pdf)

- **Budget Request Reviews.** Reviewed and made recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on information technology project proposals submitted as part of the 2013-2015 biennial budget (22 projects), the 2014 deficit budget (1 project), and the 2015-2017 biennial budget (13 projects).
- **Advisory Council Activities.** Received reports and updates on the activities of the Commission’s advisory councils. Some of the reports and activities included:
 - **Community Council.** Broadband best practices, broadband map, broadband plan, broadband conference, broadband newsletter, community planning workbook, and business survey results;
 - **eHealth Council.** Operational eHealth Plan, NeHII consumer site, Connect the Docs, Strategic eHealth Plan, Health Information Exchange goals, State HIE Cooperative Agreement, and Health Information Exchange grants;
 - **Education Council.** Network Nebraska, Network Nebraska market survey, Digital Education, and eRate;
 - **GIS Council.** NebraskaMAP, Nebraska Geospatial Strategic Plan, Nebraska Geospatial Business Plan, Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure, Nebraska K-12 Educational GIS Initiative, and Statewide LiDAR Project; and,
 - **State Government Council.** Security Architecture Workgroup, Cyber Security Conferences, Open Data Workgroup, IT procurement reviews, enterprise email, enterprise agreements, Nebraska Digital Government Summits, and CIO Roadmap.
- **Standards and Guidelines.** Reviewed and approved 21 new or amended technical standards and guidelines.
- **Enterprise Projects.** Designated certain projects as “Enterprise Projects.” Monitored the status of Enterprise Projects through reports from the Technical Panel at each regular meeting of the Commission. Closed projects that were completed.
- **Progress Reports.** Prepared and submitted biennial progress reports to the Governor and Legislature. Reports were dated November 15, 2012 and November 15, 2014. The next progress report will be posted on the NITC’s website by November 15, 2016. More details on the NITC’s accomplishments are available in these biennial progress reports (<http://nitc.nebraska.gov/commission/reports/reports.html>).

INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY TASK FORCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Intergenerational Poverty Task Force

Contact Person: Doug Weinberg, Director Children and Family Services
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Purpose: The Intergenerational Poverty Task Force shall, with respect to programs, including, but not limited to, the aid to dependent children program described in section 43-513, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq., as such sections existed on January 1, 2015, the child care assistance program described in section 68-1206, and the Employment First program developed pursuant to the self-sufficiency contract described in sections 68-1719 to 68-1724 and rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services:

Share, examine, and analyze data and information regarding intergenerational poverty in the state with a primary focus on data and information regarding children who are at risk of continuing the cycle of poverty unless outside intervention is made and develop effective and efficient plans, programs, and recommendations to help such children escape the cycle of poverty;

Encourage participation and input from academic experts, advocacy groups, nonprofit corporations, local governments, and faith-based institutions in exploring strategies and solutions to help children who are victims of intergenerational poverty escape the cycle of poverty;

Study, evaluate, and report on the status and effectiveness of policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other states and by nongovernmental entities that address the needs of and that provide services to children affected by intergenerational poverty;

Identify policies, procedures, and programs, including any lack of interagency data sharing, lack of policy coordination, or current federal requirements, that are impeding efforts to help children in the state affected by intergenerational poverty escape the cycle of poverty and recommend changes to those policies and procedures;

Create a long-range strategic plan containing:

Measurable goals and benchmarks, including future action needed to attain those goals and benchmarks, for decreasing the incidence of intergenerational poverty among the state's children and increasing the number of the state's children who escape the cycle of poverty; and

Recommended data-supported changes to policies, procedures, and programs to address the needs of children affected by intergenerational poverty and to help those children escape the cycle of poverty, including the steps that will be required to make the recommended changes and whether further action is required by the Legislature or the federal government; and

Recommended data-supported changes to policies, procedures, and programs to address the needs of children affected by intergenerational poverty and to help those children escape the cycle of poverty, including the steps that will be required to make the recommended changes and whether further action is required by the Legislature or the federal government; and

Protect the privacy of individuals living in poverty by using and distributing the data it collects or examines in compliance with federal requirements and with sections 84-712 to 84-712.09.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2015

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: December 31, 2016

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 50-429

Parent Agency: N/A

Number Of Members: 5 Voting Members, 3 Non-Voting Ex Officio Members, 14 Non-Voting Members

Who Appoints: The nonvoting members are appointed by the executive committee of the task force through an application and selection process.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members:

Voting members include; The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature; The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature; Three at-large members appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council

Non-voting, ex officio members: The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee; Commissioner of Labor; Commissioner of Education;

Other non-voting members: Advocacy groups that focus on childhood poverty issues and education issues; Academic experts in childhood poverty or education; Service providers; Educational institutions; Workforce development agencies; Experts in early childhood education

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A

Held FY 15-16: N/A

Support Staff: N/A

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Information gathering and fact finding to be completed in September. Policy and Legislative recommendations to be completed in October.

NEBRASKA INTERNET ENHANCEMENT FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund Advisory Board

Contact Person: Cullen Robbins

Purpose: The board was created to assist the Nebraska Public Service Commission in carrying out the purposes of the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund Program (NIEF). According to state statute (86-2306), "The fund shall be used to provide financial assistance to install and deliver broadband or other advanced telecommunications infrastructure and service throughout the state.

How Many Affectable: Not Applicable

How Many Served: Not Applicable

Year Created: 2001

Year Active: 2001

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Authorization Citation: The fund was authorized under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-2306; the Board was authorized under Title 291, NAC 5, § 006.15

Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Public Service Commission

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 2 representatives of local governments, 1 representative employed in economic development, 2 representatives of local exchange carriers, 1 internet service provider representative, 1 Commissioner or higher designee

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: None

Term Length: None Defined

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 0

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: blank

FY 14-15 Budget: blank

FY 15-16 Budget: 125,000

Other Funding Sources: The fund may receive gifts, contributions, property, and equipment from public and private sources. One such source is from agencies and political subdivisions that lease dark fiber pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-2301

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The NIEF Board only requests applications and awards grants when the fund is sufficient to support them. The last round of grants were awarded in January, 2012. The next round of grant applications and awards will occur in FY 16-17.

INVESTMENT COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Investment Council

Contact Person: Kathy Dawes
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Purpose: The Council is a centralized state investment agency that provides investment management services for the State of Nebraska. 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: Manages the investments of thirty different entities

How Many Served: All those affectable are served

Year Created: 1967

Year Active: 1969

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 72-1237

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: Five appointed members, plus the State Treasurer, the director of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems, and beginning January 1, 2017, the administrator of each retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: (1) 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 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: 7

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: N/A

Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared – Nebraska Investment Council

FY 13-14 Budget: \$2,503,619

FY 14-15 Budget: \$2,525,955

FY 15-16 Budget: \$2,614,346

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

2012 Accomplishments:

Revised the public equity investment structure to improve the risk adjusted return of this asset class and to improve the monitoring and evaluation of managers' policy benchmarks;

Increased the use of passive investment management in the non-U.S. equity asset allocation to improve the expected returns and lower costs;

Replaced two underperforming equity investment managers;

Completed the transfer of the Operating Investment Pool from external investment management back to internal management. This will save the State approximately \$800,000 per year in annual management fees;

Worked with the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems to successfully complete the transfer of \$272 million in assets from the State and County Defined Contribution plans to the State and County Cash Balance plans for the 1,634 members electing to convert on January 2, 2013; Worked with the State Treasurer and First National Bank of Omaha to enhance and improve the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (529 Plans);

Completed a Council member orientation/training manual; Completed the implementation of the compensation plan improvements for the investment professionals by acting to exempt them from the State Personnel System; As part of the effort to provide professional development, two investment staff completed their current level of the CFA program; Presented an updated analysis of the Health Care Cash Fund sustainability to a joint hearing of the Health and Human Services and Appropriations Committee; Continued to expand the staffs on-site due diligence of the external investment managers to improve direct oversight of the relationships.

2013 Accomplishments:

Completed an asset liability study for the DBCBB assets in 2013. The study was prepared by the Councils investment consultant, Hewitt EnnisKnupp (HEK). The study included an analysis of the impact on the risk and return characteristics for the portfolio of changing the asset allocation between Risk Assets (Equity Assets-Stocks, PE and RE) and Risk Mitigating Assets (Fixed Income). Given the cash flow needs of the retirement plans and the expectation (desire) to have the investments pay for a majority of the retirement cost with a reasonable level of certainty, the Council decided to not change the allocation between risk and risk mitigating investments of 70% and 30%, respectively.

Adopted a new strategic asset allocation for the DB plans and the CBB Plans which is included under those sections of the report. The new asset allocation increases the asset allocation to Real Estate from 5.0% to 7.5%. The Council approved three changes within the fixed income asset class for the DBCBB Plans. These changes are expected to improve the income yield of the fixed income assets; provide a hedge against a future rise in interest rates; and give greater discretion to the core-plus fixed income managers to tactically position their portfolios as needed given the uncertain economic and financial market environment.

The changes were:

- A. The core-plus fixed income investment manager guidelines were amended to permit more discretion to vary the portfolios duration (shorten or lengthen by 2 years) from the duration of the benchmark Barclays Universal Bond Index.
- B. Committed funds to two value-add fixed income strategies. One is the PIMCO BRAVO II fund which is a distressed credit fund focusing, but not limited to, RMBS and CMBS opportunities. The second is the Oaktree Real Estate Debt Fund.

- C. In November the Council approved an allocation of 5% of the total DBCBB Plan assets to senior bank loan investments. The goal is to provide a hedge against an expected rise in interest rates as the Federal Reserve begins to taper its quantitative easing policy by gradually reducing its purchase of mortgage back bonds and Treasury bonds. Made five commitments to private equity funds totaling \$135 million. Made a first time commitment to a real estate debt fund of \$30 million to diversify the real estate investments and enhance returns. Successfully worked with the Budget Office, State Personnel and the Retirement Systems Committee to add expenditure authority for a new Accountant position and to reclassify the part-time Auditor position to a full-time Internal Auditor position. Relocated the office on August 2nd to 1526 K Street. Conducted a review of the internally managed Operating Investment Pool to update investment guidelines.

2014 Accomplishments:

During 2014, the NIC, in cooperation with the State Treasurer, completed a request for proposal process for global custodian services. This process resulted in a continuation of the incumbent custodian bank with its low cost and broad service suite for the State.

The NIC was active adding mandates for the DBCBB Plans: Added bank loans, as a sub-asset class, to the fixed income portfolio. Bank loans now represent 5% of the total portfolio and the NIC appointed Franklin Templeton and Loomis Sayles to manage these new portfolios. Made real estate commitments to accommodate the increase in the real estate allocation from 5% to 7.5%. This increase will be supported by a 2.5% decrease in the U.S. equity allocation. These commitments include \$50 million to Landmark Real Estate Partners, L.P.; \$60 million to UBS-Trumbull Property Income Fund; \$60 million to Cornerstone Patriot Fund; \$30 million to Prudential PRISA II Fund and \$40 million to Almanac Realty Securities Fund VII. Made five private equity investments totaling \$136 million in new commitments. The investments include The Energy & Minerals Group Fund III, L.P.; Bridgepoint Europe V, L.P.; Quantum Energy Partners Fund VI, L.P.; Wynnchurch Fund IV, L.P. and Francisco Partners IV, L.P.

The NIC also made changes to existing mandates: For its lone global fixed income portfolio, the NIC terminated Rogge Global Partners and selected Wellington Management Company, LLP to provide for the management of this fixed income portfolio. In the U.S. equity portfolio, the NIC consolidated its two active portfolio managers, Turner Investments, Small-Mid Cap Growth strategy and DFA U.S. Small Cap Value, into a single small cap core strategy, DFA U.S. Small Cap Trust.

For the Operating Investment Pool (OIP) Intermediate Government-Corporate sub-portfolio, the NIC changed benchmarks. It went from the Barclays U.S. Intermediate Government Corporate Index to a blended approach. The blend is 60% Bank of America (ML) 1-10 Year U.S. Treasury & Agency Index, and 40% Bank of America (ML) 1-10 Year AAA-A Corporate Index.

For the General Endowments and the Health Care Endowment, the NIC was active adding to its private real estate portfolio and private equity portfolio, and modified its U.S. equity portfolio. In real estate, the NIC committed \$5mm to the Cornerstone Patriot Fund and \$7.5 million to Landmark Real Estate Partner Fund. In private equity, the NIC committed \$20 million to Abbott

Capital Private Equity Fund VII. In the U.S. equity portfolio, the NIC consolidated its active investment managers. Turner Investments, Small-Mid Cap Growth assets and DFA U.S. Small Value Portfolio assets were transferred to DFA U.S. Small Cap Portfolio.

2015 Accomplishments:

The Council has built a solid investment program. In 2015, we began a strategic review of the portfolio. The Council investment team will take on an asset class at a time in a multi-year process. We use a "blank sheet" approach that does not simply target underperforming managers. We ask instead: Does the asset class have a place in the portfolio. If so, what style, what weight, and, finally, which managers? We chose global equity as our first asset class for review. We have used both existing and potential investment managers as an extension of staff and asked them the simple question, "What type of global equity portfolio would best serve Nebraska's needs over the next five-year period" The intention is that after five years we will repeat the analysis. We have sent the best of the ideas to our consultant Aon Hewitt for analysis. Together, we will devise a final structure and select best-in-class managers to implement. This process is methodical investment management that keeps the portfolio fresh and fine-tuned. Without it, portfolios run the risk of being based on yesterday's best practices and ideas, not tomorrow's.

2015 saw other initiatives. We are going to establish an electronic research management system at the Council. Also known as "knowledge management," this collaborative database will allow the Investment Team to better track and report due diligence, performance and other financial and statistical information.

The Investment Team investigated several systems during 2015. Working with a local provider, we will have a customized solution to implement in 2016. This year we continued external collaboration with public and private partners. As stated previously, the State's operating funds are managed directly in-house by the Investment Team. The Council hosted a series of information sessions for Nebraska state government agencies so they could better understand how we manage that portfolio. The sessions were well-attended, and the Council plans to continue annual sessions beginning in 2016. We have strengthened our relationship with the State Treasurer's Office.

On the longer side of the investment spectrum, the Council approves investment options available through the Treasurer's college savings program, as well as for Enable, a tax-advantaged savings accounts used to pay for qualified disability-related expenses. But the Council is also in daily communication with the Treasurer's Office to provide funds to cover daily spending. This year, we established a clear protocol to ensure adequate notice for unusually large, one-time capital calls.

For the private sector, the Council administers the Time Deposit Open Account program that allows Nebraska banks to draw on state funds for strategic liquidity.

NEBRASKA INVESTMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

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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: Nebraska population at 150% of the poverty level or below

How Many Served: No data is kept

Year Created: 1983

Year Active: 1983

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 58-201 to 58-272

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Requirements follow Neb. Rev. Stat. § 58-226, which states in part:

“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.

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: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 7

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$5,958,700

FY 14-15 Budget: \$5,993,000

FY 15-16 Budget: \$6,385,000

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: NIFA derives its spending authority from the responsibilities given to it in the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 58-201 to 58-272.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: 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.

SINGLE FAMILY PROGRAM

Single Family First-Time Homebuyer Program

Since 2012, NIFA has provided low-interest mortgage financing for 7,847 low and moderate income Nebraska families to purchase their first home, financed by selling over \$841.7 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. NIFAs 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 \$6.5 million of down payment and closing cost assistance to 1,428 borrowers since 2012.

NIFA Homebuyer Certificate

In June 2012, NIFA launched a Homebuyer Three Steps to a NIFA Loan Campaign to increase awareness of NIFA and the benefits of our programs for qualified homebuyers. This campaign includes a tool on our website that provides potential homebuyers who meet certain guidelines a NIFA Homebuyer Certificate that they may take to a NIFA-participating lender to start their home buying process.

Natural Disaster Fund

In June 2014, NIFA created a \$2 million Natural Disaster Fund with special interest rate mortgage financing in eight Nebraska counties for households that lost their home due to the tornados that affected those areas.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

A critical component to NIFAs 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 2012, the program has awarded 48 grants totaling \$660,153 with matching funds of \$903,847. Housing Study Grants have been completed in numerous neighborhoods, villages, cities, and counties across the state of Nebraska. Affordable

Housing Dealmakers Marketplace

In 2016 NIFA celebrated its 14th year of hosting the Housing Innovation Marketplace, an annual housing conference aimed at stimulating the formation of affordable housing deals. The 2016 conference was attended by over 400 participants from such varied industries as banking, real estate, housing development, non-profit, local government, homebuilding and more.

RENTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)

NIFA has supported 35 affordable housing projects since 2012, allocating resources in 19 Nebraska counties to provide 1,220 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 projects required capital may be provided through the utilization of the federal rental housing tax credits.

Workforce Housing Pilot Program

NIFA's new Workforce Housing Initiative is designed to be a cooperative effort between NIFA and Nebraska communities to address the states need for workforce housing. Under the initiative, communities have access to financing options which are specific to their needs to assist with the development of newly constructed rental housing. NIFA created the Workforce Housing Pilot Program in 2016 to provide, on a shared-risk basis, financing or credit enhancement on a competitive basis for developments in all Nebraska counties other than Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy. Through a formal RFP process, five projects were submitted and three applicants were selected to work with NIFA in further refining project proposals. One of the applicants is currently in the final stages of their proposal for a workforce housing development in the city of Broken Bow.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

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 most recent Federal Farm Bill indexed the maximum loan amount to inflation. Currently, the maximum loan amount is \$520,000. Since

2012, this program has assisted 25 first-time farmers, with loans totaling \$7.1 million, helping to ensure the tenure of family farm operations in Nebraska.

Governors Ag Excellence Awards

NIFA sponsors and funds the Governors 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.

More information on the NIFA programs highlighted above can be found on NIFAs website www.nifa.org under Programs.

JAIL STANDARDS BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Jail Standards Board

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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: 69 adult detention, 3 juvenile detention and 3 staff secure facilities.

How Many Served: All counties that house prisoners, 75 facilities and their staff and inmates

Year Created: 1976

Year Active: 1980

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-4,124

Parent Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Number of Members: 12

Who Appoints: The Governor appoints 10 members in addition to the Director of the Department of Correctional Services and the Fire Marshal.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 2 NACo representatives, 1 NSBA representative, 1 juvenile detention center administrator, 1 municipal police chief, 1 sheriff, 1 administrator of a large jail (over 250 beds), 1 administrator of a juvenile staff secure facility, 2 lay persons, and the Fire Marshall and Department of Corrections. There must be at least one representative from each congressional district in the board membership.

Per Diem: None
Expense Reimbursement: For travel and meals only.
Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$296,693.00
FY 14-15 Budget: \$301,384.00
FY 15-16 Budget: \$309,693.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The primary responsibility of the Jail Standards Division is the implementation and administration of the Jail Standards program. Major activities related to this function in since July 1, 2012 are listed below.

Resource Development

Staff continually develop and update resource documents, prepare reports, respond to information requests and sponsor workshops related to relevant topics such as Inmate Behavior Management (2013), Jail Administration (2014, 2015), Jail Management Development(2015), sharing of inmate medical information (2013) and policy and procedure development (annually). Some print resources that were provided during this period include: Model Policy and Procedures, Model Jail Records, Policy and Procedure Resource Manual and Inmate Handbook, The Jail Planning and Construction Manual, Jail Bulletin Training Modules, and a wide variety of National Institute of Corrections materials.

Technical Assistance

Jail Standards staff provide assistance, where possible, to assist jails in meeting standards. During this period, technical assistance was provided in the following areas:

The Division has the responsibility for review of plans and specifications in jail facility construction and renovation. The Board must give final approval for all projects before they can be built. Staff establishes 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. Antelope County, Furnas County, Richardson County, Washington County, Seward County, Cheyenne County and Thurston County have had new facilities under construction or in planning stages during this period.

The Division regularly provides problem solving and technical assistance to jails related to provision of medical services, policy and procedure development and legal issues.

The Jail Standards Board

The Jail Standards program as established in 1975 under Chapter 83, Sections 4,124 - 4,134 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, provides for a twelve-member Jail Standards Board appointed by the Governor. This Board is responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of minimum standards for adult and juvenile detention facilities and for the maintenance, operation and construction of all local criminal detention facilities. Staff support to the Board is provided by the Jail Standards Division of the Nebraska Crime Commission. The Board met quarterly during this period to consider inspection reports, address local facility requests and consider approval of facility construction or renovation plans.

Data Collection

Since July 1, 2012, the Division continued to collect data on the characteristics and flow of inmate housing in jail facilities. For communities planning construction of new jail facilities, this data is essential in determining appropriate size and design characteristics. This provides an ongoing database that is critical to both state master planning and planning at the local facility.

Annual Inspections

Staff completed an annual inspection of all 69 adult jails, three juvenile detention centers, and three staff secure facilities in the state during this period. Written reports of these inspections were prepared and submitted to the Jail Standards Board for review and official action on a quarterly basis. During this time, sixteen different detention centers in Nebraska were officially out of compliance with the standards at some point. Adult facilities are 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.

Training

Jail Standards staff provide a variety of training opportunities for detention facility staff across the State. During this period, Jail Standards staff participated in providing Initial Jail Training for

463 new detention center staff in jails throughout Nebraska. This included training at the Law Enforcement Training Center, Hall County, Scottsbluff County, Lancaster County, Platte County, Buffalo County and Dakota County. In conjunction with the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association (NCAMA), Jail Standards staff presented the Annual Spring Conference for detention and corrections professionals. The 2013 Conference held in Kearney included 223 participants, 34 vendors and two days of training. The 2014 Conference included 236 participants, 24 vendors and two full days of training. The 2015 Conference included 254 participants, 30 vendors and two full days of excellent and relevant presentations designed to continue the professionalization of corrections and detention in Nebraska. In 2014, staff updated six units of the Initial Jail Training Program for new employees of adult jails. In 2013 and 2014 staff provided a Training-for-Trainers course for new jail training officers. In 2015 staff provided a Curriculum Development course for Jail training officers.

STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Board of Landscape Architects

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Purpose: The Mission of the Board is to protect the life, health, and property of the citizens of Nebraska by ensuring the licensure of individuals who practice the profession of landscape architecture and present themselves as Landscape Architects within the State. The use of the title Landscape Architect and the practice of the profession of Landscape Architecture are regulated within the state of Nebraska by state Statutes 81-8,184 to 81-8,208, the Professional Landscape Architects Act and Title 231 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapters 1-12, Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Landscape Architects.

How Many Affectable: All who seek an applicable license and those that benefit from their services

How Many Served: Approximately 112 Licensees, 4 examinees, and the public through public awareness of what landscape architects do and why licensure is important

Year Created: 1967

Year Active: 1968

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-8,186

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Six

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: Five professional landscape architects and one public member

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Five Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared through a Service Contract with the Board of Engineers and Architects

FY 13-14 Budget: 19,977.00

FY 14-15 Budget: 21,056.00

FY 15-16 Budget: 20,062.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes – Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,194

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board created a Task Force in 2013 to study possible revisions to the Professional Landscape Architects Act. The Task Force was charged with making revision recommendations to the Board related to the definition of landscape architecture, the addition of Emeritus Status for licensees, the creation of a Landscape Intern status, moving from an annual to biennial renewal period and changes to the professional development requirements. The Board reviewed these recommendations along with others during 2014 and 2015 including interested stakeholders. The resulting revisions were introduced as LB788 in 2016. Unfortunately the bill did not make it out of committee. As a regulatory board, the NSBLA has successfully protected the public health, safety, and welfare by insuring that individuals who are licensed in this State are qualified. The current chair of the Board served on the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Board (CLARB) Board of Directors from 2012-2015. CLARB is the national organization of licensing jurisdictions who is responsible for developing and administrating the license exam used by jurisdictions. They also promote the unification of licensing requirements

across jurisdictions to accommodate comity licensure. The administrative assistant to the Board has also served on the Member Board Executive Committee for the last two years.

COMMISSION ON LATINO AMERICANS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Commission on Latino Americans

Contact Person: Lazaro Spindola, Executive Director

Purpose: 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: 183,000

How Many Served: 61,000

Year Created: 1972

Year Active: 1972

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 81-8,262 81-8,271.01

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications Of Members: 1) gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences and special studies on problems and programs concerning Latino-Americans; 2) serve the needs of Latino-Americans; 3) develop, coordinate, and assist the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino-Americans; 4) propose new programs; 5) evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation; 6) stimulate public awareness of the problems of Latino-Americans; 7) conduct training programs for community leadership and service project staff. Nine members appointed by the Governor. The Governor or higher appointee shall be ex officio member of the commission with the power to vote.

Per Diem: \$35.00

Expense Reimbursement: Travel expenses

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: 1 Clerk; 1 Public Information Officer

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$178,681.00
FY 14-15 Budget: \$181,824.00
FY 15-16 Budget: \$185,036.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Activities report 2013-2014 During the 2013-2014 calendar year, the Commission fulfilled its mandates by participating and or organizing 149 research, information, training and cultural events for a total of 4470 hours of staff time.

In addition, Commission staff has translated 24 documents totaling 79 pages for other agencies including Secretary of State, Vocational rehabilitation, Ombudsman office, and others for an additional 198 hours of staff time. The activities are listed below according to the Commissions mandates. 75% of the Commission's staff time is spent in outreach activities. The activities were:

1. Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Latino-Americans. Nine Focus Groups held for Vocational Rehabilitation, Minority Justice Committee, and Dept. of Education. Five statistical analyses for the Racial Profiling Committee: Two information appearances at KZUM Radio: One research on Puerto Ricans in Nebraska: Two studies for the Hate Crime Advisory Committee: Six Information meetings with the Hate Crime Advisory Committee: University of Lincoln Study on Latino students: by Dr. Ted Hamann, in the 10 high schools that have the largest number of Latino students. UNL Film Panel: The Dream Is Now, addressing immigration reform and how students could be involved. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation Signing: Six Information

meetings with the Minority Justice Committee: Information on the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference Scholarship: Information luncheon at the Malone Center: Class at Wesleyan University

2. Serve the needs of Latino-Americans, especially in the fields of education, employment, health, housing, welfare, and recreation by offering such services as it may establish for the translation of documents and for the direct assistance of clients, exclusive of legal representation, in matters relating to any federal department or agency or any department or agency of the state or a political subdivision thereof; Twenty one events including The Minority Health Advisory Council; Latino Outreach Consortium; Minority Public Health Association, informational session about current legislation at state and federal levels. Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration Planning Committee, Meeting with Lancaster County authorities regarding the death of Mr. Carmona, Department of Justice, UNL Ethnic Studies Dept. Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation, HUMAN trafficking information at UNL , and Metropolitan Community College, Dia de los Muertos educational display at the Capitol Building.

3. Develop, coordinate, and assist public and private organizations and coordinate and assist the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino-Americans. Thirty one assistances to public and private organizations including Nebraska Arts Council, Heartland Latino Leadership Conference for further outreach to Western and Northern Nebraska, Lancaster County Human Services, the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History, College of Saint Mary, Quinceanera Nebraska Magazine, MLK Ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda, City of Omaha Mayors Office, the Legislature Independent Agencies, United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Community College Association, independent documentary filmmaker, Krissy Hamm, Minority Health Advisory Committee, UNMC Mental Health study, Lincoln Journal Star Editor, and Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent.

4. Propose new programs concerning Latino-Americans Six new programs proposed: conducting community meetings that will address immigration reform and education with Nebraska Appleseed and ACLU; Nebraska Community College Association to discuss GED programs and industrial vocation careers; Young Ambassador Program (YAP) Program Coordinator, Emily Key, with the Smithsonian Latino Center in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Marty Ramirez to discuss the establishment of a new scholarship for Hispanic students at UNL; PBS Consultant Neyda Martinez, who was promoting an educational series, Latino Americans,; Outreach program for Latino students with Education Quest.

5. Evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation concerning Latino-Americans; Ten meetings and discussions with agencies that included the Human Trafficking task force, Department of Education, the Coordinating Commission of Postsecondary Education, Nebraska Appleseed, Nebraska Wesleyan University, LAC testified in eight bills, LB99, LB243, LB127, LB528, LB381, LB619, LB518, and LB577. of them, five have had a favorable outcome and two have been referred for further study. During the session, Director Spindola met with Senators Harms, Conrad, Wightman, Bolz, Mello, Howard, Nordquist, Chambers, Ashford, Gloor, Campbell, Scheer, Kolowski, Jansen, and Lautenbaugh. Numerous topics were discussed, as well as their position on several bills.

6. Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Latino-Americans by conducting a program of public education and encourage the Governor and the Legislature to develop programs to deal with these problems; Twenty three public awareness programs with: the Nebraska Cattlemen Association, El Centro de Las Americas, the Lincoln Immigration Coalition, Nuestra Nebraska, My Nebraska photography exhibit at the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln, the Cesar Chavez Day proclamation, the Hastings Multicultural Coalition, press conference calling for positive immigration reform in front of the Capitol Building, Prairie Hearth Publishing, Governor Heineman and his staff regarding concerns on the denial of drivers licenses for DACA recipients, Voices for Children, the School Counselor Association, Columbus Rotary Club, NET Radio, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Daily Nebraskan for their coverage. Articles on the event were published in the Columbus Telegram, the Lincoln Journal Star, the Omaha World Herald and the Lexington Clipper. Latino Summit, Floodplain Management from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and the Nebraska State College System and Peru State

7. Conduct training programs for community leadership and service project staff. Increasing Student Engagement in Low-Performing Schools by the Department of Education. College of Public Health Melanie Tervalons presentation on health disparities. On January 10, the webinar Road Ahead for Immigration Reform from NCLR. Conference call with USCIS regarding status of DACA. Grants, Fundraising, and Program Sustainability: Part 2 by Farm Worker Justice. Six workshops with the Nebraska Rural Development Agency and Nebraska Appleseed in Schuyler and Columbus Norfolk, Summer Workshop with the Foster Care Review Board at Northeast Community College Having Hard Conversations sponsored by the Nebraska State Government. NCLR Conference in New Orleans, LA. TIME FOR CHANGE in Columbus: workshop on successful college attendance. Activities report 2014-2015 This report has been drafted in a format that complies with our legislative mandates.

8. Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Latino-Americans. Interview with NBC Nebraska from Hastings.

Anastasia Champ from NBC Nebraska interviewed Director Spindola on July 21 regarding Latino Farmers in Nebraska, challenges and opportunities.

Panel with the United States Commission on Civil Rights: regarding violations of civil rights after the Fremont ordinance was passed.

Community Policing a Nebraska Trademark: Conference held on September 22 at the Lincoln Community Foundation, sponsored by Nebraskans for Peace and by invitation of Paul Olson to Director Spindola. Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on October 9th with the presence of Governor Pete Ricketts and Mayor Chris Beutler reading the proclamations; Chair Sanchez gave the welcome; Maria Rodriguez from Gibbon sang the National Anthem; programs will be given to the Commissioners.

Day of the Dead Art Exhibit from Oct. 26 to Nov. 6: With artwork from high school students at Hastings Catholic School and the Lincoln Public Schools Arts & Humanities Program; the Dia de los Muertos inspired artwork was on display at the Capitol Building;

educational information on the holiday and statements from the educators were also included.

Adobe House Public Forum on Oct. 30th: Partnering with the Nebraska State Historical Society and with the help of Commissioner Chabella Guzman, a public forum was held at the Guadalupe Center in Scottsbluff; members of the community were invited to share information on adobe houses in the area to be identified as historical buildings for Nebraska. See attached report.

Labor Trafficking Panel in Omaha on Nov. 19: Hosted by Nebraska Appleseed, PIO Cantu spoke at a public panel on labor trafficking and human trafficking.

Proclamation of Farm Workers Awareness Week. Proclamation of Human Trafficking Awareness Month on January 13th. Voter Meeting: On February 22nd, PIO Cantu and Chair Sanchez attended a community meeting to promote voting at the Malone Center.

Cesar Chavez Proclamation. Minority Health Month Proclamation.

Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission Meeting on March 21.

Attended by Director Spindola with the presence of first lady Suzanne Shore and others.

9. Serve the needs of Latino-Americans, especially in the fields of education, employment, health, housing, welfare, and recreation by offering such services as it may establish for the translation of documents and for the direct assistance of clients, exclusive of legal representation, in matters relating to any federal department or agency or any department or agency of the state or a political subdivision thereof; Immigration Coalition: Recognition given to Senators Nordquist, Mello, and McCollister at La Guacamaya Restaurant in Omaha.

Met with Horacio Wheelock: On August 31. Mr. Wheelock is a lawyer who specializes in immigration and has applied for a position of district judge in Omaha, NE. He requested Director Spindolas advice and help on having governor Ricketts appoint him.

Independent Agencies meeting on October 14th. Minority Health Council Meeting on November 10th. Took place in Lincoln Lancaster Health Department. There was a presentation on the new website of data, and a review of the strategic plan, as well as a new report on the health status of racial and ethnic minorities.

Met with Marty Ramirez on November 13th. To discuss possible strategies regarding the 150th Anniversary celebration in Nebraska. Independent Agencies Meeting on November the 18th. A representative from the Attorney General's Office who addressed the topics of open meetings, public records, the agency rule and regulation process and the role of the Assistant Attorney General assigned to our agency. Conference call with Jackie Guzman on her Mexican People on the Plains project and other ideas: On January 6th. Meeting with Harris Payne at the Nebraska Department of Education: regarding the Adobe House Project on January 7th.

Independent Agencies meeting on January 13th. Policies and Procedures regarding the Legal Aid office of the State of Nebraska. Medicaid Expansion Press Conference: Took place on January 19th. At the Capitol Rotunda. Several Senators were present including Campbell, Cook, McCollister. Ethnic Studies Class Presentation: On February 8th, PIO Cantu spoke about the work of the Commission and her role to a UNL Ethnic Studies class.

Met with Shirley Mora on February 19th. Testimony on English Only Driver's License on February 23rd.

LB688 Meeting with UNL College of Business Recruiters: On February 24th PIO Cantu met with three recruiters at UNL to discuss ways to improve diversity recruitment at their college.

Nebraska Minority Public Health Association meeting on March 30th. Education FSG Meeting at UNO on April 12th. Meeting with Nate Brock Health Resources Service Manager on April 14th.

Meeting with Stephen O'Mara from the Human Trafficking task force on April 19th.

Human Trafficking Meeting and Human Trafficking Advisory Task Force on May 11th. Minority Health Council Meeting on May 25th.

Meeting with Carol Rempp from the department of Education on possible Collaboration for Multicultural events. Held on May 23rd.

10 .Develop, coordinate, and assist public and private organizations and coordinate and assist the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino Americans.

Met with Danny Reynaga a law student at UNL currently working at the Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (CLIA), with Max Graves who wanted information of the scope of activities of the commission and ways to collaborate. Minority Health Advisory Council: Meeting during August 11th to address the current health status of racial and ethnic minorities. Hispanic Heritage Month Commemoration Planning Committee: Met on several occasions. It was decided that we would try to recruit Nita Gonzalez, daughter of Corky Gonzalez as keynote speaker, we are also looking into the possibility of extending the contest to College students.

Met with Commissioner of Education Mathew Blomstedt: On August 25th regarding the elimination of the Equity team within the Department. Director Spindola expressed his concerns regarding the fact that there seems to be alternate option for the equity team. Mexican Consulate on September 11th. In order to review proposals for IME Becas program. Migrant Education Symposium from Oct 21-Oct 24th. Took place in Clearwater Florida. Director Spindola was invited by the Department of Education. There is an annexed report on this activity.

Latino Summit in Kearney on October 27th. The Summit took place at the Younes Conference Center with over 600 students attending. The Department of Education ran out of registrations, and several organizations keep showing interest in the Summit. Commissioner Blomstedt stayed for the whole summit as well as State Board members Maureen Nickels and John Witzel. Commissioners present were Ray Otero and Leticia Rodriguez.

November 20th. Delivery of IME Becas Mexican Consulate. Meeting with Dept. of Education and Latino Summit on Dec. 15, 2015

Met with Mitch Payne State NFIP Coordinator Floodplain Management Section, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources: On January 14th regarding assistance on a event that they wish to hold in Schuyler.

Quarterly Meeting with the Nebraska State Historical Society on January 8th: Presentation on the work we are doing with the Society on the Adobe House Project and provided a copy of the report shared at the previous NLAC Quarterly Meeting.

Met with Dean Donde Plowman from the College of Business at UNL on January 26th. The purpose of the meeting was on venues to increase Latino representation not only within the Colleges student body but also the faculty and advisory council. Met with Madhavi Bhadbhade from HHS regarding Medicaid long term program. Crime Commission Meeting on March 24th.

Independent Agencies Meeting on March 9th. Rally for Professional Licenses on March 8th. Translation of LB 268 Update list of Address Confidentiality Program sites for Secretary of States' website Nebraska State Historical Society on May 3rd.

11. Propose new programs concerning Latino-Americans. Meeting with Nebraska State Historical Society. There have been three meetings to formalize a partnership between the society and the commission. A formal MOU has been entered and hopefully there will be a new initiative to promote Latino culture and history within the state of Nebraska. There were also conversations on possible sites in Nebraska for the federal Latino Heritage internship program. Call with Alberto Cervantes from the South Omaha Community Care Council regarding their wish to reach out to other Latinos in western Nebraska. Meeting with Nebraska 1st Lady Susanne Shore on October 13th. Director Spindola met with First Lady Susanne Shore and with Regan Anson, executive director of the Nebraska 150 Celebration. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways and venues through which the Latino community could be incorporated into the state wide celebration. Several options considered were to incorporate the sesquicentennial theme into the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, an itinerant display to reach western Nebraska, and two or three big events in either Omaha or Lincoln. Meeting with Governor Pete Ricketts on October 13th. Director Spindola, PIO Cantu, Chair Sanchez, Commissioner Valentin, and former commissioner Nuncio met with Governor Ricketts to express concerns regarding the elimination of the equity team within the Department of Education. Governor Ricketts asked several questions and finally requested data regarding the issue. Commissioner Valentin also

brought up the issue of certain motor vehicle traffic distribution that affects the South Omaha community as a whole. Nebraska Minority Public Health Association Meeting on January 29th. Minority Health Council Meeting on February 11th. Nebraska Minority Public Health Association Meeting on January 29th. Minority Health Council Meeting on May 26th.

12. Evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation concerning Latino-Americans. Bi-national Teachers ceremony conducted at the Rotunda of the State Capitol on June 22. There were several speakers including Guadalupe Sanchez, the Mexican Consul, Director Spindola, the Commissioner of Education Matthew Blomstead, and Secretary of State John Gale. Interim study to discuss services needed for victims of human trafficking. By invitation of the office of Senator Campbell, and Moreland. Racial Profiling Advisory Committee Meeting: Took place on September 17th in order to review numbers of traffic stops in Nebraska and their distribution among racial and ethnic minorities. The only minority representative was director Spindola. Governor Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting: Took place on Sept. 24th, discussion on including more services and rhetoric on labor trafficking. Discussion on what services were and were not available to human trafficking victims. Presentation at South Community College on October 5th on Hispanic Heritage Month, the significance, of the Commission and functions. Presentation at the State Association of Government Accountants October 7th on Hispanic Heritage Month, the significance of the Commission and functions. Presentation at Wesleyan University on October 7th on Hispanic Heritage Month, the significance, of the Commission and functions. Education Strategic Planning Session at Lincoln Community Foundation on May 18th.

13. Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Latino-Americans by conducting a program of public education and encourage the Governor and the Legislature to develop programs to deal with these problems. Presentation given on Diversity at the Central Community College in Columbus: given at the Central Community College on June 17th at the request of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Some issues regarding diversity and the challenges faced by the business community were provided by Director Spindola and two other presenters. Meeting at Doane College on September 24th. With the presence of Senator Ebke and several members of the community. Chair Sanchez and Director Spindola were present and used the opportunity to educate those attending on different Latino issues. Interview by Francisco Miraval. Interview by Fred Knapp. Interview by Don Walton Interview by KFAV radio on March 22. Interview by Omaha World Herald on Nickerson Chicken Plant.

14. Conduct training programs for community leadership and service project staff. NCLR Conference from June 10th until June 14th. NACCHO Conference from July 6 to July 9. The Conference made a lot of emphasis on disaster response and preparedness and on violence as a public health issue. Director Spindola thinks that there is a need for more education among the Latino community and prevention. Naming and Addressing Racism. By the American Public Health Association. Teleconference focused on racism among African Americans. Community Organizing training: held at Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha on July 13, and August 10 and sponsored by Omaha Together One Community. The training was given by Joe Higgs. Training at University of Nebraska in Omaha: Hands on workshop on utilizing the Census website for research purposes on August 18th. Webinar on Racism, the silent partner in High School dropout rates: A department of Education sponsored webinar attended by Director Spindola. Webinar: improving health through community healthy drinking: On September 30.

Webinar Foundations of Grant Writing: sponsored by NCLR attended by Director Spindola. Took place on October 6th. Webinar on Logic Models on October 20th. Webinar on Affordable care Act. Sponsored by NCLR on November 23rd. attended by Director Spindola. Webinar: Turning the Tables from chasing grants: Sponsored by NCLR on December 15 attended by Director Spindola. Webinar on Going Beyond data Collection on February 22nd. Sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services. Training on Completing my Performance Review by Dora Lima on Feb. 2nd. Link Lab Completing a Performance Review on March 24th. Refresher Operations Training on May 24th. Training on Give to Lincoln Day 2016 for PIO Cantu on April 21st. Business User Meeting by Dora Lima on May 3rd. Activities 2015-2017

15. Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Latino-Americans. Nine Focus Groups held for Vocational Rehabilitation, Minority Justice Committee, and Dept. of Education. Five research studies for the Human Trafficking Task Force: Five statistical analyses for the Racial Profiling Committee: Two information appearances at KZUM Radio: One research on Puerto Ricans in Nebraska: Two studies for the Hate Crime Advisory Committee: Six Information meetings with the Hate Crime Advisory Committee: University of Lincoln Study on Latino students: by Dr. Ted Hamann, in the 10 high schools that have the largest number of Latino students. UNL Film Panel: The Dream Is Now addressing immigration reform and how students could be involved. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation Signing: Six Information meetings with the Minority Justice Committee: Information on the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference Scholarship: Information luncheon at the Malone Center: Class at Wesleyan University

16. Serve the needs of Latino-Americans, especially in the fields of education, employment, health, housing, welfare, and recreation by offering such services as it may establish for the translation of documents and for the direct assistance of clients, exclusive of legal representation, in matters relating to any federal department or agency or any department or agency of the state or a political subdivision thereof; Twenty one events including The Minority Health Advisory Council; Latino Outreach Consortium; Minority Public Health Association, informational session about current legislation at state and federal levels. Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration Planning Committee, Meeting with Lancaster County authorities regarding the death of Mr. Carmona, Department of Justice, UNL Ethnic Studies Dept. Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation, HUMAN trafficking information at UNL , and Metropolitan Community College, Dia de los Muertos educational display at the Capitol Building.

17. Develop, coordinate, and assist public and private organizations and coordinate and assist the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino-Americans. Thirty one assistances to public and private organizations including Nebraska Arts Council, Heartland Latino Leadership Conference for further outreach to Western and Northern Nebraska, Lancaster County Human Services, the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History, College of Saint Mary, Quinceanera Nebraska Magazine, MLK Ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda, City of Omaha Mayors Office, the Legislature Independent Agencies, United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Community College Association, independent documentary filmmaker, Krissy Hamm, Minority Health Advisory Committee, UNMC Mental Health study, Lincoln Journal Star Editor, and Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent.

18. Propose new programs concerning Latino-Americans Six new programs proposed: conducting community meetings that will address immigration reform and education with Nebraska Appleseed and ACLU; Nebraska Community College Association to discuss GED programs and industrial vocation careers; Young Ambassador Program (YAP) Program Coordinator, Emily Key, with the Smithsonian Latino Center in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Marty Ramirez to discuss the establishment of a new scholarship for Hispanic students at UNL; PBS Consultant Neyda Martinez, who was promoting an educational series, Latino Americans;; Outreach program for Latino students with Education Quest.

19. Evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation concerning Latino-Americans; Ten meetings and discussions with agencies that included the Human Trafficking task force, Department of Education, the Coordinating Commission of Postsecondary Education, Nebraska Appleseed, Nebraska Wesleyan University, LAC testified in eight bills, LB99, LB243, LB127, LB528, LB381, LB619, LB518, and LB577. of them, five have had a favorable outcome and two have been referred for further study. During the session, Director Spindola met with Senators Harms, Conrad, Wightman, Boltz, Mello, Howard, Nordquist, Chambers, Ashford, Gloor, Campbell, Scheer, Kolowski, Jansen, and Lautenbaugh. Numerous topics were discussed, as well as their position on several bills.

20. Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Latino-Americans by conducting a program of public education and encourage the Governor and the Legislature to develop programs to deal with these problems; Twenty three public awareness programs with: the Nebraska Cattlemen Association, El Centro de Las Americas, the Lincoln Immigration Coalition, Nuestra Nebraska, My Nebraska photography exhibit at the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln, the Cesar Chavez Day proclamation, the Hastings Multicultural Coalition, press conference calling for positive immigration reform in front of the Capitol Building, Prairie Hearth Publishing, Governor Heineman and his staff regarding concerns on the denial of drivers licenses for DACA recipients, Voices for Children, the School Counselor Association, Columbus Rotary Club, NET Radio, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration , Daily Nebraskan for their coverage. Articles on the event were published in the Columbus Telegram, the Lincoln Journal Star, the Omaha World Herald and the Lexington Clipper. Latino Summit, Floodplain Management from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and the Nebraska State College System and Peru State

21. Conduct training programs for community leadership and service project staff. Increasing Student Engagement in Low-Performing Schools by the Department of Education. College of Public Health Melanie Tervalons presentation on health disparities. On January 10, the webinar Road Ahead for Immigration Reform from NCLR. Conference call with USCIS regarding status of DACA. Grants, Fundraising, and Program Sustainability: Part 2 by Farm Worker Justice. Six workshops with the Nebraska Rural Development Agency and Nebraska Appleseed in Schuyler and Columbus. Norfolk, Summer Workshop with the Foster Care Review Board at Northeast Community College Having Hard Conversations sponsored by the Nebraska State Government. NCLR Conference in New Orleans, LA. TIME FOR CHANGE in Columbus: workshop on successful college attendance. GOALS:

1. Identify major social-economic issues that affect the community.

2. Enhance our communicational and media platform to better advance our Commissions mandates, and also better serve our community.
3. Develop leadership through educational summits and training opportunities.
4. Increase awareness and participation in educational opportunities and services within communities.
5. Propose pro-diversity legislation.
6. Increase number of Latino parents getting their GED and ESL instruction by 400 by 2017.
7. Increase communication lines between the Commission and the residents of Nebraska communities.

Supporting Information:

Identify major social-economic issues that affect the community since its inception, the Latino American Commission conducted studies aimed at identifying areas of need among the Latino community. The commission contracted with the University of Nebraska for a total of six studies. Latino children have significantly lower meet or exceed standards reading test results. The Commission aims to improve these results by five percentage points in four pilot school districts by 2017. The cost of conducting such studies is relatively high, and our current budgetary situation is quite limited, the Commission will continue conducting limited scope studies to motivate other agencies with more resources into making broader studies. This strategy has worked with the Department of Education, Crime Commission, Health and Human Services, and Minority Justice Committee.

For the 2015 Bieniunn this strategy will be expanded in order to continue providing meaningful information to State agencies. Enhance our communicational and media platform to better advance our Commissions mandates, and also better serve our community. The Commission now has not only a website, but also presence in Facebook and Twitter. Social media needs a continuous upgrade and revision. Radio interviews and letters to the editor continue to be useful media venues for constituents who don't use social media. These options have the additional advantage of being more cost-effective than printed materials. Develop leadership through educational summits and training opportunities.

The Commission will continue to support, budget allowing, the Hispanic Latino Educational Summit, the University of Nebraska Cumbre Conference, the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference, and the Leadership Youth conferences conducted in Scottsbluff and Grand Island. Increase awareness and participation in educational opportunities and services within communities.

The Commission will continue to post scholarship availability information on its website, and will continue to collaborate with Education Quest, the Gates Millennium Scholars, the Nebraska's Community Colleges and AHEC. New partnerships have been developed with the Nebraska State College System and Doane College. The Commission will also continue participation in the P-16 Committee activities.

Propose pro-diversity legislation. The Commission is an active supporter of the Dream Act because it provides the possibility to obtain not only a higher education but also a legal resident status in the United States. It would also serve to strengthen the man power of the United Sates Armed Forces.

The Commission will also participate in the studies conductive to reviewing our healthcare system and in the efforts by the Nebraska Rural Development Corporation to include more Hispanics in business ventures. Increase number of Latino parents getting their GED and ESL instruction by 400 by 2017. Hispanics are almost 8 times more likely (49.2%) than non-Hispanic Whites (6.0%) to achieve less than a high school education (April 2014, Office of Disparities and Health Equity, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services) during the 2013 year, 96 Hispanics graduated from the Commissions sponsored program. The number wasn't higher because of budget limitations.

For the next Biennium the Commission research how many Hispanics are actually graduating from the Department of Education sponsored GED classes. Increase communication lines between the Commission and the residents of Nebraska communities. The lack of mileage funding has determined that outreach contacts are severely limited and we now depend mostly on the network of commissioners to gather information.

The Commissioners must meet four times a year as determined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-8,26681-8,266. Commission; meetings; quorum. The full commission shall meet at least four times a year. The chairperson or any three members may call additional meetings. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum. Source: Laws 1972, LB 1081, 5; Laws 1974, LB 506, 1; Laws 1979, LB 582, 1; Laws 1980, LB 923, 1. Commissions meetings have an average cost of \$2,500.00 each considering mileage, board and lodging and stipends for 10 commissioners who travel from as far away as Scottsbluff.

NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL
JUSTICE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

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Purpose: The commission shall educate the community at large to the problems encountered by law enforcement authorities, promote respect for law and encourage community involvement in the administration of criminal justice. The commission shall be an agency of the state, and the exercise by the commission of the powers conferred by the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1415 to 81-1426.01 shall be deemed to be an essential governmental function of the state.

How Many Affectable: All law enforcement officers in Nebraska (approximately 4,100); 75 county jails across the state and four juvenile facilities; 93 county attorneys and their deputies; all judges across the state; local and county governments; Nebraska State Legislators.

How Many Served: We have received and processed 549 Crime Victims Reparations (CVR) claims from 01 January 2012 through 30 June 2016.

Year Created: 1969

Year Active: 1969

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-1416

Parent Agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Number of Members: 19 members. The Governor, the Attorney General, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, the Director of Correctional Services, the chairperson of the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council, and the chairperson of the Nebraska Juvenile

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes, for all appointed members

Qualifications of Members: The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of more than two hundred thousand population; the chief of police or director public safety of a city of two hundred thousand population or less; a county sheriff; a county attorney; a county commissioner; a mayor or city manager; a person involved with the control or prevention of juvenile delinquency; the chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council; the chairperson the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice; and six members, one of which must be a woman, from the public at large. The membership of the commission shall represent varying geographic areas and large and small governmental subdivisions.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years. For those serving by position or status, no member shall serve beyond the time when he or she holds the office, employment, or status by reason of which he or she was initially eligible for appointment.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No. Spending authority is included as part of the central administration general funds appropriation for the Crime Commission (parent organization).

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Oversaw the administration and supervision of 15 basic law enforcement training sessions where 518 new law enforcement officers were trained, conducted 31 evidentiary hearings or reviews and revoked 30 law enforcement certifications of former law enforcement officers. We have received and processed 549 Crime Victims Reparations (CVR) claims from 01 January 2012 through 30 June 2016. This number includes supplemental expenses, appeals, resubmitted claims that were originally denied without prejudice, and not eligible claims. Total amount of CVR awards over the same time period is \$1,144,095.42. Provided \$1.75 million in Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Awards to 39 sub-recipients. \$23.3 million in Community-based Juvenile Services Aid awards to 72 counties and two Native American tribes improving community planning, alternatives to detention, diversion, schools, child protection, health and welfare, job training, direct intervention programs, systems personnel, school-related programs, probation office space, and substance abuse programs, information technology and cultural programs. For the federal grant programs administered by the Crime Commission, from 2012 to the present, we have awarded in excess of \$27,673, 859 to 412 recipients.

LB 1101 STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Survey Response

Formal Name: LB 1101 Study Advisory Committee to the Department of Environmental Quality

Contact Person: David Haldeman, Land Management Division Administrator
Department of Environmental Quality
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Purpose: To advise the Department of Environmental Quality regarding its study to examine the status of solid waste management programs.

How Many Affectable: Not Applicable

How Many Served: Not Applicable

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: December 15, 2017

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-15,159.01

Parent Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Number Of Members: Up to 9

Who Appoints: Department Director

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: None

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: None identified

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Shared with Department of Environmental Quality

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The LB 1101 Study Advisory Committee was created by the 2016 Legislature. LB 1101 became effective on July 21, 2016. The director plans to make committee appointments by late summer, 2016.

LEGAL EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND RURAL PRACTICE
LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan
Repayment Assistance Board

Contact Person: Jeffery A. Pickens, Chief Counsel
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Purpose: To provide educational loan repayment assistance to lawyers employed in non-profit public legal service or in legal profession shortage areas in Nebraska.

How Many Affectable: Each lawyer served by this Board provided qualifying legal services to an unknown number of Nebraska citizens.

How Many Served: For fiscal year 14-15, 28 Nebraska attorneys received an award totaling \$135,865. For fiscal year 15-16, 57 Nebraska lawyers received an award totaling \$144,826. Two attorneys have returned funds due to their inability to honor the three-year commitment of service. And one attorney returned an over payment after loans were paid off totaling \$9,857.

Year Created: 2008

Year Active: 2008

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 7-201-210; 29-3927.

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 Association selected by the president of the association, and the Chief Counsel of the Commission on Public Advocacy.

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.

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: No donations had been received, so no budget was designed from the operations fund of the Commission.

FY 14-15 Budget: \$152,500.

FY 15-16 Budget: \$151,500.

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since LB 907 amended and funded the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund in 2014, the Board has met several times to review, edit and approve the application packet for qualifying Nebraska attorneys to seek loan repayment assistance. Notice of the availability of funds was published at both law schools and in newspapers. The Board met to review received applications and make award suggestions to the governing Commission, who then approved and distributed final awards. All award recipients

submit quarterly loan status documentation and semi-annual qualifying employment verification to the Commission to assure compliance with program requirements.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Library Commission

Contact Person: Rod Wagner
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Purpose: Statewide promotion, development and coordination of library services.

How Many Affectable: Anyone in Nebraska or who wants to access the library databases online

How Many Served: About 8 million per year

Year Created: 1901

Year Active: 1901

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 51-401 through 418

Parent Agency: N/A

Number Of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: Nebraska resident

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 6
Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: 6
Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: 6
Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes, the Commission approves allocation of funds for two agency programs: library operations and state aid to libraries.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Awarded and administered library project grants (youth services, internships, library improvement); produced and conducted weekly NCompass live webcasts; loaned thousands of audiobooks and magazines to Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) customers; recorded books and magazines for loan to Nebraska's TBBS customers; conducted thousands of interlibrary loan transactions; administered public librarian certification program; collected and compiled library statistics for inclusion in national program; conducted dozens of library basic skills courses involving hundreds of participants; provided consulting and advisory services for library operations; licensed databases for statewide public access and use; completed the FINRA financial education special project grant; administered public library accreditation program (including workshops for libraries up for re-accreditation, advising, review, etc.); supported the Nebraska Center for the Book (awards program, Letters About Literature, One Book One Nebraska, newsletter, etc.). Coverage of Nebraska Library Commission programs and services can be found on the Commissions website at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/PublicationsarchivesNcom> (Year in Review and Biennial Reports); completed major three-year Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

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Purpose: It is declared to be the policy of the Legislature to (1) regulate the transportation or importation of alcoholic liquor into this state when such alcoholic liquor is intended for delivery or use within the state, (2) promote adequate, economical, and efficient service by licensees selling alcoholic liquor within the State of Nebraska without unjust or undue discrimination, preference, or advantage, (3) generate revenue by imposing an excise tax upon alcoholic liquor, and (4) promote the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state and encourage temperance in the consumption of alcoholic liquor by sound and careful control and regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic liquor.

How Many Affectable: All those who would want to serve or consume alcohol in Nebraska

How Many Served: 5,300 licensees and all who consume alcohol in the state

Year Created: 1935

Year Active: 1936

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 53-105

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: No more than two members of the same political party, and no two from the same congressional district.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 12

Held FY 13-14: 12

Required FY 14-15: 12

Held FY 14-15: 12

Required FY 15-16: 12

Held FY 15-16: 12

Support Staff: 17

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,033,269 General Fund, \$70,719.00 Cash Fund

FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,046,759.00 General Fund, \$70,719.00 Cash Fund

FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,285,358.00 General Fund, \$70,719.00 Cash Fund

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: Chapter 53 for General Fund, Neb Rev. Stat. 117.06 for Cash Fund

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: We have worked with the local governing bodies all over the State to develop an online license renewal process that allows a license holder to renew and pay all fees, local and state in one process. We have helped secure funding for additional Nebraska State Patrol Liquor Investigators. We are getting ready to implement an online application process for Special Designated Licenses.

LONG TERM RESTRICTIVE HOUSING WORK GROUP

Survey Response

Formal Name: Long Term Restrictive Housing Work Group

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Purpose: The work group was established by LB 598 to advise the Department on restrictive housing reforms and the promulgation of rules and regulations governing the use of restrictive housing within the Department.

How Many Affectable: The Department currently has approximately 2,400 staff and houses approximately 5,300 inmates as of Oct 1, 2016. Changes to restrictive housing policy that the work group advises on has the potential to affect the entire Department, staff, inmates, and individuals in the State of Nebraska through the preservation of public safety.

How Many Served: All those affectable were served in some capacity.

Year Created: 2015

Year Active: 2015

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-4,114

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Number of Members: 15 statutory members plus additional Department staff as determined by the Director

Who Appoints: 4 public members appointed by the Governor, NDCS staff appointed by Director

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Two representatives from a non-profit prisoners' rights advocacy group, including at least one former inmate. Two mental health professionals independent from the Department with particular knowledge of prisons and conditions of confinement.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: The 4 appointed members from the public are reimbursed for travel expenses.

Term Length: No term length specified in statute

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: 2

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Department of Correctional Services

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: None

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The work group has assisted the Department in the promulgation of Title 72, Ch 1 Restrictive Housing rules and regulations by providing suggestions, reviewing drafts and input on the final rule. The group has also discussed and identified other reforms and changes in practice, data collection and best practices relating to restrictive housing.

MEDICAID REFORM COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Medicaid Reform Council

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Purpose: The council shall (a) oversee and advise the department regarding implementation of reforms to the medical assistance program, including, but not limited to, reforms such as those contained in the Medicaid Reform Plan, (b) conduct public meetings at least quarterly and other meetings at the call of the chairperson of the council, in consultation with the department, and (c) provide comments and recommendations to the department regarding the administration of the medical assistance program and any proposed changes to such program. We believe that this council is no longer necessary.

How Many Affectable: 230,000 Medicaid Participants

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2006

Year Active: 2006

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-948

Parent Agency: N/A

Number Of Members: At least 10

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: N/A

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: Four year terms

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A
Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A
Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A
Held FY 15-16: N/A

Support Staff: N/A

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A
FY 14-15 Budget: N/A
FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: N/A

MEDICAL HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Medical Home Advisory Council

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Purpose: The council shall (a) guide and assist the division 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. We believe this council is no longer necessary.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2006

Year Active: N/A

Sunset Date: June 30, 2014

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-961

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: The Governor

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: N/A

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A
Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A
Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A
Held FY 15-16: N/A

Support Staff: N/A

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A
FY 14-15 Budget: N/A
FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The council sunset in 2014

MEDICAL REVIEW PANELS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Medical Review Panels

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Purpose: There is no permanently established Medical Review Panel. A Medical Review Panel may be convened under the authority of section 44-2840 upon the initiation of a claimant to review an individual malpractice claim against health care provider(s) covered by the Nebraska Hospital Medical Liability Act in advance of filing an action on the claim.

How Many Affectable: In theory, each claimant may have such a panel convened. Under section 44-2804(4), claimants may waive this right.

How Many Served: No panel has been convened since the last board and commission review.

Year Created: 1976

Year Active: 1976

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2840

Parent Agency: Department of Insurance

Number of Members: No permanent members. Section 44-2841 specifies that each 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.

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: Each 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.

Per Diem: \$50 per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2845.

Expense Reimbursement: Reasonable expenses incurred per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2845

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None
Held FY 13-14: None

Required FY 14-15: None
Held FY 14-15: None

Required FY 15-16: None
Held FY 15-16: None

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: None
FY 14-15 Budget: None
FY 15-16 Budget: None

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

None

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Mental Health Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Natasha Olsen

Purpose: The Mental Health Advisory Committee was created to ensure full access to comprehensive mental health, alcohol and drug abuse services for deaf and hard of hearing people.

How Many Affectable: Anyone with any degree of hearing loss, which is estimated to be 20% of Nebraska's Population.

How Many Served: All affectable are served.

Year Created: 1995

Year Active: 1995

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-4728.03

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

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: The Commission for the Deaf and Hear of Hearing appointed the initial committee. Members of the Mental Health Advisory Committee fill vacancies.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Three counselors familiar with mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse disorders in deaf or hard of hearing persons and two human services professionals. The Department of Health and Human Services and the commission shall each have a representative who serves on the committee in a nonvoting technical capacity.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: 1

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: \$3000.00 from the Enrichment Foundation to host a workshop every spring

Spending Authority: This advisory commission falls under the NCDHH Full Board and the spending authority given to the Full Board.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Mental Health Advisory Committee supports and guides the Mental Health Specialist for the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing communities. Every year the Mental Health Specialist plans and hosts a workshop around the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing and mental health.

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services

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Purpose: (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 Mental Health (MH) and Substance Abuse (SA) committees.

How Many Affectable: 251,000 (prevalence data Any Mental Illness) SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2013 and 2014

How Many Served: 19,441 in FY2015 Division of Behavioral Health as reported in the NE report-SAMHSA Uniform Application FY2016 Behavioral Health Report Community Mental Health Services Block Grant.

Year Created: 2004 (with LB 1083)

Year Active: 2004

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-814

Parent Agency: DHHS

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, 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 specified. In LB 1083 (2004) § 13(2) (Repealed 2006) established staggered terms of three years. The Governor has maintained this practice.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Conduct regular meetings
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: Conduct regular meetings
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: Conduct regular meetings
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: .2 FTE, from 3-4 positions

Shared or Separate: Shared with substance abuse committee

FY 13-14 Budget: \$14,450

FY 14-15 Budget: \$11,600

FY 15-16 Budget: \$11,600

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

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.govbehavioralhealthPagesbehmhsacmhs.aspx>

COMMISSION ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs

Contact Person: John Hilgert, Director

Purpose: Address matters of military and veteran significance in Nebraska.

How Many Affectable: Active and reserve military members & 143,375 veterans as of 093015 USVA estimate plus eligible dependents (# unknown)

How Many Served: Active and reserve military members & 143,375 veterans as of 093015 USVA estimate plus eligible dependents (# unknown)

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 55-601

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, # 028

Number of Members: six (6)

Who Appoints: Governor appoints three citizen members.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: One each from the congressional districts; at least one of the three shall have military experience; and, at least one of the three shall have a background in business.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: 2

Shared or Separate: Parent Agency

FY 13-14 Budget: \$ 0.00
FY 14-15 Budget: \$ 0.00
FY 15-16 Budget: \$ 0.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Law had an effective date of July 21, 2016 with funding starting on October 1, 2016. Future staffing, meetings and reports are in development.

MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

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Purpose: License and regulate Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle and Trailer Dealers, Salespersons and Agents; Vehicle Manufacturers and Distributors and Representatives; Auctions and Wrecker Salvage Dealers.

How Many Affectable: Anyone selling cars other than a bona fide consumer

How Many Served: Average 11,000 licenses issued per year

Year Created: 1957

Year Active: 1957

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-1401.01

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications Of Members: Director of DMV; 2-Used Car Dealers; 3-New Car Dealers; 1-Trailer Dealer; 1-Motorcycle Dealer; 1-Manufacturer Representative; 1-Public Representative

Per Diem: \$50/day

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: as needed
Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: as needed
Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: as needed
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$720,945

FY 14-15 Budget: \$754,501

FY 15-16 Budget: \$754,055

Other Funding Sources: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-154

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-154

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Licensed and regulated Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle and Trailer Dealers, Salespersons and Agents; Vehicle Manufacturers and Distributors and Representatives; Auctions and Wrecker Salvage Dealers. Licensed Finance companies. Assisted public with consumer complaints. Handled franchise disputes between dealers and manufacturers.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

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Purpose: The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission has overall approval of cost-share contributions from six program funds to soil and water conservation projects and practices. The Commission decides how annual State aid funds are distributed and performs general oversight of project and activity statuses. The Commission advises the Department of Natural Resources as requested by the Director, makes recommendations regarding approval of the State and NRDs Erosion and Sediment Control Program amendments, approves natural resources district boundary changes requested 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. Of the 27 members, 14 are appointed by the Governor to represent the following categories: agribusiness interests; agricultural interests; ground water irrigators; irrigation districts; manufacturing interests; metropolitan utilities districts; municipal users of water from a city of the primary class; municipal users of water from a city of the first or second class or a village; outdoor recreation users; public power districts; public power and irrigation districts; range livestock owners; surface water irrigators; and wildlife conservation interests. The remaining thirteen members represent river basins and are elected for four-year terms at caucuses of the Natural Resources Districts directors residing in that basin. To be eligible, one must be a resident of that basin, have attained the age of majority, and be nominated by one of the board members eligible to vote in that basins caucus.

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 Water Sustainability Fund. The Resources Development Fund provides financial assistance to local units of government (primarily NRDs) for various water and related land resources projects. Currently, this fund is not accepting new applications for funding assistance, but is providing funding to complete six previously approved 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 for properly plugging and sealing abandoned wells. The Water Quality Fund provides state funds to NRDs to help support their water quality programs. The Water Sustainability Fund is a source of financial support providing cost share assistance toward research and infrastructure projects to help the State achieve water sustainability, water quality and related goals set out in 2-1506. The Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Fund provided state funds to help offset the cost of activities arising under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act. This fund sunset on June 30, 2014.

How Many Affectable: All Nebraska citizens and visitors.

How Many Served: All Nebraska citizens and visitors, excluding passer-throughs

Year Created: 1937

Year Active: 1937

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-1504

Parent Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Number of Members: 27

Who Appoints: 14 appointed by Governor; 13 elected by NRD board members residing in the river basins represented.

Legislative Approval: Yes, for the 14 gubernatorial appointees only.

Qualifications of Members: The only eligibility requirements for election to the Commission are that the candidate be a resident of the basin he/she represents and be of the age of majority (19).

Per Diem: \$50 per day in performance of Commission duties.

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Not Specified
Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: Not Specified
Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: Not Specified
Held FY 15-16: 5

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Department of Natural Resources provides support staff to Commission.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0, budget contained within the DNR.

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0, budget contained within the DNR.

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0, budget contained within the DNR.

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No. The Commission approves and allocates funding from the programs described in question 1, but administrative spending authority rests with the Department of Natural Resources.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Natural Resources Commission:

Was expanded from 16 to the current 27 members by 2-1504 in 2014. Was given authority over a new fund, the Water Sustainability Fund 2-1504-1513.

Recommended approval of amendments to the States Erosion & Sediment Control Program as well as seven individual NRD Erosion & sediment Control Programs.

Actively managed the following funds:

Nebraska Resources Development Fund – The Commission awarded over \$22 million in cost-share assistance funding for seven projects sponsored by local governments to provide flood damage reduction, recreation, groundwater recharge and other natural resources conservation benefits. Sponsors have calculated that economic benefits of over \$685 million will accrue over the first 50 years of these projects' useful lives. Since July 2012 funding assistance from this program helped complete the Little Sandy Creek Watershed project including the Lone Star Recreation Area sponsored by the Little Blue NRD; and provides continued financial support for two Papio NRD projects the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Levee project & the Western Sarpy/Clear Creek project; Lower Platte North NRDs Sand Creek Environmental Restoration (Lake Wanahoo) project; Lower Big

Blue NRDs Turkey Creek Watershed project; Nemaha NRDs Buck & Duck Watersheds project; and the Central Platt NRDs Upper Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek project.

Soil and Water Conservation Fund – The Commission 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 – Two tracks of land held in the name of the Lower Platte North NRD were sold in January 2013 with the net revenue being returned to the fund. No additional easement or fee title purchase requests have been authorized. Because easement purchases do not return money to the fund, use of the fund for this purpose has been limited in recent years. 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 – The Commission contributed over \$380,000 during fiscal years 2012-2016 to NRDs to aid in reimbursing landowners for costs of decommissioning over 9,000 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 – The Commission 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 – The Commission contributed over \$703,000 prior to sun setting on June 30, 2014 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 contributed at least 20 percent of total project costs.

Water Sustainability Fund – The Commission promulgated formal rules (Title 261) and Guidelines for the use of this fund in September 2015 and the initial filing of applications concluded December 30, 2015. The 21 applications received were processed, scored and ranked. Grants totaling \$11,490,502 in financial assistance were awarded to 17 applicants. Starting in July 2016, applications will be accepted annually over a 15 day timeframe.

NIOBRARA COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Niobrara Council

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Purpose: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-2008. Niobrara Council; powers and duties. 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. The council shall perform management functions related to the Niobrara scenic river corridor, including, but not limited to, those authorized and delegated to it by the National Park Service. The council may promulgate its own rules and internal policies to carry out the purposes of the Niobrara Scenic River Act. The Game and Parks Commission may provide administrative support when requested by the council to carry out its duties. This support shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars in any calendar year. In the Niobrara scenic river corridor, the council may hold title to real estate in the name of the council. The council may purchase, accept gifts of, or trade real estate and may obtain conservation easements as provided in the Conservation and Preservation Easements Act. Acquisition of conservation easements outside the boundaries of the Niobrara scenic river corridor shall require the approval of the appropriate governing body as provided in section 76-2,112.

How Many Affectable: All individuals in, and visitors to, Nebraska

How Many Served: Unknown

Year Created: 2000

Year Active: 2000

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-2007

Parent Agency: NGPC (Fiscal Agent)

Number of Members: 16

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 72-2007. Niobrara Council; created; members; terms; meetings; expenses. (1) The Niobrara Council is created. The council membership shall include:(a) A commissioner from 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) The regional director for the National Park Service or his or her designee and the regional director for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or his or her designee. The members under this subdivision shall be nonvoting members unless and until the agencies represented by these members formally authorize such members to vote on all matters before the council by notifying the council and the Governor in writing;(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 members 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 members 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 members 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 members on the council. The council members shall hold office for three-year terms and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The council members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing board or the Governor.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Actual and Necessary

Term Length: 3 years or until a successor is appointed and qualified

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 6

Held FY 13-14: 8

Required FY 14-15: 6

Held FY 14-15: 10

Required FY 15-16: 6
Held FY 15-16: 11

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 169,731.00
FY 14-15 Budget: 174,824.00
FY 15-16 Budget: 175,307.00

Other Funding Sources: National Park Service Cooperative Agreement

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

- Spring river cleanup (2012)
- Council participated in the Great Nebraska Trash Off (2012)
- Niobrara Council discussed National Park Service Resource Management, Interpretation and Resource Protection Reports (2012)
- Niobrara Council participates in National Park Service River Management Plan Public Scoping Meeting and Concessions Management Strategy Session (2012)
- Niobrara Council County Commissioner Representatives discuss open positions on Niobrara Council (2012)
- Niobrara Council discusses NPPD Surface Water Rights at Spencer Dam (2012)
- Niobrara Council becomes formal check in out point for NGPC Bridge to Birding Trunk Niobrara Council has agenda item at May meeting specifically for public comments regarding the National Park Service River Management Plan (2012)
- Niobrara Council discusses National Park Service Superintendents Compendium (2012)
- Niobrara Council participates in the National Park Service Family Fun Day (2012)
- Niobrara Council discusses old dump site uncovered after recent fire activity in the corridor (2012)
- Niobrara Council discusses recent fire activity in the Niobrara Valley (2012)
- Niobrara Council discusses possible grant ideas from cedar mitigation to the availability of Fire-wise building materials (2012)
- Kieborz attends Recovery After Fire meeting held at Norden, Nebraska (2012)
- Niobrara Council continues to discuss possible amendments to statute and submits to Senator Davis and Senator Larson for their consideration (2012)
- Niobrara Council discusses possibility of McClain Bridge removal (2012)
- Niobrara Council supports the Fire-wise Program (2012)
- Summer day camp for elementary students (2012)
- NPS "Pretty Fun Day" Coupon project (2012) Spring river cleanup (2013)
- Council participated in the Great Nebraska Trash Off (2013)

- Niobrara Council learns current Superintendent (Foster) is leaving, placing the River Management Plan Planning Process on hold until placement of new Superintendent (2013)
- Niobrara Council to become coordinator for Cherry County Title III funds for the purposes of establishing a Fire-wise Community (2013)
- Niobrara Council enters into executive session to discuss their response to and possible action by the Council in regards to the Medeiros Conservation Easement project and the relationship to Brown County Board of Commissioners actions (2013)
- Niobrara Council discusses permitting process through Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge (2013)
- Niobrara Council participates in the National Park Service Family Fun Day (2013)
- Niobrara Council discusses MNNRD resolution against removal of Cornell Dam (2013)
- Niobrara Council receives letter from Brown County landowner stating she is not pursuing any additional actions regarding her Conservation Easement at this time (2013)
- Niobrara Council hears National Park Service report regarding transfer of land (8 parcels totaling 185.5 acres) from the Bureau of Reclamation to the National Park Service (2013)
- Murphy addresses Council regarding situation with National Park Service Law Enforcement Officers, Niobrara Council day camp participants and firearms (2013)
- Niobrara Council participates in Naturefest (2013)
- Niobrara Council participates in Springview Resource Day (2013)
- Niobrara Council receives information regarding permitting process with USFWS and the commercial use authorization process through the National Park Service (2013)
- Niobrara Council contributes funding towards re-usable trash bag project (2013)
- Niobrara Council discusses possible meeting with Senator Davis regarding their statute (2013)
- Niobrara Council hears report from Rod Stolcpart regarding MNWAG (2013)
- Summer day camp for elementary students (2013)
- NPS "Pretty Fun Day" Coupon project (2013)
- Spring river cleanup (2014)
- Council participated in the Great Nebraska Trash Off (2014)
- Niobrara Council contributes towards Region 24 Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan- 5 year update (2014)
- Niobrara Council receives correspondence from Senator Davis stating he does not plan to introduce legislation on the Councils behalf this session (2014)
- Niobrara Council seeks reimbursement for expenses incurred based on approval given and then rescinded by the Brown County Commissioners regarding a Brown County Conservation Easement Project (2014)
- Niobrara Council participates in the National Park Service Family Fun Day (2014)
- Niobrara Council receives information regarding SEAT base to be located at Valentine Municipal Airport (2014)
- Niobrara Council receives update on NGPC instream flow application process (2014)
- Niobrara Council discusses Valentine Stormwater Project (2014)
- Niobrara Council has lengthy discussion regarding possible project items with the National Park Service (2014)

- Niobrara Council receives information that Niobrara River Road Project has been shortened from Sparks to Osburn Overlook (2014)
- Niobrara Council participates in the Big Rock Rim Community in Valentine becoming a Fire-wise Community (2014)
- Niobrara Council participates in funding two priority projects: noxious weed control and cedar removal (2014)
- Niobrara Council participates in Niobrara River Road Project Stakeholders Meeting (2014)
- Niobrara Council works with Cherry County landowner towards Conservation Easement Project (2014)
- Niobrara Council discusses Superintendents Compendium (2014)
- Niobrara Council writes letter of support for NEWMAC grant involving funding request from NETF (2014)
- Niobrara Council moves forward with NETF grant application for cedar mitigation (funding eventually denied) (2014)
- Council meets with Nebraska State Forester Scott Josiah (2014)
- Niobrara Council works on suggested changes to statute with Senator Larson and Senator Davis (2014)
- Summer day camp for elementary students (2014)
- NPS "Pretty Fun Day" Coupon project (2014)
- Niobrara Council discusses suggested changes to statute being introduced by Senator Davis in the Nebraska Legislature (2015)
- Pam Sprenkle addresses Council with letter she drafted regarding concerns she has for their function (2015)
- Spring river cleanup (2015)
- Council participated in the Great Nebraska Trash Off (2015)
- Niobrara Council County Commissioner Representatives discuss open positions on Niobrara Council (2015)
- Niobrara Council contributes information for Region 24 Hazard Mitigation Plan update (2015)
- Niobrara Council receives information on the possible development project by the Nature Conservancy (2015)
- Niobrara Council responds to letter from Senator Schilz regarding Niobrara Council (2015)
- Niobrara Council opposes LB 622 (2015)
- Niobrara Council sends response letter to HDR regarding Niobrara River Road Project (2015)
- Niobrara Council approves changes and updates to bylaws (2015)
- Niobrara Council participates in the National Park Service Family Fun Day (2015)
- Niobrara Council creates funding priority project list (2015)
- Niobrara Council receives Recycling Grant for Recycling Project (2015)
- Niobrara Council discusses possible float trip in coordination with the National Park Service (2015)
- Kieborz reports on Cline letter of complaint regarding new Simmons Landing within the vicinity of their property (2015)

- Niobrara Council discusses LR272, a Legislative Resolution to study the Niobrara Council and its current statutory authority (2015)
- NPS "Pretty Fun Day" Coupon project (2015)
- Summer day camp for elementary students (2015)

NORMALCY TASK FORCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Normalcy Task Force

Contact Person: Sarah Helvey, co-Chair
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Purpose: The Normalcy Task Force was created to serve as an advisory body for Nebraska's implementation of the normalcy provisions of the Strengthening Families Act.

How Many Affectable: The Strengthening Families Act will affect all children placed into the care and custody of the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS). In 2015, DCFS served 2300 new youth entering the foster care system.

How Many Served: Due to the task force's recent enactment, this question is not applicable at this time.

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: NA

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-4218

Parent Agency: Children's Commission

Number of Members: Minimum of 16

Who Appoints: Children's Commission

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The members of the task force shall include, but not be limited to, (a) representatives from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. The representatives from the legislative and judicial branches shall be nonvoting, ex officio members, (b) no fewer than three young adults currently or previously in foster care which may be filled on a rotating basis by members of Project Everlast or a similar youth support or advocacy group, (c) a representative from the juvenile probation system, (d) the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office, (e) one or more representatives from a child welfare advocacy organization, (f) one or more representatives from a child welfare service agency, (g) one or more representatives

from an agency providing independent living services, (h) one or more representatives of a child-care institution as defined in section 43-4703, (i) one or more current or former foster parents, (j) one or more parents who have experience in the foster care system, (k) one or more professionals who have relevant practical experience such as a caseworker, and (l) one or more guardians ad litem who practice in juvenile court.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: 2 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: At Once

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: NA

Held FY 13-14: NA

Required FY 14-15: NA

Held FY 14-15: NA

Required FY 15-16: NA

Held FY 15-16: NA

Support Staff: 1

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: NA

FY 14-15 Budget: NA

FY 15-16 Budget: NA

Other Funding Sources: NA

Spending Authority: NA

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The Normalcy Task Force was created April 19, 2016 and its first meeting was July 13, 2016.

NEBRASKA NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Noxious Weed Advisory Committee

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Purpose: Advise Director of Agriculture concerning responsibilities under the noxious weed program.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1989

Year Active: 1991

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 2-965.01

Parent Agency: Department of Agriculture

Number of Members: 14

Who Appoints: Director of Agriculture

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Representatives from the Nebraska Weed Control Association, the leafy spurge task force, state or federal agencies actively concerned with the control of noxious weeds, the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and cities and villages of this state, persons actively involved in agriculture, and others in the public and private sector may serve on such committee at the request of the director.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: When needed

Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: When needed

Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: When needed

Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Members have participated in meetings and events to promote noxious weed control statewide.

NURSING HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nursing Home Advisory Council

Contact Person: Eve Lewis Program Manager Office of LTC Facilities
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Purpose: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-6044 The Nursing Home Advisory Council was established to advise and assist the Department in carrying out the administration of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act and rules, regulations, and standards adopted and promulgated that apply to nursing homes. 71-6050 The council shall advise and make recommendations to the department on all matters pertaining to the licensure and regulation of nursing homes, including: study, review and make recommendations for rules and standards governing the operations of nursing homes; recommend procedures in making inspections, reviewing applications, and conducting hearings; assist in formulating minimum standards and regulations for nursing homes. And other duties necessary to carry out the purposes of the council.

How Many Affectable: All who seek the various nursing home related licensees and those that are impacted by the services of such individuals

How Many Served: 793 licensees in the individuals impacted by their services

Year Created: 2000

Year Active: 2001

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-6044

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Number of Members: 16

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-6045 The council shall consist of sixteen members appointed by the Governor as follows: one licensed registered nurse, one licensed physician and surgeon, one licensed dentist, one licensed pharmacist, 3 members representing the Department of Health and Human Services with responsibilities for aging programs,

Medicaid, and regulation and licensure, one representative of an agency of state or local government, four lay persons, 2 administrators or owners of proprietary nursing homes, and 2 administrators or owners of voluntary nursing homes.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Support staff for the Office of Long Term Care Facilities provided support for the council

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

As no appointments have been to the council since 2011 and members have gradually dropped off at the end of their terms, the council has not been functional. In 2011, LB 456, which would eliminate the Nursing Home Advisory Council, was proposed but not passed by the legislature. New council appointees had not been done since 2011. The last council members appointed by the Governor had terms that expired in mid-2014. So, although meetings were scheduled for the last half of 2014 and all of 2015, the meetings were not able to be held because there was no quorum of members. For these reasons, we believe this council is no longer needed.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Contact Person: Bill Sydow, Director
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Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is to regulate the oil and natural gas exploration and production industry 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 natural 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: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 57-901 through 57-923

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: 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: 4 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 8

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$886,619
FY 14-15 Budget: \$900,600
FY 15-16 Budget: \$923,251

Other Funding Sources: Yes. Federal, US EPA, \$80,000 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, 2012:

The Commission updated its Rules and Regulations by conducting a major rule-making during February 2012 through June 2014. New rules for well stimulation activities and the reporting of hydraulic fracture stimulation fluid chemistry to the FracFocus website were added as was a fee for inactive wells. The rules update also increased the bonding levels which operators must provide to the Commission. These revised rules and regulations are available on the Commission's website, www.nogcc.ne.gov.

The Commission continues to make great strides in the electronic delivery of oil and gas information to the public via our website. The Commission's website is hosted from our headquarters office and we continue to add information daily. 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. Users can utilize several types of base maps including Google Terrain and Google Satellite backgrounds. Contour overlays were added to include the Contour of the Base of the Principal Aquifer, Precambrian Structure, Bouger Gravity, and Aeromagnetics. Overlays for the location of registered water wells and wellhead protection areas have been updated. 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 print a Scout Ticket summarizing key information for each well. 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 begun to develop their prospects in the panhandle and both the southeastern and southwestern portions of Nebraska after leasing hundreds of thousands of acres in 2011 and 2012. 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 400,000 per month to over 2,500,000 per month over the past four years as people "mine" our data.

Electronic filing of monthly reports by operators is encouraged. At the present time, 165 operators have posted bonds with the Commission. Of the currently bonded operators, 110 filed monthly production records during 2015 and, of those 110 operators, 83 filed monthly production and injection reports electronically. The companies who file electronically represent 75% of the operators required to file monthly reports. The data are quality checked for accuracy before they are brought into the Commission's system.

In an effort to aid a shallow geological mapping project of the Natural Resources Districts in the panhandle, the Commission voluntarily undertook another log scanning project at our sole cost. Scanning of the collection of the 5"100' Geophysical Logs of deep oil and gas wells in four counties, curated by the Nebraska Geological Survey, began in August 2013. The project is nearly completed and an additional 12,000 well logs have been scanned in Banner, Cheyenne, Kimball, and Scotts Bluff Counties.

All of our Commission orders have been scanned. The database continues to be 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 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 that could be used by both the public and the industry.

Since 2012, drilling activity has increased and then dramatically slowed with the price collapse of 2014. A total of 141 drilling permits were issued in 2012 and increased to 231 new permits in

2014. The collapse of the prices for both oil and gas in late 2014 hindered drilling activity in 2015 when 102 permits were approved. The position of our Staff Engineer was filled in August 2012 but for only two years. The position remains open due to a resignation and we are awaiting a rebound in pricing and activity before seeking to fill the position. Two other vacancies in our staff, caused by the retirement and death of two long-term employees, were filled during early 2016. Two reviews of our federally-delegated Underground Injection Control (UIC) program were conducted in the fall of 2015. The United States Environmental Protection Agency conducted their 5-year review of our program. The Ground Water Protection Council and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, as a part of the States First initiative, conducted a national peer review of the UIC program. Both reviews determined that the Commission's injection well program is highly effective, well managed, and meets or exceeds all federal requirements.

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 Ricketts' official representative, served as the IOGCC vice chairman during 2009 and received the prestigious E.W. Marland Award in 2014. Nebraska was a founding member of the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) and Mr. Stan Belieu, the Commission's Deputy Director, served as the President of the GWPC during 2012 and 2013. Mr. Belieu continues to be active in the development of a joint IOGCC-GWPC project which is known as FracFocus. This website 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 and was adopted as a part of our 2014 rule-making. 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.

OUT-OF-HOME DATA PILOT PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP

Survey Response

Formal Name: Out-of-Home Data Pilot Project Advisory Group

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Purpose: The purpose of the Out-of-Home Data Pilot Advisory Group is to oversee the pilot and consider whether an independent, external oversight data warehouse could be created by building on an existing state agency data system, or systems, currently used to account for children and juveniles in out-of-home placement. The Advisory Group is to consider the features and capabilities of existing agency data systems that gather information on children and juveniles in out-of-home placement. The Advisory Group will examine where an independent, external oversight data warehouse might be located within state government, possible costs associated with establishment and operating a data warehouse, challenges of data collection, barriers to data sharing, protection of confidential information, and restrictions on access to confidential information. Furthermore, the purpose of the data warehouse is to allow analysis that can account for children and juveniles in out-of-home placement regardless of how they entered, whether that is through the Department of Health and Human Services or via court involvement. Specifically, the data warehouse will allow researchers to determine if placement outcomes meet policy goals; if children and juveniles in out-of-home placement are better off as a result of said out-of-home placement; identification of the key indicators for successful outcomes; and project future needs for children and juveniles in out-of-home placement.

How Many Affectable: Children in the State of Nebraska (760,000 est.)

How Many Served: Population of Children in Out-of-Home Care (4,200 est)

Year Created: 2015

Year Active: 2015

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-1322

Parent Agency: Foster Care Review Office

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 12

Who Appoints: Members gain membership by virtue of their position. The group shall include the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare or his or her designee, the State Court Administrator or his or her designee, the probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration or his or her designee, the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice or his or her designee, the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office or his or her designee, a representative of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, the Chief Information Officer of the office of Chief Information Officer or his or her designee, and one representative each from the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: N/A

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A

Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Foster Care Review Office

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Due to the infancy of the project it is premature to make conclusions and recommendations at this point in time. There have been efforts made by the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to initiate preliminary analysis to demonstrate the advantages of a data warehouse, but at this time no results are available to report.

It is the intention of the Foster Care Review Office (FCRO) to deliver an addendum to this report as soon as data is received and analyzed by the FCRO office. The FCRO is expecting an addendum to be prepared by Mid-March.

Despite the project being in its infancy there are three risks moving forward if there are not active efforts to establish an external oversight data warehouse: a continued dependency on singular agencies; a more frequent resort to criticism between agencies; and perhaps most worrying, an ever-increasing role in anecdotal inklings driving public policy. Proactive use of these data analysis via a data warehouse can mitigate these risks.

Past and current joint data efforts undertaken are unequivocally great, but myopic in nature. Questions are only asked once anecdotal evidence suggests a subject matter, instead of using data to predict events based on changes made to policy. Ultimately, though, the state must confront the deep question: what is the purpose of spending on the children? If it is to provide only a minimum understanding of the population, there are plenty of individualized agencies to provide scope. If it is to provide an expansive alternative to measuring and improving the lives of our State's children, a solution must have higher contributions.

Mastering the complexity of a data warehouse as well as its design, production and management will require certain skill and collaboration. The days of singular data system operating outside of each other is coming to an end – as effective research tools can deliver data of an unprecedented depth capable of answering the most important questions regarding a child's out-of-home placement.

Long term research needs will be attainable with a data warehouse, in that one would be better able to understand longitudinal service consumption by children and juveniles; effectiveness of programs; key indicators for success; streamlined process for ad hoc research needs; predictive usage; and debunk untruths.

BOARD OF PARDONS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Board of Pardons

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Purpose: To remit fines and forfeitures, grant respites, grant reprieves, grant pardons, and grant commutation 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: Any individual convicted of a crime

How Many Served: 796

Year Created: 1875

Year Active: 1875

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Const. art. IV § 13

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Members are serve by virtue of their elected office

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: By virtue of their elected position

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Expire at once

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None (0)
Held FY 13-14: Seven (7)

Required FY 14-15: None (0)
Held FY 14-15: Five (5)

Required FY 15-16: None (0)
Held FY 15-16: Six (6)

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared: Nebraska Board of Parole

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A
FY 14-15 Budget: N/A
FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

FY 2012-2013

Pardon applications
presented: 188
granted: 101
License Reprieve applications
presented: 62
granted 11
Commutation applications
presented: 57
granted 2
Revocation of License Reprieve
presented: 1
granted 1

FY 20132014

Pardon applications
presented: 153
granted 132
License Reprieve applications
presented: 30

granted 21
Commutation applications
presented: 65
granted 1
Revocation of License Reprieve
presented: 0

FY 2014 2015

Pardon applications
presented: 160
granted 103
Reprieve applications
presented: 42
granted 24
Commutation applications
presented: 37
granted 1
Revocation of License Reprieve
presented: 1
granted 1

FY 2015 2016

Pardon applications
presented: 127
granted 90
License Reprieve applications
presented: 54
granted 25
Commutation applications
presented: 41
granted 4
Revocation of License Reprieve
presented: 1
granted 1

BOARD OF PAROLE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Board of Parole

Contact Person: Trudy A. Clark, Administrative Assistant
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Purpose: Review status of committed offenders to determine when and if they are released on parole, set the conditions of parole, revoke parole, and issue warrants to arrest parole violators.

How Many Affectable: All committed offenders eligible for parole

How Many Served: 21,490 parole hearings

Year Created: 1968

Year Active: 1969

Sunset Date: Not applicable

Authorization Citation: Neb. Const. art. IV § 13

Parent Agency: None

Number Of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 7,196
Held FY 13-14: 7,196

Required FY 14-15: 7,080
Held FY 14-15: 7,080

Required FY 15-16: 7,214
Held FY 15-16: 7,214

Support Staff: 8

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$907,174
FY 14-15 Budget: \$927,819
FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,417,592

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes. The Board of Parole has authority to spend personal services limit and operation allotment

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Automation developed for information retrieval to increase efficiency. The agency continues to strive to increase numbers on parole, keeping in mind public safety.

Additionally, in 2015, LB 598 required that the Office of Parole Administration transition from the Department of Correctional Services to the Board of Parole by July 1, 2016. This was successfully accomplished and resulted in the addition of approximately 71 staff that the Board has incorporated into its administration and operations.

PERFUSIONIST COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Perfusionist Committee

Contact Person: Kathie Lueke, Program Manager
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Dept. of Health & Human Services

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. For reference, a perfusionist is also known as a clinical perfusionist or a cardiovascular perfusionist, is a specialized healthcare professional who uses the heart -lung machine during cardiac surgery and other surgeries that require cardio pulmonary by-pass to manage the patient's physiological status.

How Many Affectable: Any individual that wants to be a perfusionist in the state of Nebraska, and the individuals who use their services

How Many Served: 11

Year Created: 2007

Year Active: 2007

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-2712

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Board of Health

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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.

Per Diem: \$50.00

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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

Term Length: 5 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: Funded in total by licensing fees

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Recommendations for licensure on 11 applications Regulations for this profession under 172 NAC 91 Regulations for Perfusionists, became effective on 4/29/14.

PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee

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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.

How Many Affectable: 235,355

How Many Served: 180,609

Year Created: 2009

Year Active: 2009

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: The Committee is formed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-951 et seq.

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Number of Members: 15-20

Who Appoints: The Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

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, and two public members.

Per Diem: \$50, in addition to a \$500 honorarium per each meeting, of which there are two each year.

Expense Reimbursement: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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.

Term Length: 5 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board

FY 13-14 Budget: \$20,241.42

FY 14-15 Budget: \$22,875.90

FY 15-16 Budget: \$21,540.93

Other Funding Sources: Federal Medicaid grant dollars in addition to State general funds

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Annual review of each therapeutic class on the PDL. Guidance from the Committee allowed the maintenance of a clinical sound Preferred Drug List, while gathering significant savings.

Allowed for collection of supplemental rebates in the costly Hepatitis C therapeutic class.

Additional therapeutic classes added to PDL.2013: PDL savings of \$9,547,957Magellan Medicaid Administration was awarded the contract for assisting in maintaining the PDL and multi-state purchasing pool which resulted in substantial improvements to the PDL program.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-17 approved September 19, 2013 (related to supplemental rebate contracting changes through multi-state purchasing pool)

Issued RFP and awarded contract for Preferred Drug List services to vendor, Magellan Rx Management in 2013. Contract 57402-O4 effective from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, with options of three, three year periods.

The P&T Committee makes recommendations to the State on which drugs to place on the PDL, which to prefer and which to not prefer. In general, State Maximum Allowed Cost programs aid in assuring the PDL will produce savings to the State optimally. In 2013 the vendor FastMAC program was implemented providing a robust Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) pricing for generic products to ensure continued compliance with CMS requirements for payment to be under the Federal Upper Limit (FUL) in aggregate. 2014: PDL savings of \$8,451,157 Cancer treatment: PDL Review was accomplished as this class is expanding rapidly to direct utilization to Brand Preferred products when appropriate as generic products enter the market. This ensured supplemental rebates remained stable while simultaneously maintaining quality clinical care to Medicaid clients.

Hepatitis C Medications: PDL Review as well as Clinical Edit Requirement with Restrictive Clinical Criteria were drafted by extensive review of National Guidelines, Peer-Reviewed Literature, and National Thought-Leaders. 2015: PDL savings of \$5,535,252 A single-State PDL framework was included in the managed care RFP, released in 2015. The resulting Heritage Health contracts of 2016 require the awarded health plans to follow the Nebraska State Preferred Drug List with associated clinical criteria for each drug to ensure that State supplemental rebates remain approximately at the current annual dollar amount return and that the revenue remain stable for the years to come. Representatives from each health plan will participate on the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee for the term of the Heritage Health contracts and will assist the committee in making recommendation to the State concerning the preferred or non-preferred status of drugs on the Preferred Drug List.

Reviewed and revised clinical criteria PDL status of specific PDL drugs and drug classes identified by the Federal government as those associated with national healthcare initiatives and public health epidemics were completed, such as revisions on hepatitis C drugs, methadone, and opioids. This action by the P&T Committee and the MLTC Pharmacy Unit will result in higher quality of health and healthcare services for Nebraskans.

POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL (PSAC)

Survey Response

Formal Name: Police Standards Advisory Council (PSAC)

Contact Person: William Muldoon
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Purpose: Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council; created; purpose and duties; meetings. There is hereby created the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council. The council shall be a special standing committee of the commission with the express purpose of overseeing all training schools and training academies and the operation of the training center and ensuring that all rules, regulations, and policies with respect to pre-certification, certification, continuing education, and training requirements are implemented and complied with. The council shall act for the commission in all matters relating to law enforcement training, the training center, and continuing education but shall not have any other powers and duties with respect to the commission or any of its duties. The council shall conduct regular meetings in order to carry out its statutory duties.

How Many Affectable: All who seek to be a law enforcement officer and all individuals in Nebraska who interact with law enforcement

How Many Served: 4,100 certified law enforcement officers of the State

Year Created: 1969

Year Active: 1969

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-1406

Parent Agency: Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Appointed by the Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: One member is the chief of police or designee from a city of the metropolitan or primary class, a chief of police or designee from a city of the first class, a chief of police or designee from a city of the second class or village, a county sheriff or designee from a county having a population of forty thousand or more, a county sheriff or designee from a

population of forty thousand or less, a member of the Nebraska State Patrol, a member from the public

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four year term

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: No required number. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1406 The council shall conduct regular meetings in order to carry out its statutory duties. Meetings are scheduled the third Wednesday of each month but can be cancelled due to lack of agenda items or quorum.

Held FY 13-14: 9

Required FY 14-15: See above

Held FY 14-15: 11

Required FY 15-16: See above

Held FY 15-16: 10

Support Staff: Staffed by training center employees. A training center staff assistant serves as secretary to the council, the agency counsel serves as legal advisor, and the training center director serves as director of standards

Shared or Separate: Shared, Law Enforcement Training Center & Crime Commission

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since the last survey, the Council has issued 518 law enforcement certifications, conducted 31 evidentiary hearings and recommended the revocation of 30 licenses, heard five appeals of directors decisions regarding admissions and dismissals, inspected the states four academies once each year (16 total), and reviewed applications & issued instructor certifications; 45 in 2013, 35 in 2014, and 49 in 2015. In 2013, the Council promulgated NAC Title 79, Chapter 17, Law Enforcement Continuing Education in response to LB 817 (rolled into LB 1046). The Council

also implemented a new 16 week basic curriculum comprised of 634 training hours as a result of a statewide job task analysis conducted in 2012. Implemented LB 538 by amending a change-in-status form to capture when an agency separates a law enforcement officer based on physical, mental or emotional incapacity. This information is used to suspend the law enforcement officer's certification so that he does not rejoin another agency without proving that physical, mental or emotional condition no longer exists. Director conducted 19 statewide meetings with over 114 agency heads to talk about the new curriculum, new continuing education statutes and academy issues. In 2014, the Council promulgated NAC Title 79, Chapter 18, Certification of Police Service Dog Teams to require every canine team is state certified. In 2015, the Council incorporated Blue Courage and Fair & Impartial Policing curriculums into the basic curriculum. Instructors from all four academies attended training. 2015 was also the first operational year of the continuing education statute and its first report of the mandated 10% audit was reviewed and accepted by the Council. In 2016, the Council is redrafting NAC Title 79, Chapter 11, Firearms, to incorporate a training standard for officers who carry a patrol rifle. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for late 2016.

NEBRASKA POTATO DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Potato Development Committee

Contact Person: Director Nebraska Department of Agriculture
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(402) 471-2341

Purpose: The Committee is to be advisory to the Department of Agriculture in protecting and fostering the health, prosperity, and general welfare of Nebraskans through promotion of and research for the states potato industry.

How Many Affectable: 13 licensed potato growers and shippers

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1945

Year Active: 1945

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 2-1803

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Seven

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The committee shall be composed of three shippers and four growers from the industry. The Director of Agriculture serves as chairperson.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes, actual and necessary expenses.

Term Length: Two years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: silent on the number of meetings
Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: silent on the number of meetings
Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: silent on the number of meetings
Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Potato Development Committee continues to advise the Nebraska of Agriculture on potato research, promotion and development programs that the industry deems relevant. Over the last few years and currently the key areas of research to assist potato producers is control and tracking of the presence of aphids and Psyllids and water usage at various stages of growth.

POULTRY & EGG DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION AND MARKETING
COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee

Contact Person: Robert Storant
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Purpose: To advise the Director of Agriculture relevant to the poultry and egg industry. The Nebraska Poultry Industries Inc., whose directors make up this committee, are by law, 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 whole for the entire State of Nebraska.

How Many Affectable: 3,715 poultry farms

How Many Served: 3,715 poultry farms

Year Created: 1976

Year Active: 1976

Sunset Date: Not specified

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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 provisions 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: Duly elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc., a body corporate, formed under the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act, serve as an advisory committee known as the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization, and Marketing Committee.

Per Diem: 25/day (none claimed)

Expense Reimbursement: Yes (none claimed)

Term Length: One year

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: NA

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0 Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0 Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0 Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18

Other Funding Sources: NA

Spending Authority: NA

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Research on cage laying and the effect on laying hen egg production.

Radio advertising on the nutritional value of eggs and turkey products.

Funding for inactive youth activities and youth education at Raising Nebraska at the State Fair.

Participated in nutritional education events.

POWER REVIEW BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Power Review Board

Contact Person: Tim Texel, Executive Director and General Counsel
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Phone 402-471-2301

Purpose: The Nebraska Power Review Board was created to help provide the residents of Nebraska with adequate electric service at as low overall cost as possible. The Board is to accomplish this goal by regulating Nebraska's consumer-owned electric utility industry and providing a forum for resolution of disputes between electric utilities. In this regard, the Board operates much of the time in a quasi-judicial capacity. Specifically, the Board is to implement the State's policy to avoid and eliminate conflict and competition between Nebraska's consumer-owned electric power suppliers, to avoid and eliminate the duplication of facilities and resources and to facilitate the settlement of rate disputes between electric suppliers. The Board approves the creation of and amendments to retail and wholesale service areas, approves the Petitions for Creation of public power districts and amendments to the charters, and receives complaints regarding electric issues from both utilities and, in limited circumstances, members of the public.

How Many Affectable: The Power Review Board does not affect the lives of a discrete population of Nebraskans. It indirectly affects all Nebraskans that purchase and use electricity, which is virtually everyone.

How Many Served: The Power Review Board interacts primarily with Nebraska's 166 electric utilities, as well as private developers, and occasionally interacts with private citizens regarding information requests and formal complaints.

Year Created: 1963

Year Active: 1963

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 70-1003

Parent Agency: None

Number Of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: The Power Review Board is required to have one member who is an engineer, one who is an attorney, and one who is an accountant, in addition to two laypersons. No more than three members can be members of the Governor's political party. A member cannot have been a director, officer or employee of any electric utility or have been an elected state officer in the four years preceding his or her appointment.

Per Diem: \$60 per day when engaged in Board business. The member designated to represent Nebraska on the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee receives \$250 per day while performing his or her duties.

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 year terms, with a limit of reappointment

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A
Held FY 13-14: 12

Required FY 14-15: N/A
Held FY 14-15: 11

Required FY 15-16: N/A
Held FY 15-16: 11

Support Staff: Yes. The Power Review Board has three full-time employees.

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$602,594
FY 14-15 Budget: \$577,640
FY 15-16 Budget: \$628,337

Other Funding Sources: The Power Review Board is entirely cash funded. It receives its funds from assessments levied against Nebraska's electric utilities. The Board does not receive any general funds.

Spending Authority: Yes. The Power Review Board has only one fund, one program, and no subdivisions.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

In January 2013 the Power Review Board created a digital interactive map showing all the retail service area boundaries for every electric utility in the state of Nebraska. The map is available on the Board's website and can be used by anyone with access to the internet. Where previously the Board's maps were only available by visiting the Board's offices or obtaining a physical copy of a map, now utilities and the public can use the online map to identify what electric utility has the right to serve any location in the entire state. In the time period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016, the Board conducted 15 hearings concerning new generation and transmission facilities, 5 hearings on formal complaints, approved 7 new generation facilities, 26 new transmission lines, and 3 microwave communication facilities. The Board also approved 18 retail service area agreement amendments and approved 15 amendments to public power district charters.

PRIORITY SCHOOL INTERVENTION TEAM

Survey Response

Formal Name: Priority School Intervention Team

Contact Person: Brian Halstead, Chief of Staff
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Purpose: The Commissioner is authorized under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-760.07 to appoint individuals to assist a school district, school and Nebraska Department of Education staff with diagnosing issues that negatively affect student achievement in a priority school and then assist in developing a progress plan for a priority school that is approved by the State Board of Education as further provided under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-760.07.

How Many Affectable: up to 3 priority schools

How Many Served: All 3 priority schools

Year Created: Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-760.07 was enacted in 2014 and any members of an intervention team were appointed in January 2016

Year Active: January 2016 to date

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-760.07

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: Up to 5 individuals may be named to any intervention team

Who Appoints: Commissioner of Education

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-760.07 provides that any team may be composed of up to 5 individuals "with education and experience" to carry out the responsibilities of the team".

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Not applicable

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Not applicable

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Not applicable

Held FY 13-14: none

Required FY 14-15: Not applicable

Held FY 14-15: none

Required FY 15-16: Not applicable

Held FY 15-16: none

Support Staff: Not applicable

Shared or Separate: Not applicable

FY 13-14 Budget: Not applicable

FY 14-15 Budget: Not applicable

FY 15-16 Budget: Not applicable

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Not applicable

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The teams exist of individuals appointed by the Commissioner of Education to carry out a task defined by statute. The teams have no authority to do anything except assist with the tasks specified by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-760.07.

PRIVATE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Kevin Stoner
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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 2012 an average of 600 certified onsite professionals have registered nearly 1600 onsite wastewater treatment systems each year.

Year Created: 2003

Year Active: 2003

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb Rev. Stat § 81-15,245

Parent Agency: 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 2 terms

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Shared with Department

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Advisory committee proposed revisions to Title 124 Rules and Regulations for the Designated Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems in early 2012. The Title was revised effective on August 11, 2012. Major changes included in this revision were: standard design for mound septic systems, changes in certification categories, mound

endorsement certification for installers, and removal of program forms from the Appendix of the regulations. The Advisory committee reviewed and approved updates to the certification exams for each category of certification (Installer, Inspector, Pumper and Soil Evaluator) in 2013 and 2015. In 2013, The Environmental Results Program (ERP) inspection program was initiated by the Department, where 30 to 40 newly installed and registered systems are inspected by Program staff each year, with results of the inspection program reported to the Advisory committee. In 2016, the Advisory committee began developing a list of potential updates to Title 124 for the 2017 calendar year.

PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY CAREER SCHOOLS ADVISORY
COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council

Contact Person: Brad Dirksen
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402-471-4825

Purpose: 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 Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 85-1607

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Nebraska Board of Education

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Members of the council shall include representatives from a business school, a trade or technical school, a better business bureau, and three other distinct areas of education.

Per Diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The advisory council considered multiple school fee restructuring proposals and recommended one that was approved for 92NAC41 and 92NAC42 by the Nebraska Board of Education.

Advisory council recommended rule changes to the Board of Education regarding distance learning, requiring public display of a school's authorization to operate and other rules that needed to be updated to ensure alignment with state statutes.

Advisory council recommended changes in statute to include an exemption for out-of-state public schools in 85-1604(6), revise the definition of Private Postsecondary Career School for clarity due to changing instructional methodology, clarify 85-1644 regarding transcript request, and raising the minimum and maximum amounts for the Tuition Recovery Cash Fund.

The council also raised questions regarding Nebraska joining part of an interstate reciprocity agreement and encouraged interagency communication.

NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling

Contact Person: David Geier, Executive Director
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Purpose: LB 6, effective July 1, 2013, directs the Commission to oversee the staff and functions of the Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program (GAP). The GAP is authorized to direct gambling proceeds collected by the State of Nebraska to help pay for problem gambling counseling for Nebraskans and their families who suffer a problem gambling disorder. The GAP is also authorized to educate the public about problem gambling and to generate public messages that may prevent problem gambling.

How Many Affectable: According to the University of Northern Iowa Prevalence of Gambling 2015 Survey indicates that between 1-2% of the adult population (over 18), or 14,000 - 28,000 persons who are residents of Nebraska may be addicted gamblers.

How Many Served: 641

Year Created: 2013

Year Active: 2013

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 9-1003 to 9-1007

Parent Agency: Independent Commission with Department of Revenue limited administrative services only

Number of Members: Nine

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: 1 - medical or mental health expertise1 - education 1 - banking1 - legal1 - data analysis2 - problem gambling consumers2 - public-at-large

Per Diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Mileage for scheduled meetings at state rate, meals away from home
Term Length: 3 years
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: Anne McCollister, AA

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1.670M
FY 14-15 Budget: \$1.870M
FY 15-16 Budget: \$1.876M

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Gamblers Assistance Program has increased the number of total clients served (Nebraska residents and their families who suffer a problem gambling disorder) from 166 to 641. 21 new therapists trained and providing counseling in six new Nebraska communities in a previous under-served region. Certified problem gambling counseling is now available in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Chadron, McCook, Broken Bow, Norfolk, O'Neill, and Auburn. So, since 2013, the GAP has expanded both certified problem gambling treatment services in Nebraska and the number of new Nebraska clients seeking treatment. GAP has developed a process for evaluation and approval of contracts with treatment providers and other contractors; developed standards for training and certification of counselors; gathered and analyzed evaluation data on which to base program initiatives; inform the public about problem gambling and prevention; and created and implemented an outreach and

prevention program in schools, legal system, state probation, tribal organizations, military, family and mental health practitioners, service organizations, and clergy.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Professional Practices Commission

Contact Person: Kelly Muthersbaugh, Clerk of the Commission
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Purpose: The Commission, upon receipt of petitions alleging a violation of standards of professional ethics and practices, filed by Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, 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 promote improvement of education and the teaching profession. Other services provided by the Commission include the publishing of three pamphlets: Code of Ethics Teaching Profession; Standards of Competency Teaching Profession; and, Teacher Aides. The Clerk of the Professional Practices Commission is responsible for all record-keeping, all functions of the office, and responds to all requests to provide informational presentations 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: All educators in the state

How Many Served: 55

Year Created: 1967

Year Active: 1970

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 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 and secondary classroom teachers, school administrators and postsecondary education.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Four.

Held FY 13-14: Four.

Required FY 14-15: Four.

Held FY 14-15: Four.

Required FY 15-16: Four.

Held FY 15-16: Four.

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$129,042.19

FY 14-15 Budget: \$132,011.77

FY 15-16 Budget: \$136,955.47

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes. Commission approves proposed budgets

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since the last report in 2012, there have been fifty-five petitions filed with the Commission resulting in the following: Twenty-five recommendations for revocation of a certificate with 8 of those recommended to be permanent. Eleven recommendations for suspension of a certificate. Three public reprimands were issued. Two petitions were dismissed. Six were granted reinstatements. Two petitions requesting reinstatement were denied. One petition requesting reinstatement was withdrawn. We currently have five cases pending so those recommendations are not part of this report. This is an increase of fourteen petitions filed from those filed in the last report in 2012. (Forty-one between 2008-2012 and fifty-five between 2012-2016.)We do

offer administrative law training to commissioners at the National Judicial College, and have sent attendees three times these past four years. We are in the process of producing, with the assistance of Nebraska Educational Television, a series of six additional training videos that will be used to further assist and enhance our outreach program to educate and prevent teacher and administrator violations of standards of professional ethics and practices. A significant number of inquiries from members of the public and teaching profession have been addressed. We continue to provide presentations to groups regarding the activities of the Commission. Numerous pamphlets have been requested and disseminated.

PROPANE EDUCATION & RESEARCH COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Propane Education & Research Council

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Purpose: To provide education and safety training for the propane industry professionals and consumers.

How Many Affectable: Propane providers and consumers throughout the state

How Many Served: 83 retailers, 20 wholesalers and other vendors, and thousands of consumers throughout the state.

Year Created: 1997

Year Active: 1998

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1617

Parent Agency: Nebraska State Fire Marshal

Number Of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: There are several categories--four must be marketers, one must be a member of the public, one must be employed by education, one must be a wholesaler, one must be a supplier, and the State Fire Marshal is a permanent member

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Only for the member of the public, no one else is eligible

Term Length: 3 years with two terms maximum

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: One part time Executive Director

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 283,000
FY 14-15 Budget: 294,000
FY 15-16 Budget: 274,000

Other Funding Sources: National grant money

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1617

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

We have conducted over 100 classes for propane safety and education and have sent safety information out for thousands of consumers to prevent injury and fire from propane safety lapses. We have also purchased safety equipment, including a propane flamer (releasing excess propane from a damaged tank), that can be used by firefighting professionals in Nebraska through the State Fire Marshal's office. We also provided a propane fire simulator to be used by volunteer departments to train. (Different methods must be used to extinguish a propane fire. If firefighters use traditional methods, a propane fire can actually grow larger.) NPERC also reimburses the cost of the propane used in a simulation so that there is absolutely no cost to the fire department to train.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of Psychology

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Purpose: (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.

How Many Affectable: All seeking a license to practice psychology

How Many Served: Recommendations were made on 238 applications for licensure

Year Created: 1967

Year Active: 1967

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-167

Parent Agency: DHHS

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: State Board of Health

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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.

Per Diem: Yes. \$50.00

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 6
Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$7,762
FY 14-15 Budget: \$12,108
FY 15-16 Budget: \$8,032

Other Funding Sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: Recommendations for licensure on 238 applications

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy

Contact Person: Daniel Sweetwood, Executive Director
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Purpose: Public Accountancy Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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 Act 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, and Disciplining certificate and permit holders who fail to comply with the technical or ethical standards of the public accountancy profession

How Many Affectable: Citizens, businesses, governmental and other entities who rely on professional services provided by Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) and CPA firms.

How Many Served: Citizens who file complaints before the Board. Active Permit Holders (CPAs)

Year Created: 1957

Year Active: 1957

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-105 to 1-110

Parent Agency: Non-Code Independent

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Six Members must be an Active Certified Public Accountant with two from each Congressional District. Two members are from the public.

Per Diem: \$100 per day spent on Board matters

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four Years can be reappointed to serve a second four year term

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1 (Organizational Meeting Title 288, Chapter 4.001.01)

Held FY 13-14: 7 (6 Board Meetings 1 Rules Hearing Meeting)

Required FY 14-15: 1 (Organizational Meeting Title 288, Chapter 4.001.01)

Held FY 14-15: 6 Board Meetings

Required FY 15-16: 1 (Organizational Meeting Title 288, Chapter 4.001.01)

Held FY 15-16: 7 (6 Board Meetings 1 Rules Hearing Meeting)

Support Staff: 3

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$419,730

FY 14-15 Budget: \$423,865

FY 15-16 Budget: \$431,852

Other Funding Sources: No General Fund All funds from permit & registrant holders and CPA firms

Spending Authority: Public Accountancy Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 1-111

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board has continued to develop two on-line programs to support the licensure and reporting of continuing education by licensed Nebraska CPAs. A team approach between the Board, Nebraska.gov, and DASIMS Services has allowed for the successful development and enhancement of these programs. The Board has developed areas of a paperless office where feasible.

The Board has begun programs to utilize fewer mailings and using less paper and more email notifications to registrants. The additional notification via email has decreased non-compliance by registrants by over 30% from previous years. This is another example by increasing the use of technology; the Board has decreased staff time, paper, and other late filing requirements by registrants.

History of Board Effectiveness

The Board over the last several years continues to strive to be efficient and effective as possible. Strategic planning over the years lends to ways to achieve cost savings whenever possible while continuing to provide a satisfactory level of regulatory protection for the public. Some examples of Board applied efficiency effectiveness: Eliminated state FTE staff position based on outsourcing examination processing to NASB ACPAES Created online renewal applications that eliminated paper processing allowing staff to focus on more important work. Generally it takes less than 5 minutes to renew their active permit to practice for CPAs. Board surveys report CPAs enjoy the convenience of renewing their active permit online (the 2014 survey is attached). Created online CPE submission processing eliminating paper for staff to process and benefits the CPA by providing online access to CPE history records. Again, CPAs report a very positive experience when utilizing the CPA reporting system (the 2014 survey is attached) agreed to move Board office to the 1526 Building from the Apothecary Building in the Haymarket area based on cost savings. Instituted and strengthened the Committee based format (the Board has five standing committees) that allowed for the elimination of two-day Board meetings to one day for cost savings. Telephone conference calls are utilized by Committees requiring less travel expense. Additionally, allows less time needed by busy Board members to devote to Board business. Created a Board intern program with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln whereas honors accounting students participate in state regulation of CPAs while the Board has flexibility in hours utilized, minimal salary requirements, and eliminates the need to hire temporary state workers. Continued productive relationship with the Nebraska Society of CPAs and Nebraska Society of Independent Accountants. Upon the identification of an issue that might require an amendment to the Public Accountancy Act or Board regulations it has been the Boards practice to form a Task Force Work Group to research and render a recommendation to the Board. The group is made of up of Board members and leaders within the CPA community to allow for a proper vetting of the issue before it arrives at the Legislature and or hearing on regulations. The goal is to workout issues and or points of dispute within the profession before coming to the Legislature if at all possible. This allows for a more effective legislative process. Created a Board enforcement tracking tool to monitor and provide transparency for Board members for making sure case files are properly tracked and moved forward on a timely basis. Proper case file management is employed allowing for a more efficient process while keeping Board members apprised of the actions taken in enforcement cases.

The Board works closely with the National Association of State Board of Accountancy (NASBA) on matters that promote national effectiveness in the regulation of CPAs including promoting mobility provisions and the Accountancy Licensing Database (ALD) for Board use and CPA verify for public use. Mobility allows CPAs to cross state borders when conducting limited engagements without having to register and or license in Nebraska. This, first of a kind, regulation model reduces the hindrance on CPAs and CPA firms when conducting multiple professional engagements in several jurisdictions and reduces paperwork and work needed to license while allowing for Board regulation over mobile CPAs. The Board also participates and sends information to the ALD and CPA verify along with over 45 other State Boards to assist in the effective regulation of CPAs on the national level. The ALD allows staff to quickly identify CPAs from other jurisdictions without the need to visit each State Board website while CPA verify gives the public including employers, businesses, and others the ability to look up the status of CPA at one location.

The Board appointed a QEP Task Force in 2010 to review and make recommendations regarding the QEP program. Recommendations included the program will end and a national Peer Review Program will be required of Nebraska CPA firms. The complexity of audit standards and other attest work is the genesis for the change and to assist in firms with complying with professional standards for their clients. If firms cannot meet these standards the Board must be prepared to remove the firm from the profession. In 2015 LB 159 was passed that gives the Board authority to require the national peer review program be completed by Nebraska CPA firms. Experience Requirement Public Accountancy Act- The 2013 Legislature passed LB 27 and Governor Dave Heineman signed into law the ability of Permit to Practice applicants to submit evidence of three years of acceptable experience within a private entity, additional governmental, and academia under the supervision of a CPA to count towards the experience requirement. The Board formed an Experience Work Group that researched and provided recommendations for Board review. This would align the requirement more closely with the Uniform Accounting Act (UAA) and surrounding jurisdictions.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD (PERB)

Survey Response

Formal Name: Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB

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Purpose: The PERB administers five state-wide public retirement systems - for School employees, State employees, County employees, the Judges, and the State Patrol, as well as administering a Deferred Compensation Program for State and some County employees

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How Many Affectable: The retirement plans affect approximately 125,033 members and beneficiaries.

How Many Served: As of 12/31/15, the PERB serves 125,033 active, inactive and retired public employees and beneficiaries in all plans.

Year Created: 1971

Year Active: 1971

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 84-1501

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 8 appointed board members, 1 ex-officio member

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Two board members are participants of the School System (one administrator and one teacher); one active or retired member each from the Judges System, State Patrol System, County and State Retirement Systems, and two public members. The two public members may not be plan members, or employees of the State of Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions. The State Investment Officer is the ex-officio member. All members must be citizens of the State of Nebraska. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1501)

Per Diem: \$50/day for board meetings or board related business (i.e. conferences, education or committee meetings.)

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5-year terms, staggered. One member each expires in 2017, 2018, 2019. Three members expire in 2020 and two expire in 2021.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 12
Held FY 13-14: 12

Required FY 14-15: 12
Held FY 14-15: 12

Required FY 15-16: 12
Held FY 15-16: 12

Support Staff: No.

Shared or Separate: Shared with the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems (NPERS)

FY 13-14 Budget: \$34,612
FY 14-15 Budget: \$34,612
FY 15-16 Budget: \$34,612

Other Funding Sources: The funding source for the PERB and NPERS operating expenses comes from the retirement plan trust assets.

Spending Authority: Yes, the boards spending authority is limited to that which is granted by the Legislature for the board and agency expenses. The PERB approves the Biennium Budget requests for the board and agency prior to submission to the State Budget Office.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

2012 Accomplishments

1. The total number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew to a record 117,331. The total assets of the plans increased from \$9.6 billion to \$9.8 billion. Investment performance as of June 30, 2012 was only 1% for the Defined Benefit plans. The investment return for the Cash Balance plans as of December 31, 2012 was 12.9%.

2. The Call Center answered approximately 37,188 phone calls and met with over 2,754 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits Department processed 1,474 School retirements, 286 estimates for purchase of service and 171 actual purchases of services, 37 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) and 21 disability retirements.
3. NPERS distributed over \$534.7 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$433.2 million in monthly annuity payments and \$101.5 million in refunds, rollovers, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions.
4. The Legislature authorized another Cash Balance election for State and County Defined Contribution members. There were 1,264 State and 366 County members who elected to transfer to Cash Balance. On January 2, 2013 NPERS transferred 1,630 members with assets of \$271 million to the Cash Balance plans.
5. Groom Law Group and Segal completed the Compliance Audit and made a presentation to the PERB and the Legislative Retirement Committee. NPERS reviewed and adopted most of the recommendations made in the audit by the end of the year.
6. NPERS revised 12 Rules and Regulations and held public hearings in August and September. The Rules and Regulations were approved by the Attorney General's office, the Governor's office, and submitted to the Secretary of State.
7. Our Finance and Accounting Department exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. Our financial statements represent accurate and reliable information about NPERS. The State Auditor audited the State and County plans in the spring and the School, Judges and Patrol plans in the fall.
8. The PERB approved revisions made to the Three-Year Internal Audit Plan. The Internal Audit department completed 28 School employer audits and 30 County employer audits.
9. NPERS managers met at the disaster recover site and conducted a preliminary test of the IT equipment. The IT department worked with the Department of Corrections on network sharing at the facility.
10. Our Education Services staff traveled Nebraska providing seminars and training for over 2800 individuals. NPERS held 43 Retirement Planning seminars, 5 Financial Planning seminars, 6 employer workshops and 11 special presentations for agencies and organizations. We continue to see a higher demand for seminars in Lincoln and Omaha than we are able to meet.
11. NPERS actuary, Buck Consultants performed a Five-Year Actuarial Experience Analysis of all plans and recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions.
12. NPERS worked with the actuary to provide the Legislature with actuarial reports and funding projections for the defined benefit and cash balance plans. The actuary also provided 30-year projections for the School and Patrol plans.

13. NPERS issued an Actuarial Services Request for Proposal (RFP) on November 15, 2012. Proposals were due January 4, 2013.

14. The Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) added two new members. Stuart Simpson replaced Mark Shepard representing the school administrators. Ron Ecklund replaced Don Pederson as a public member in March. Sgt. Glenn Elwell resigned from the PERB in November.

15. The PERB met monthly throughout the year and participated in an educational retreat in July. Keith Brainard, Research Director for the National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), made a presentation on Public Pension Issues and Trends. Other retreat topics included Disability Retirements, Deferred Compensation Hardship Withdrawals, Rules and Regulation revisions, and Current Economic Outlook and Capital Market Forecasts.

16. 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.

17. Data services processed over 34,500 pieces of incoming mail; 282,000 pieces of outgoing mail; and scanned 276,000 documents. NPERS continued efforts to correct addresses and social security numbers in the system and reduce return mail.

18. Data services processed 16,702 beneficiary documents, 8,843 changes of information, 2,755 tax withholding forms and 2,922 direct deposits. NPERS verified service credit for 556 active members hired before 2001, in addition to other daily processing duties.

19. NPERS reduced administrative costs for all new retirees by eliminating monthly benefit payments by check. The vast majority of retirees receive benefit payments by direct deposit. NPERS has 39 members receiving Reliacard (debit card) payments.

20. We worked with Ameritas on several projects this year including the Cash Balance election, changes to the State and County member account statements to include fee disclosures required by the IRS, and programming to calculate late fees for County employers who do not submit retirement contributions on time.

21. NPERS established a Rollover provision to a Roth IRA for the State, County, School, Judges and Patrol plans. NPERS previously established a similar provision for the DCP plan in 2011. NPERS IT staff trained and upgraded the IBM WebSphere application server software for our technology system at a substantial cost savings compared to using an outside vendor.

2013 Accomplishments

1. NPERS relocated our agency to 1526 K Street, Suite 400 in September. We moved the entire agency with 53 staff over a two-week period. We continued to answer phones, meet with walk-in visitors, process retirements and pay benefits during the move.
2. The total number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew to a record 119,420. The total assets of the plans increased from \$9.8 billion to a record \$11.1 billion. Investment performance as of June 30, 2013 was 12.7% for the Defined Benefit plans. The investment return for the Cash Balance plans as of December 31, 2013 was 18.3%.
3. The Call Center answered approximately 38,047 phone calls and met with 2,421 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits Department processed 1,644 School retirements, 261 estimates for purchase of service and 170 actual purchases of services, 61 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) and 35 disability retirements.
4. NPERS distributed over \$606 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$477 million in monthly annuity payments and \$129 million in refunds, rollovers, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions.
5. After 4.5 years and numerous correspondence, the IRS issued favorable determination letters for the School, Judges, State and County plans in May, 2013. We did not receive a response to our application for the State Patrol plan.
6. NPERS revised 5 of our Rules and Regulations and held public hearings in September. The Rules and Regulations were approved by the Attorney General's office, the Governor's office, and submitted to the Secretary of State.
7. Our Finance and Accounting Department began preparations to implement the new Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB 67 and 68) financial reporting changes. We exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. Our financial statements represent accurate and reliable information about NPERS.
8. The State Auditor audited the State and County plans in the spring and the School, Judges and Patrol plans in the fall. We continued to resolve prior audit points and reduced the number of audit points in the State and County plans from seven to two last year.
9. The PERB approved revisions made to the Three-Year Internal Audit Plan. The Internal Audit department completed 35 School employer audits and 32 County employer audits.
10. Our Education Services staff traveled Nebraska providing seminars and training for over 2500 individuals. NPERS held 46 Retirement Planning seminars, 3 Financial Planning seminars, 6 employer workshops and 9 special presentations for agencies and organizations.
11. NPERS new actuary, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting performed their first actuary valuations for the School, Judges and Patrol plans and presented the reports to the PERB and the

Legislative Retirement Committee. NPERS staff worked with the new actuaries to transition the actuarial services and develop the content and format of the new reports.

12. NPERS met with the actuary to provide input for the development of the 30-year projection modeling software for the School, Judges and Patrol plans which should be completed in 2014.

13. NPERS completed the CEM Benchmarking study comparing NPERS services with other public retirement systems in a similar peer group. NPERS total pension administrative cost averaged \$68 per active annuitant. This was \$53 below the peer average of \$121 per annuitant. The study reviewed agency costs and considered economies of scale, member services provided, transaction volumes, and productivity.

14. Darrell Fisher was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature to represent the State Patrol plan on the Public Employees Retirement Board.

15. The PERB members transitioned from paper documents to electronic files using tablets at board meetings reducing monthly mail and copy expenses.

16. The PERB met monthly throughout the year and participated in an educational retreat in July. Meredith Williams, Executive Director of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR), was the keynote speaker and presented a Commentary of the Public Pension Environment. Other retreat topics included the CEM Benchmarking Report, School Compensation and Health Care, and the Actuary Transition Report.

17. 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.

18. Data services processed over 33,357 pieces of incoming mail; 220,915 pieces of outgoing mail; and scanned 302,617 documents. NPERS continues to correct addresses and social security numbers in the system and reduce return mail.

19. Data services processed 16,624 beneficiary documents, 8,054 changes of information, 2,978 tax withholding forms and 3,201 direct deposits. NPERS verified service credit for 644 active members in addition to other daily processing duties.

20. The IT Department completed numerous projects including upgrading the Traverse accounting software, upgrading all workstations to Windows 7, and significant analysis and programming of the School salary capping changes to NPRIS.

2014 Accomplishments

1. The total number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew to a record 121,920. The total assets of the plans increased from \$11.1 billion to a record \$12.6 billion. Investment performance as of June 30, 2014 was

18% for the Defined Benefit plans. The investment return for the Cash Balance plans as of December 31, 2014 was 6.9%.

2. The Call Center answered approximately 41,220 phone calls and met with 2,390 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits Department processed 1,648 School retirements, 248 estimates for purchase of service and 135 actual purchases of services, 37 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) and 29 disability retirements.

3. NPERS distributed over \$654 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$519 million in monthly annuity payments and \$135 million in refunds, rollovers, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions.

4. NPERS processed 6,717 refunds, rollovers and required minimum distributions in 2014, a 42% increase over 2013.

5. NPERS submitted applications for the new five-year Cycle C IRS determination letters for the School, Judges, Patrol, State and County plans in January, 2014. We received favorable determination letters for the School, Judges, State and County plans. The application for the State Patrol plan is still pending.

6. NPERS revised Rule and Regulation Chapter 15 on purchase of service. NPERS held a hearing to revise Rule and Regulation Chapter 18 on contribution and benefit adjustments. This rule is pending approval of the Governor's office.

7. Our Finance and Accounting Department worked with the actuaries and implemented the new Government Accounting Standards Board rule (GASB 67) on financial reporting for the School, Judges and State Patrol plans, FYE 6-30-14. GASB 67 will be implemented in the financial reports for the State and County plans, FYE 12-31-14.

8. We exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. Our financial statements represent accurate and reliable information about NPERS.

9. The State Auditor audited the State and County plans in the spring and the School, Judges and Patrol plans in the fall. We continued to resolve prior audit points and reduced the number of audit points in our audit reports.

10. The PERB approved revisions made to the Three-Year Internal Audit Plan. The Internal Audit department completed 33 School employer audits and 40 County employer audits.

11. NPERS actuaries completed the 30-year projection modeling software for the School, Judges and Patrol plans. The software has been used by staff and the legislature to study plan funding and design.

12. The County Cash Balance plan exceeded 100% funding as of December 31, 2013 and the PERB voted to grant a 0.29% dividend to 8,199 County CB members totaling \$916,192.63.

13. The increase in the CPI-W on June 30, 2014 was 2.04% and 20,657 School, Judges and Patrol retirees and beneficiaries received a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in July.

14. PERB Chairman Denis Blank appointed an Assumed Rate Committee to study the 8% assumed rate being used by NPERS defined benefit plans. Randall Rehmeier chaired the committee. Members of the committee were Elaine Stuhr, Janis Elliott and Dennis Leonard. The committee held four meetings to study the issue and recommended that the PERB maintain the 8% assumed rate pending an actuarial experience study in 2016.

15. 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. The Board and Council members discussed NPERS assumed rate of return.

16. The PERB participated in an educational retreat in July. Retreat topics included the Actuary Modeling Software, Assumed Rate of Return, Investment Education, and Return to Work policies.

17. Our Education Services staff traveled Nebraska providing seminars and training for over 2400 individuals. NPERS held 42 Retirement Planning seminars, 4 Financial Planning seminars and 7 employer workshops.

18. Data services processed over 37,052 pieces of incoming mail; 253,103 pieces of outgoing mail; and scanned 306,872 documents. There were 2,862 member accounts that were validated for service credit.

19. Data services completed a five-year beneficiary project of entering 29,709 school member beneficiary forms into our NPRIS data system. Data Services also processed 8,451 changes of information, 3,128 tax withholding forms and 3,151 direct deposits.

20. The IT Department completed the migration of NPERS owned physical servers and backup infrastructure to the OCIO virtual servers, storage and backup infrastructure. We programmed and tested the first phase of the basic account requirements for the new Tier 2 of the School plan. We began the process of changing our imaging technology from FileNet to OnBase.

2015 Accomplishments

1. The number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County and Deferred Compensation plans grew by 3,100 to a record total of 125,033. The total assets of the plans increased from \$12.6 billion to a record \$12.9 billion. Investment performance as of June 30, 2015 was 3.9% for the Defined Benefit plans. The investment return for the Cash Balance plans as of December 31, 2015 was only 1.2%.

2. The Call Center answered a record number of 43,840 phone calls and met with 2,750 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits Department

processed 1,904 retirements, 202 estimates for purchase of service and 97 actual purchases of service, 43 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) and 30 disability retirements.

3 .NPERS distributed over \$719 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$553 million in monthly annuity payments to over 24,000 members. NPERS processed 6,930 refunds, rollovers and required minimum distributions totaling \$166 million.

4. After waiting 6 years, NPERS received a favorable IRS determination letter for the State Patrol plan. We have now received favorable determination letters for all of NPERS five retirement plans.

5. NPERS received final approval from the Governor revising Rule and Regulation Chapter 18 on contribution and benefit adjustments to clarify language consistent with IRS requirements.

6. The Finance and Accounting Department worked closely with the actuaries and State Auditor providing data and feedback for both Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules 67 and 68. We implemented GASB 67 for the State and County plans. We implemented GASB 68 for the School and County employers providing information that is used for their financial statements. GASB 68 includes plan information, the employer's allocated share of contributions and net pension liability, the proportionate share of deferred outflows, inflows and total pension expense.

7. NPERS exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. The financial statements represent accurate and reliable information about NPERS.

8. The State Auditor audited the State and County plans in the spring and the School, Judges and Patrol plans in the fall. NPERS had no reported audit points for the State and County audit and only one audit point for the School, Judges and Patrol audit.

9. The PERB approved revisions to the Three-Year Internal Audit Plan. The Internal Audit department completed 48 School employer audits and 12 County employer audits.

10. NPERS worked with Cavanaugh Macdonald, the actuaries, to prepare annual valuation reports for all five plans. In addition, the actuaries updated the 30-year projection models; prepared GASB 67 and 68 reports; and provided consulting services, cost studies and a report on the assumed rate of return for the Retirement Committee.

11. NPERS worked with Administrative Services Purchasing Bureau to prepare and to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Record Keeping and Consulting Services for the State, County and Deferred Compensation plans.

12. The State and County Cash Balance plans exceeded 100% funding as of December 31, 2014. The PERB voted to grant a 4.53% dividend to State CB members and a 5.81% dividend to County CB members. The total dividends paid were \$67,938,455.

13. There was a decrease in the CPI-W for the year ending on June 30, 2015; therefore the School, Judges and Patrol retirees and beneficiaries did not received a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in 2015.

14. The PERB and Nebraska Investment Council (NIC) met jointly in November for the presentations of the defined benefit actuarial valuation reports by the actuary and the capital market assumptions by the investment consultants.

15. The PERB participated in an educational retreat in July, The agenda included a presentation by guest speaker, Dana Bilyeu, Executive Director of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators and a presentation by the actuaries on funding policies and mortality assumptions. There was a special panel presentation by retirement plan member groups from the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, the Nebraska School Education Association, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, the Nebraska Association of Public Employees, the State Troopers Association of Nebraska, and the District Court Judges Association.

16. The Education Services staff traveled Nebraska providing seminars and training for over 2,561 members and 349 employers. NPERS held 47 Retirement Planning and Financial Planning seminars, 8 special presentations, and 7 employer workshops. NPERS partnered with NCSA and held the first school employer webinar with 125 employer reporting agents participating.

17. Data Services processed over 42,348 pieces of incoming mail; 194,454 pieces of outgoing mail; and scanned 257,536 documents. There were 5,395 member accounts that were validated for service credit, double the previous year. For the first time, NPERS included beneficiary names on the annual School member account statements.

18. Data Services processed 9,600 beneficiary records for State and County members. NPERS processed 8,887 changes of information, 3,085 tax withholding forms and 3,260 direct deposits forms. The majority of forms were processed within 2 days of receipt.

19. The IT Department completed the migration from FileNet to OnBase for scanning, storing and retrieving documents, on schedule, within budget and with minimal impact to the agency and our members. NPERS converted over 5 million pages of content and converted and tested over 80 workflow processes. The IT Department also completed phase two of the new tier requirements for the School plan.

20. NPERS Director and Legal Counsel responded to Retirement Committee requests for research, analysis and reports regarding all of the plans, the assumed rate of return, military service credit, Patrol plan salaries, the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and other retirement issues.

BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

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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 529 municipalities.

Year Created: 1969

Year Active: 1969

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-2106

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Roads (provides administrative support but does not oversee the boards 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 states three Congressional Districts.

Per Diem: \$20 per day, for the three lay members only.

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four (4) years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 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 FY 13-14: Nine (9)

Required FY 14-15: 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 FY 14-15: Nine (9)

Required FY 15-16: 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 FY 15-16: Nine (9)

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared – Nebraska Department of Roads

FY 13-14 Budget: \$14,811.62
FY 14-15 Budget: \$16,602.14
FY 15-16 Budget: \$13,045.67

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No. However, the board expects NDOR to expend funds as reasonably necessary in supporting the boards functions as required by Nebraska Revised Statutes § 39-2107.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

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 (4) 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 529 municipalities.

Considered numerous requests for modifications of One-Year Plans from counties and municipalities.

Prioritized three (3) applications for State Aid Bridge Funds. Initiated Highway Allocation Fund suspension proceedings for six (6) municipalities for failure to submit Annual Operations Financial Reports, resulting in a permanent loss of six months of funds by the villages of Riverton and Winslow.

Initiated Highway Allocation Fund suspension improvement plans proceedings for five (5) municipalities for failure to submit, resulting in no loss of funds. Held three (3) meetings outside Lincoln: Hastings (2012); Alliance (2013) and North Platte (2014).

Adopted Rules and Regulations for the specific functional classification criteria and minimum standards for Title 428 Chapter 2.

Initiated the development of computer programming to provide for electronic filing of reports by NDOR, counties and municipalities, with electronic filing of reports and plans beginning in 2013.

Currently in the process of updating Title 428, Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 regulations.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Public Service Commission

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Purpose: Quasi-Judicial Regulatory Agency

How Many Affectable: All Nebraskans

How Many Served: All Nebraskans

Year Created: 1906

Year Active: 1906

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Const. art. IV § 20

Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Elected Commissioners

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Resident of Nebraska; Registered Voter; and, if a member of or practitioners in any profession, in good standing according to the established standards of such profession. See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-101.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 45

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 45

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 48

Support Staff: 46

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 562,832
FY 14-15 Budget: 565,495
FY 15-16 Budget: 552,278

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes. The PSC allocates funds between all departments based on program objectives.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department:

Wireless E-911: In 2013 the Commission conducted a study to assess the existing enhanced 911 system and the implementation of Next Generation 911 in Nebraska. The Commission submitted its findings to the legislature in April of 2014. In 2015, LR 319 was introduced seeking to study among other things, the administration of Enhanced Wireless 911 Service and proposals to implement Next Generation 911. In 2016, a culmination of those efforts resulted in Legislative Bill 938. This legislation was signed by the Governor on April 18, 2016 and will result in the deployment of Next Generation 911 services throughout the State of Nebraska. Initially, the Commission must develop a master plan to carry out the objectives of the 911 Service System Act. The Commission is pulling its resources to meet the deadlines established by the Legislature.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund: The department has continued to promote awareness of the NUSF support available to schools, libraries, rural health care providers and low-income Nebraskans. Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP): The Department continues to promote the NTAP through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to approximately 65,000 eligible Nebraskans.

Nebraska Statewide Tele-Health Network: The Commission continues this partnership with the healthcare community by providing funding for more than 76 Nebraska Hospitals. The Commission recently approved additional funding for bridge upgrades and increased bandwidth on network backbone lines.

Nebraska High-Cost Broadband Support: The Commission continues to support carriers' deployment of broadband capable networks in high-cost areas. Recently, the FCC enacted significant universal service reform. The Commission has been actively following this and is in the process of making adjustments to complement these changes. In addition to the ongoing support, the Commission has approved 138 broadband projects and funded over 96 cellular towers in rural areas of Nebraska since 2012. The Commission continues to support both wireless and wireline broadband technologies.

Broadband Adoption: In 2015, the Commission awarded \$500,000 in support for broadband adoption projects. In 2016, the Commission again solicited broadband adoption projects and earmarked \$500,000 for that purpose. Communications Department: The department continues to provide the Annual Report on Telecommunications to the Legislature. The reports can be accessed on the Commissions website at www.psc.nebraska.gov under the Communications heading, then, Annual Reports to the Legislature. This report covers topics and statistics related to the telecommunications industry in Nebraska. Highlights of a few of these areas are as follows:

Broadband Mapping: The Commission completed its work on its broadband mapping and planning grant awarded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The Commission partnered with the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, the Nebraska Information and Technology Commission and the AIM Institute. Nebraska's broadband map and outreach efforts can be found at <http://broadband.nebraska.gov>. In 2012, the FCC issued an order mandating all incumbent telecommunications carriers to create and submit electronic boundary data to the FCC. The NPSC took a leadership role in the creation of the boundary data map for Nebraska. The Commission continues to update this information and certify boundary data to the FCC.

Telecommunications Relay Service: Introduction of captioned telephone (Cap-Tel) service in October 2004. This service utilizes voice recognition and captioning technology for hard of hearing individuals. The committee provided advice and direction on the initiation of this program. The Nebraska Public Service Commission continues to work with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to process applications 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 any relay service issues including those related to the quality of service provided by the relay center. The advisory committee provides recommendations to the Commission annually relative to setting the surcharge necessary to fund the relay service and the NSTEP voucher program for the following year. The relay service surcharge currently is two cents per month.

Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF): The Commission, with the assistance of the NIEF Advisory Board, has approved and adopted various documents and forms including a Program Description, Grant Application Guide-lines, a Pre-Application, an Application, a Scoring Sheet and a Progress Report Form. A Pre-Application period is expected to commence b in 2016. The Commission hopes to award grants in the First Quarter of 2017. Natural Gas Department: The Natural Gas Department has been in existence since the passage of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act in 2003. The Department continues to carry out the regulatory functions contained within SNGRA and Commission rules and regulations. 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.

RACIAL PROFILING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Racial Profiling Advisory Committee

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Purpose: The committee shall advise the commission and its executive director in the conduct of their duties regarding (a) the completeness and acceptability of written racial profiling prevention policies submitted by individual law enforcement agencies as required by subsection (1) of section 20-504, (b) the collection of data by law enforcement agencies, any needed additional data, and any needed additional analysis, investigation, or inquiry as to the data provided pursuant to subsection (3) of section 20-504, (c) the review, analysis, investigation, or inquiry as to the data provided pursuant to subsection (3) of section 20-504, (c) the review, analysis, inquiry, study, and recommendations required pursuant to subsection (7) of section 20-504, including any analysis of the review, analysis, inquiry, study, and recommendations, and (d) policy recommendations with respect to the prevention of racial profiling and the need, if any, for enforcement by the Department of Justice of prohibitions found in section 20-502.

How Many Affectable: All law enforcement officers in Nebraska (approximately 4,100) law enforcement officers.

How Many Served: All affectable were served.

Year Created: 2001

Year Active: 2001

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 20-506

Parent Agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
Number of Members: 12 Members. Four members are designated in statute based upon their appointed positions, and 8 members appointed from fraternal organizations having interest in this committee's work.

Who Appoints: 4 members appointed by position, and 8 members appointed by the Governor based upon their representation of fraternal organizations.

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, who shall serve as the chairperson; the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety (or his or her designee); the director of the Commission on Latino-Americans (or his/her designee); the executive director of the Commission on Indian Affairs (or his/her designee) are all appointed based upon their position. Members appointed by the Governor from a list of five names submitted for each position include: a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police; a representative of the Nebraska County Sheriff's Association; a representative of the Police Officers Association of Nebraska; a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska; a representative of the AFL-CIO; a representative of the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska; a representative of the Nebraska branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and a representative of the Nebraska State Bar Association from a list submitted by the executive council of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2 meetings per year

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 2 meetings per year

Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 2 meetings per year

Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Staff support provided by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Reviewed every law enforcement agency in Nebraska for compliance with racial profiling policies as required by Nebraska Revised Statute 20-504 during 2014. Reviewed the racial profiling data submitted by each law enforcement agency and produced a Nebraska Traffic Stops report submitted annually to the Governor, Legislators and the public from 2003 to the present.

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska State Racing Commission

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Purpose: The purpose of the State Racing Commission is to provide statewide regulation of horseracing in order to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices

How Many Affectable: Unknown

How Many Served: Unknown

Year Created: 1935

Year Active: 81 years

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-1201

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: State Racing Commission; creation; members; terms; qualifications; bond or insurance. (1) There hereby is created a State Racing Commission.(2) Until July 15, 2010, the commission shall consist of three members who shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature and may be for cause removed by the Governor. One member shall be appointed each year for a term of three years. The members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.(3) On and after July 15, 2010, the commission shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature and may be for cause removed by the Governor. One member of the commission shall be appointed from each congressional district, as such districts existed on January 1, 2010, and two members of the commission shall be appointed at large for terms as follows:(a) The member representing the second congressional district who is appointed on or

after April 1, 2010, shall serve until March 31, 2014, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the term of the member representing such district shall be four years and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified;(b) The member representing the third congressional district who is appointed on or after April 1, 2011, shall serve until March 31, 2015, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the term of the member representing such district shall be four years and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified;(c) The member representing the first congressional district who is appointed on or after April 1, 2012, shall serve until March 31, 2016, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the term of the member representing such district shall be four years and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified;(d) Not later than sixty days after July 15, 2010, the Governor shall appoint one at-large member who shall serve until March 31, 2013, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the term of such member shall be four years and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified; and(e) Not later than sixty days after July 15, 2010, the Governor shall appoint one at-large member who shall serve until March 31, 2014, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the term of such member shall be four years and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.(4) Not more than three members of the commission shall belong to the same political party. No more than two of the members shall reside, when appointed, in the same congressional district. No more than two of the members shall reside in any one county. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The members of the commission shall be bonded or insured as required by section 11-201.

Per Diem: N/A

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Non Required
Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: Non Required
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: Non Required
Held FY 15-16: 5

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,114,205.93

FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,590,123.52

FY 15-16 Budget: \$975,783.43

Other Funding Sources: None- Cash Funded

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Racing Commission has changed to electronic fingerprinting for our licensees. We no longer have to roll fingerprints in ink. The Commission has been developing written policy and procedures. We have continued to be fiscally responsible with the trying time of our industry. Our director has received a national award as been the top racing director in 2015. The Commission has been a part of a new racing facility being built in South Sioux City, Nebraska. The Commission has been moving to being paperless. All of our paper case files have been scanned and are now stored digitally. The Commission has installed a new licensing system and database. This is more efficient for staff and helps speed along the licensing process for our customers.

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Real Estate Commission

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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: Indeterminate, any Nebraska citizen or property owner using a real estate licensee for services

How Many Served: 6,838 Real Estate Licensees as of March, 2016

Year Created: 1943

Year Active: 1943

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-885.07

Parent Agency: State Real Estate Commission

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor, except Secretary of State Serves as permanent chair

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: "Three of the members of the commission appointed by the Governor shall be active and licensed real estate brokers who have engaged in the real estate business as brokers or associate brokers for not less than five years, which members shall be appointed by the Governor, one from each of the three congressional districts as the districts were constituted on January 1, 2006. The remaining members shall be appointed at large, one of whom shall be representative of the public, one of whom shall be a licensed real estate salesperson who has engaged in the real estate business as a salesperson for not less than three

years, and one of whom shall be an active and licensed real estate broker who has engaged in the real estate business as a broker or associate broker for not less than five years." 81-885.07

Per Diem: \$100 per day when the Commission meets

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: No Requirement

Held FY 13-14: 10

Required FY 14-15: No Requirement

Held FY 14-15: 10

Required FY 15-16: No Requirement

Held FY 15-16: 10

Support Staff: 11

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,121,437 (actual)

FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,173,217 (actual)

FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,761,263 (appropriation)

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes, approves budget for the agency

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Successfully defended challenge to authority to issue cease and desist orders to unlicensed persons engage in real estate practice in Federal court, *Young v. Ricketts*, United State Court of Appeals, No. 15-1873; Worked with the real estate industry and the legislature to pass legislation dealing with teams (LB678, 2016); Revised the required agency disclosure form from 4 pages to one, making it easier for both the public and licensees to understand; Implemented expanded and improved online renewal with over 90% voluntary adoption rate in the first year (2012); Implemented online submission of continuing education certificates (2014); Received funding (\$550,000) for new database system acquisition as reflected in one time increase in FY15-16 budget, database development currently underway.

NEBRASKA REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board

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Purpose: The Real Property Appraiser Board was established as the Real Estate Appraiser Board on January 1, 1991 to carry out the requirements of Title XI. The Board's primary functions are to issue and renew appraiser credentials; develop and implement standards for appraiser credentialing; register and renew registration for appraisal management companies; approve appraiser qualifying courses and appraiser continuing education activities, along with instructors for these activities; investigate and adjudicate grievances; develop laws and rules through relevant, efficient and effective legislation and rule making; and disseminate relevant information to general public, stakeholders, credentialed appraisers and appraisal management companies. Through these processes, the Board ensures that the citizens of Nebraska are protected and served, and also that the appraisal business community is highly qualified through education, experience, and examination.

How Many Affectable: 100,000

How Many Served: 1000

Year Created: 1991

Year Active: 1991

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: The Real Property Appraiser Board is charged with administering the Real Property Appraiser Act, Nebraska Revised Statutes 76-2201 to 76-2250, and the Appraisal Management Company Registration Act, Nebraska Revised Statutes 76-3201 to 76-3220. Title XI

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: Five

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board consists of five members; three members are certified real property appraisers representing each of the three congressional districts, and two members are at-large, which includes one representative of financial institutions, and one licensed real estate broker who also holds a credential as a licensed or certified real property appraiser. The term for each member is five years, and no person shall serve as a member of the Board for consecutive terms.

Per Diem: Each member of the board shall receive a per diem of one hundred dollars per day (a) for each scheduled meeting of the board or a committee of the board at which the member is present and (b) actually spent in traveling to and from and attending meetings

Expense Reimbursement: Each member of the board shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under the Real Property Appraiser Act and Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act as provided in sections 81-117

Term Length: 5 Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 13

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 12

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 12

Support Staff: The Board employs a Director, who is responsible for carrying out the will of the Board, and administering the compliance, education, and credentialing programs. Two staff members provide administrative assistance.

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$299,240
FY 14-15 Budget: \$270,215
FY 15-16 Budget: \$380,793

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Nebraska Revised Statute § 76-2226 establishes the Real Property Appraiser Fund. The board may use the fund for the administration and enforcement of the Real Property Appraiser Act and to meet the necessary expenditures of the board. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 76-3

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

During the past four years, the Board has transitioned to a more efficient, knowledgeable, and proactive Board. Accomplishments include making staff changes to increase efficiency and productivity (hired Compliance and Education Specialist and restructured existing Staff Assistant II position); developed and implemented an employee handbook; completed relocation to the first floor of the Nebraska State Office Building to have office space suitable for the Boards operations; completed an overhaul of the Real Property Appraiser Act, including two separate USPAP update bills to remain compliant with federal requirements; completed a major overhaul of Title 298 of the Nebraska Administrative Code to bring the Boards rules up to date with the existing statutes; built stronger public awareness and continued to become more communicative with the appraiser community (began operation of Facebook page, established a newsletter, developed a blast email standard format, updated the website to be more user-friendly, established generic emails accounts to help make it easier to ask questions); have completed two ASC federal audits with a rating of good; established statutory authority over temporary permit holders and non-credentialed individuals engaged in appraisal practice; defined and put into practice the Boards trainee real property appraiser program, which increased the number of credentialed trainee real property appraisers from 5 to 61; moved distribution of USPAP from paper to electronic, saving the Board \$16,000.00 in biennial expenditures; reduced real property appraiser renewal fees from \$300.00 per year to \$275.00 per year; developed and implemented new investigative procedures to remove board members from the investigation, allowing for better due process to the respondent; created and implemented minimum standards for the Boards reviewer program; developed and implemented an associate appraiser credential for those that would like to be recognized for appraiser knowledge, but do not intend to become fully credentialed appraisers; and developed and documented many processes and procedures.

RENT-RESTRICTED HOUSING PROJECTS VALUATION COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee

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Purpose: The Rent Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committees (Committee) primary duty is to determine the appropriate capitalization rate(s) to be used by county assessors when applying the net operating income valuation methodology to rent-restricted housing projects.

How Many Affectable: 265 rent-restricting housing projects were reported to the Nebraska Department of Revenue in 2015.

How Many Served: All 93 county assessors.

Year Created: 2015

Year Active: 2015

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1333

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Number of Members: 4

Who Appoints: Tax Commissioner and Property Tax Administrator

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1333(4) sets out the qualifications for each member as follows: (a) A representative of county assessors appointed by the Tax Commissioner who is skilled in the valuation of property and holds a certificate issued under section 77-422;(b) A representative of the low-income housing industry appointed by the Tax Commissioner, based on a recommendation made by the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness;(c) The Property Tax Administrator or a designee of the Property Tax Administrator who holds a certificate issued under section 77-422 who serves as the chairperson of the committee; and(d) An appraiser from the private sector appointed by the Tax Commissioner, who holds either a

valid credential as a certified general real property appraiser under the Real Property Appraiser Act, or an MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: None

Term Length: No limit

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 8

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

LB 356 took effect August 28, 2015, creating a narrow window in which the Committee had to work within to accomplish statutory obligations. The committee was formed, an income and expense report was adopted, and project information was received, structured, and analyzed. A report was issued on December 1, 2015, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-1333(7) describing the analysis and determination of the capitalization rate to be used against the income stream derived for each project by every county assessor. On December 10, 2015, members of the Committee gave a presentation to county board members on LB 356, Section 42--Housing during the Nebraska County Officials Meeting held in Kearney. The presentation covered the origination of the bill, when it was signed into law, the analysis and the development of the capitalization rate. The application of the income stream to arrive at value was also discussed.

The first meeting of 2016 was held on January 14. At this meeting, the Committee discussed the modification of the income and expense report, requiring the attachment of the projects last audit and requiring that all reports be filed electronically to allow more time for organization and analysis of data.

During the next meeting on February 11, a draft reporting form was developed and made available to county assessors and the rent-restricted project owners for input and comment. The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) held a conference in La Vista, Nebraska on March 11, 2016. The Committees presentation at the conference was well received. The Committee received praise for taking the initiative to educate those not only involved in the industry but county officials as well.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 29, 2016. Further work will be done on the reporting form to move forward on its adoption.

STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL
DISTRICTS

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts

Contact Person: Bryce Wilson, Administrator, School Finance & Organization
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Purpose: Reorganization of school districts may include any one or more of the following: (1) The creation of new districts from other 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. Reorganization of school districts may also include (1) the formation of new school districts that will become members of a learning community, (2) the alteration of boundaries of established school districts that are members of a learning community, (3) the dissolution or disorganization of established school districts that are members of a learning community, and (4) any other alteration of school district boundaries involving a school district that is a member of a learning community.

How Many Affectable: All Nebraska Citizens

How Many Served: Roughly 2,500 Nebraska students have been affected by the school reorganization in the last 4 years.

Year Created: 1949

Year Active: 1949

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-4, 79-413, 79-415, 79-435

Parent Agency: Department of Education

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: State Board of Education

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 2 members must be hold Educator licenses and 3 members must be laypersons.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Approved land transfers. Approved new reorganized school district Boone County and appointed Board Members. Approved the merger of Coleridge school district into Laurel-Concord Public Schools. Approved the dissolution of Greeley Wolbach and North Loup Scotia Public schools and approved the formation of a new school district with the merged schools. Approved support grants for the new merged schools. Approved re-unification agreements for Bruning Davenport school district and South Central Unified district. Approved the unification agreement of NE Unified District. Also reviewed the Cooperative plans submitted by Elba, Shickley and Coleridge.

RESIDUAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE AUTHORITY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority

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Purpose: To make malpractice liability insurance available to risks as defined in Section 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 health care providers 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 activities arising from the operations or business of the health care provider.

How Many Affectable: 8 doctors currently in residual fund.

How Many Served: 8 doctors currently in residual fund.

Year Created: 1976

Year Active: 1976

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2837

Parent Agency: Department of Insurance

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

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: N/A

Per Diem: N/A
Expense Reimbursement: N/A
Term Length: N/A
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A
Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A
Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A
Held FY 15-16: N/A

Support Staff: N/A

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: None
FY 14-15 Budget: None
FY 15-16 Budget: None

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The authority continues medical malpractice liability coverage for certain health care providers. Currently, 8 doctors are currently in the residual fund.

REVIEW EVALUATE AND DECIDE (RED) TEAM

Survey Response

Formal Name: Review Evaluate and Decide (RED) Team

Contact Person: Alyson Goedken
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Purpose: Intakes accepted for assessment which meet Review Evaluate and Decide team criteria are reviewed to determine eligibility for alternative response.

How Many Affectable: Approximately 520 intakes will be reviewed by the Review Evaluate and Decide team in a calendar year.

How Many Served: 308 intakes

Year Created: 2014

Year Active: 2014

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute §§ 28-710; 28-712.01

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Number of Members: Minimum of 4 individuals (The RED Team Coordinator plus no fewer than two supervisors or administrators and two staff members knowledgeable on the policies and practices of the department (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-710).

Who Appoints: N/A

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members: The members of the RED team include the RED Team Coordinator and shall include no fewer than 2 supervisors or administrators and two staff members knowledgeable on the policies and practices of the department, including, but not limited to, the structured review process (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-710).

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: 124

Held FY 14-15: 124

Required FY 15-16: 182

Held FY 15-16: 182

Support Staff: All members of the RED Team are employed by DCFS.

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since the inception of the RED Team, approximately 80% of intakes reviewed have been determined eligible for Alternative Response.

RIPARIAN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force

Contact Person: Tammy Zimmerman
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Purpose: The Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force, in consultation with appropriate federal agencies, shall develop and prioritize vegetation management goals and objectives, analyze the cost effectiveness of available vegetation treatment, and develop plans and policies to achieve such goals and objectives.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: NA

Year Created: 2016 (Note another Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force was created in 2007 but was terminated in 2015)

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statute § 2-969

Parent Agency: None. The Task Force is housed within the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for administrative and budgetary purposes only.

Number of Members: 28

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The members shall include one surface water project representative from each river basin that has ever been determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or 46-720 or is designated as over appropriated pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources; one surface water project representative from a river basin that has not been determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-714 or 46-720 or is not designated as over appropriated pursuant to § 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 State Forester, the Game and Parks Commission, and the University of Nebraska; three representatives selected from a list of at least ten individuals nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; two representatives selected from a list of at least five individuals 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.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: Not specified

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: N/A

Held FY 15-16: N/A

Support Staff: .75 FTE

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: NA

FY 14-15 Budget: NA

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0 (\$25,000 for FY 16-17)

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The law creating this Task force just went into effect July 21, 2016.

RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Rural Health Advisory Commission

Contact Person: Marlene Janssen, Health Program Manager, Office of Rural Health, (402) 471-2337

Purpose: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-5655. Commission; 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.

How Many Affectable: 1.0 M (medically underserved populations in urban areas and populations in rural shortage areas)

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1977

Year Active: 1977

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-5650 to 71-5670

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services. 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 Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 13

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Director of Public Health Advisory Commission, at least one representative of each medical school located in the state involved in training family physicians, one family physician in family practice residency training, one physician from a rural area, one hospital administrator from a rural area, one nursing home administrator from a rural area, one nurse from a rural area, one physician assistant from a rural area, one mental health practitioner or psychologist licensed under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-3114 from a rural area, and one dentist from a rural area.

Per Diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes (Nebraska Revised Statutes § 71-5657)
Term Length: 3 years
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes, the Rural Health Advisory Commission is authorized by statute (71-5659 (9)) to select recipients for student loans and loan repayment through the rural incentive programs: Nebraska Student Loan Program and the Nebraska Loan Repayment Program.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

From July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, the Rural Health Advisory Commission selected recipients for a total of 53 student loans (new and continuation awards) to medical, physician assistant, dental, and mental health students. (Student loan awards are made in June each year for the following fiscal year.) From July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, the Rural Health Advisory Commission selected recipients for a total of 124 loan repayment awards. Loan repayment applications may be submitted year round and are approved based on the availability of state funds. The Rural Health Advisory Commission submits an annual report to the Legislature, Governor, and DHHS directors. The 2015 Annual Report and Rural Health Recommendations is posted on the Office of Rural Health website at:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/RuralHealth/Documents/Annual%20Report%202015%20FINALWEB.pdf>

NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Board

Contact Person: Mick Anderson, Director
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Purpose: The purpose and function of the Center shall include 1) instruction, to provide educational courses and coordinated activities relating to all safety and safety education. 2) Research, to provide leadership in identifying priorities of safety education, and to provide expertise in safety research projects. 3) Service, to provide information and workshop opportunities to all interested individuals.

How Many Affectable: All individuals in Nebraska

How Many Served: 10,000-20,000

Year Created: 1978

Year Active: 1978

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1008

Parent Agency: NE Safety Center University of Nebraska at Kearney

Number of Members: 20

Who Appoints: Members are appointed by virtue of their position

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: One from each of the following: 1. DMV 2. NDOR 3. NDOE 4. Game and Parks 5. Dept. of Labor 6. Technical Community College 7. Private Business 8. University of Nebraska 9. Medical Professional 10. Law Enforcement 11. Person in Transportation 12. Emergency Medical Services 13. City Government 14. County Government 15. Agriculture 16. Local Public School System 17. Nebraska Coordinating Commission on post-secondary Education 18. Red Cross 19. State College 20. Judicial 21. City government 22.

County government 23 Agriculture area 24. Local public school system 25. Nebraska Coordinating Commission on Post-Secondary Education 26. State Colleges 27. Fire Marshall

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: No

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1 per year
Held FY 13-14: October 2013

Required FY 14-15: 1 per year
Held FY 14-15: October 2014

Required FY 15-16: 1 per year
Held FY 15-16: October 2015

Support Staff: The Board itself has no support staff, but the Safety Center itself has 8.

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$300
FY 14-15 Budget: \$300
FY 15-16 Budget: \$300

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None. Advisory only

Accomplishment since July 1, 2012:

Guidance and feedback to the Nebraska Safety Center to fulfill their mission and purpose.

NEBRASKA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission

Contact Person: Dr. Sara Crook, Chair, co Peru State College
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402-872-2279

Purpose: "To develop programs and plans for the official observance of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska statehood in 2017...to execute commemorative events and to implement educational activities." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,309 et seq.

How Many Affectable: 1.8+ Nebraskans statewide and others outside the state

How Many Served: This will be determined in 2017.

Year Created: 2014

Year Active: 2014—present

Sunset Date: June 30, 2018

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,309 et. seq.

Parent Agency: Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS), Agency 54

Number Of Members: 17 commissioners

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Not required

Qualifications Of Members: Per statute, commissioners shall be "from all regions of the state, representing all major interests and a diverse array of industries. No more than eight...shall be affiliated with the same political party."

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Duration of the Commission's existence

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: No statutory requirement
Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: No statutory requirement
Held FY 14-15: 9

Required FY 15-16: No statutory requirement
Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: NSHS staff provides accounting, HR, purchasing, and support for and at Commission meetings.

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$94,000 in general funds
FY 15-16 Budget: \$102,004.77 in general funds

Other Funding Sources: Funding from the sales of Sesquicentennial license plates is made available to the Commission for grant.

Spending Authority: Yes, the Commission allocates and expends appropriated funds to meet its authorized purpose and goals.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since its establishment, the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission has worked closely with private not-for-profit organizations with parallel purposes related to the 2017 Sesquicentennial to raise public awareness of the event, enhance planning, and promote commemorative opportunities. It has also established the authorized grant program and is currently taking the first grant applications.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER REVIEW BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Sign Language Interpreter Review Board

Contact Person: Traci Cooney

Purpose: To develop guidelines and regulations for the licensing of sign language interpreters.

How Many Affectable: 114 licensed interpreters

How Many Served: 10 reviews since July 1, 2012

Year Created: 2002

Year Active: 2002

Sunset Date: 2002

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-4728.05

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

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Full Board

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: One director of Health and Human Services or his/her designee; one director of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or his/her designee; two deaf or hard of hearing people; two qualified interpreters who must be licensed interpreters within one-year of their appointment; 2 members representing local government.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate
Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: none

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The Sign Language Interpreter Review Board (IRB) has assisted the Department of Education in raising the testing requirements to school interpreters. The IRB has also assisted the Full Commission Board in updating the rules and regulations for sign language interpreters as well as gotten several licensing bills passed requiring video remote interpreting businesses in Nebraska to hold a license.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel

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Purpose: The panel is responsible for all requirements of the Clean Air Act, 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 states small business community and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

How Many Affectable: Potentially all small businesses that have emissions regulated by the Department.

How Many Served: The panel serves all state citizens.

Year Created: 1990

Year Active: 1993

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1505.03

Parent Agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 2; Legislature's Executive Committee appoints 4, Department 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 expenses.
Term Length: Indefinite
Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: Shared with Department

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The SBCAP and staff from the NDEQ have held annual meetings to discuss various outreach and assistance activities the Department conducts for the regulated community in Nebraska. During these annual meetings, the Department provides presentations and discussions updating panel members on environmental regulations; particularly those that may affect smaller businesses. The SBCAP members discuss group goals and objectives for the coming year, which is outlined in a required annual report to the Governor. Recent goals identified include: Panel members act as liaisons with the small business community; when appropriate, provide input concerning any new or changing environmental regulations; gauge the regulated community's satisfaction with the Department's assistance initiatives; provide outreach assistance to the Department by sponsoring or promoting lunchtime meetings in panel member communities for NDEQ staff presentations on various agency or regulatory topics and by members participating

in DEQ Environmental Update workshops to highlight the SBCAP and its purpose; Continue to meet annually.

NEBRASKA SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH REINSURANCE PROGRAM

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Small Employer Health Reinsurance Program

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Purpose: To provide a reinsurance mechanism for insurance companies who provide insurance for small employers.

How Many Affectable: Currently, zero. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has rendered the program obsolete.

How Many Served: Zero.

Year Created: 1994

Year Active: 1995

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-5261

Parent Agency: Department of Insurance

Number of Members: 8 and an ex officio member

Who Appoints: Director of Insurance

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: 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. The director shall serve as an ex officio member.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: None

Term Length: The initial board members served as follows, two of the members to serve terms of two years; three of the members to serve terms of four years; and three of the members to serve terms of six years. Subsequent board members shall serve for terms of three years.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: None
FY 14-15 Budget: None
FY 15-16 Budget: None

Other Funding Sources: The Board may assess reinsuring carriers for organizational and operating expenses. The Board may also borrow money.

Spending Authority: Yes, the board can enter into contracts and has the general powers and authority granted under Nebraska law to insurance companies and HMOs licensed to transact business but cannot issue health plans directly to groups or individuals.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Because of the adoption of the ACA, this reinsurance program is no longer being utilized. In June of 2016 the Board voted to recommend its own elimination.

SPORTS ARENA FACILITY FINANCE ASSISTANCE BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board See Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-3102

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402-471-6024

Purpose: To approve or deny state assistance under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act (Act).

How Many Affectable: Any political subdivision in the State of Nebraska that has acquired, built, or approved a bond to construct an eligible sports arena is eligible for state assistance under the Act.

How Many Served: Serves cities with applications for state assistance under the Act. There has been one beneficiary.

Year Created: 2010

Year Active: 2011

Sunset Date: None.

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3102

Parent Agency: The Nebraska Department of Revenue

Number of Members: Five

Who Appoints: The Board consists of the 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.

Legislative Approval: No.

Qualifications of Members: See above. Four members qualify based on holding other offices. The fifth must be an economics professor.

Per Diem: None.

Expense Reimbursement: None.

Term Length: Terms are indefinite. Four members are qualified based on their positions. The professor of economics is appointed to a two-year term.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: None in the years requested in the survey. The Board meets at the request of the Governor. It met on June 20, 2011.

Held FY 13-14: None in the years requested in the survey. The Board meets at the request of the Governor. It met on June 20, 2011.

Required FY 14-15: None in the years requested in the survey. The Board meets at the request of the Governor. It met on June 20, 2011.

Held FY 14-15: None in the years requested in the survey. The Board meets at the request of the Governor. It met on June 20, 2011.

Required FY 15-16: None in the years requested in the survey. The Board meets at the request of the Governor. It met on June 20, 2011.

Held FY 15-16: None in the years requested in the survey. The Board meets at the request of the Governor. It met on June 20, 2011.

Support Staff: For administrative and budget purposes only, the Board is considered part of the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

Shared or Separate: Shared.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None.

Spending Authority: None.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board has met only once, on June 20, 2011. At that meeting, the Board approved state assistance to the City of Ralston related to the financing of the Ralston Arena. However, the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act does not terminate, so the Board could be called to meet again at any time.

STATE ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE FOR THE NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Accreditation Committee for the Nebraska Department of Education

Contact Person: Freida Lange
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Purpose: A.) Recommend appropriate standards and policies for the accreditation and classification of schools; B.) Make recommendations annually to the Commissioner of Education relative to the accreditation and classification of individual schools.

How Many Affectable: All accredited school systems in Nebraska, which includes 245 public school districts, 82 nonpublic systems and 5 special purpose schools are affected by the committee.

How Many Served: Students and Educators within these systems total 383,000 and 23,000 respectively. (Based on the 2015-16 State of the Schools Report.)

Year Created: 1985

Year Active: 1985

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 79-703(2)

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education.

Number of Members: 22

Who Appoints: The Commissioner of Education

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Representation of the educational institutions and agencies of the state and shall include as a member the director of admissions of the University of Nebraska.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Determined by need

Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: Determined by need

Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: Determined by need

Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: The NDE State Accreditation Committee has no staff; NDE employees organize meetings, agendas and minutes as part of their job responsibilities within the Accreditation team.

Shared or Separate: Shared -- To operate the NDE State Accreditation Committee we allocate \$6,500 within the operating budget of the Accreditation team.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No spending authority

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The NDE State Accreditation Committee has had eight separate meetings during which time data and updates on educational issues facing Nebraska school districts, public and nonpublic, have been shared. From this dialogue and advisement, the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education have reviewed and updated Nebraska's accreditation requirements twice with respective effective dates occurring July 29, 2012, followed by the most recent revision, August 1, 2015. The work of the State Accreditation Committee has supported the following:

Institution of Nebraska's accountability system for quality education required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-706

Updated content standards for Nebraska schools

Instituted the requirement for CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) to be added to personal health curriculum in high schools

Provided for more encompassing instructional support for students enrolled in virtual classes

Provided clarity specific to guidance and counseling certification requirements for schools and teachers

STATE ANATOMICAL BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska

Contact Person: Carol Lomneth Ph.D., Director
Nebraska State Anatomical Board
986395 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE 68198-6395

Purpose: Provide for the orderly receipt, maintenance, distribution and use of human bodies used for medical education and research, insure that proper and considerate care is given to human bodies used for medical education and research and insure that orderly and equitable procedure is used for the allocation of human bodies to colleges and universities in Nebraska which provide medical education and research.

How Many Affectable: Hundreds of medical, dental and other allied health professional students.

How Many Served: 100%

Year Created: 1929

Year Active: 1929

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-1001

Parent Agency: Health and Human Services

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: One professor of anatomy appointed by the head of the anatomy department from each medical school or college of this state, one professor of anatomy appointed from each dental school or college of this state, and one layperson appointed by the Department.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: The heads of the anatomy departments of the medical schools and colleges of this state.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: None

Term Length: None

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: 2

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$115,702

FY 14-15 Budget: \$118,343

FY 15-16 Budget: \$121,893

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Successfully maintain the Nebraska Anatomical Board by receiving and preparing human donors for anatomical study, maintaining orderly records of the deceased from receipt to final disposition, insuring proper consideration and care is given to the deceased, and finally insuring that distribution of human donors is done in a manner which is fair and meets the objectives of the Nebraska Anatomical Board.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Board of Education

Contact Person: Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education,
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 58509
402-471-5020

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 Nebraska Revised Statutes 79-318 and 79-319.

How Many Affectable: Entire state

How Many Served: 312,281 students, 22,881 classroom teachers in public schools

Year Created: 1953

Year Active: 1955

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Const. art. VII § 2.

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Nebraska Voters

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications Of Members: Neb. 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 commission unless advisory capacity (3) citizen of U.S.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 11

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 11

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 11

Support Staff: 1

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$97,257,427
FY 14-15 Budget: \$111,579,405
FY 15-16 Budget: \$113,088,431

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Established a statewide Accountability System; Identified 3 priority Schools, Continued to carry out Statewide Assessments annually in grades 3-8 and 11 in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED LAND
SURVEYORS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska State Board of Examiners for Registered Land Surveyors

Contact Person: Steven C. Cobb, State Surveyor
Ex Officio Secretary of Examining Board
555 North Cotner Blvd., LL
Lincoln, NE 68505.

Purpose: The mission of the State Board of Examiners for the Land Surveyors (Board) is to enforce and administer the laws relating to the regulation of land surveying through licensing in Nebraska and to ensure the quality of land surveying in Nebraska for the protection of the public. The Board is independent of all other examining boards and is established for the purpose of determining the ability of persons coming before it to practice of land surveying. The Board's activities are funded by license and examination fees collected from surveyors. The Board administers applications for examinations to new applicants. The Board examines and provides for the registration and licensure of qualified land surveyors and improves the quality of practicing surveyors by enforcing state law relating to land surveyors. The Board, as a member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES), further protects the public by requiring all land surveyor applicants to pass the NCEES Examination. The NCEES Examination, the national standard examination for land surveyors, is offered year-round. The primary focus of regulation and education are ethical practice, professional competency, and technical proficiency. The Board continues to assure compliance with the 30-hour biennial professional development requirement for registration renewal. The Board monitors and addresses evolving issues including the impact of higher educational standards for registration, the application of advanced land surveying technologies and the adoption of geographic information systems by the public and private sectors. The Board seeks to protect the citizens through examination for registration, regulation and continuing education of all professional land surveyors registered in Nebraska. Formal complaints against registered land surveyors shall be heard by the Board. In the event the Board finds a land surveyor guilty of charges the Board may suspend or revoke the registration of the land surveyor. The Board recognizes the importance of timely action regarding complaints. Complaints may be presented at any of the regularly scheduled meetings to determine further action.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1957

Year Active: 1958

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Land Surveyors Regulation Act (Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 81-8,108 through 81-8,127).

Parent Agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: 4 registered land surveyors and 1 lay member. Registered land surveyor shall be a resident of the State of Nebraska for at least one year immediately preceding his or her appointment to the examining board, shall have been engaged in the active practice of the discipline for at least ten years, and shall have been in responsible charge of work for at least five years prior to his or her appointment to the examining board. Lay member is to be of the age of the legal majority and has been a resident of Nebraska for at least one year immediately prior to appointment to the examining board. Lay member shall be a representative of a consumer viewpoints.

Per Diem: No.

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 years. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualifications of his or her successor.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: Yes.

Shared or Separate: Separate.

FY 13-14 Budget: \$28,415 appropriation.

FY 14-15 Budget: \$28,374 appropriation.

FY 15-16 Budget: \$28,374 appropriation.

Other Funding Sources: None.

Spending Authority: Yes, The Board has one program, Enforcement Standards.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016, the Board: Maintained an average annual roster of 325 active and 14 inactive registrants. Administered 90 examinations. Issued 52 new registrations and 5 reinstatements. Issued 12 new surveyor-in-training certificates. Removed 38 registrants from the active roster. Reviewed and investigated 8 complaints. Statute and Rules and Regulations changes were adopted.LB303, approved by the Governor on 5-7-2013; changed provisions relating for application for registration and a required transition to NCEES Computer Based Testing (CBT) year-round examinations. Rules and Regulations were amended and approved by the Governor and became effective on 5-3-2014.LB138, approved by the Governor on 5-26-2015, named the Land Surveyors Regulation Act, a requirement to allow for the inclusion of a Code of Practice for Land Surveyors in the existing rules and regulations. The Code of Practice for Land Surveyors establishes a guideline for the professional conduct for all registrants. Rules and Regulations were amended and approved by the Governor and became effective on 6-8-2016.The Boards website was redesigned. The Board remains an active member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES). Board members and staff attended NCEES Central Zone Annual Member Board Administrator and Board President Meetings for advancing licensure for surveyors. In addition to business sessions, agendas included technical workshops and forums to discuss the importance of professions, along with opportunities to network with members and staff of other licensing boards.

STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Board of Vocational Education (The Nebraska State Board of Education also serves as the Vocational Board)

Contact Person: Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-471-5020

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.

How Many Affectable: All public Schools and community colleges

How Many Served: All public schools and community colleges

Year Created: 1951

Year Active: 1955

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Constitution art.VII §§ 3 and 4

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Nebraska Voters

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-313

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. Actual expenses are reimbursed

Term Length: 4 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 11

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 11

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 11

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$97,257,427
FY 14-15 Budget: \$111,579,405
FY 15-16 Budget: \$113,088,431

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-319(5)

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Continued to carry out the latest six-year state plan for the implementation of the Carl Perkins Federal Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 Continued to improve transitions between secondary and postsecondary education Increased the number partnerships with Workforce Development and Economic Development Promoted the Nebraska Career Ready Standards and definition for career readiness Developed and facilitated a Revision process for local school districts to rethink the Career Education programs in their local districts in partnership with local businesses and industries.

BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of State Canvassers

Contact Person: John A. Gale, Secretary of State

Purpose: Canvassing the votes cast for all offices and issues certified to the election commissioner or county clerk by the Secretary of State.

How Many Affectable: All Nebraskans

How Many Served: All Nebraskans

Year Created: 1879

Year Active: 1880

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: 32-1037

Parent Agency: None

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Membership is dictated by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-1037 which provides that the Board shall consist of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, and Attorney General.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Holds the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, or Attorney General.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: Term of office.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Expire at once.

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 1

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Secretary of State's Office

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Certified November 2012 General Election, certified May 2014 Primary Election, certified November 2014 General Election, certified May 2016 Primary Election.

STATE CLAIMS BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Claims Board

Contact Person: Sherece Dendy, State Risk Manager
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Lincoln, NE 68508
402-471-4436

Purpose: The State Claims Board has the authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, compromise, settle, determine, and allow any tort, miscellaneous, or contract claims filed against the State of Nebraska.

How Many Affectable: This Board directly serves and or would benefit any person living, working, visiting, and or doing business in the State of Nebraska.

How Many Served: As the present moment (6/16/16), there are approximately 1661 open claims.

Year Created: 1943

Year Active: 73

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 81-8,209 to 81-8,235, 81-8,294 to 81-8,301, and 81-8,302 to 81-8306.

Parent Agency: Department of Administrative Services - Risk Management

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Statute defines who shall serve on the Board.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Must be the Director of Administrative Services, Director of Insurance, or Commissioner of Labor to serve on the Board. The Board also has a legal representative selected by the Attorney General's Office.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: Board members serve so long as they are in the positions identified above.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: No set number of required meetings.

Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: No set number of required meetings.

Held FY 14-15: 7

Required FY 15-16: No set number of required meetings.

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: Risk Management staff assists as support staff.

Shared or Separate: Shared.

FY 13-14 Budget: The Board does not have a budget.

FY 14-15 Budget: The Board does not have a budget.

FY 15-16 Budget: The Board does not have a budget.

Other Funding Sources: The Board does not have a budget. The money approved to settle claims is paid out of Risk Management's Tort Claim fund, if applicable. There are also incidents when claims are paid for by individual agencies, and or the Legislature provides the necessary ap
Spending Authority: The State Claims Board has the authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, compromise, settle, determine, and allow any tort, miscellaneous, or contract claims filed against the State of Nebraska.

Accomplishments since July 1 2012:

The Board has settled, approved, and denied hundreds of claims filed against the State of Nebraska. At times, the Board has been able to prevent claims from going to litigation and provided prompt payment of claims for which the State was liable.

NEBRASKA STATE ELECTRICAL DIVISION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska State Electrical Division

Contact Person: Kevin Booker, Executive Director
(402) 471-3550
Kevin.booker@nebraska.gov

Purpose: Public safety through safe and code compliant installations. The electrical division issues electrical licenses, electrical permits, conducts electrical examinations and investigates any death by electrocution that occurs within the State of Nebraska

How Many Affectable: All buildings that fall under the jurisdiction of the State Electrical Act.

How Many Served: 12,428 as of July 2016

Year Created: 1969

Year Active: 1975

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-2101 through 81-2143

Parent Agency: Governor

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: The division shall include a seven-member State Electrical Board appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Legislature. All members of the board shall be residents of the State of Nebraska. The board shall direct the efforts of the executive director and set the policy of the division. One of such members shall be a journeyman electrician, one shall be an electrical contractor or master electrician, one shall be a certified electrical inspector, one shall be a licensed professional electrical engineer, one shall be a representative of a public power district or rural electric cooperative in the state, one shall be a representative of the municipal electric systems in the state, and one shall be a member of any of such groups.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Five Years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 6

Held FY 13-14: 8

Required FY 14-15: 6

Held FY 14-15: 8

Required FY 15-16: 6

Held FY 15-16: 8

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared with Electrical Division

FY 13-14 Budget: 1,610,393.00

FY 14-15 Budget: 1,633,246.00

FY 15-16 Budget: 1,749,168

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2104

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Many of our services such as permits, apprentice registration, code class registration and license renewal are now available online.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Contact Person: Bryan Tuma
Assistant Director, NEMA
(402-471-7401)

Tonya Ngotel
SERC Coordinator
(402-471-7176)

Purpose: Coordinate hazardous materials chemical planning through the establishment of a state hazmat program.; designate and oversee the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs); coordinate with state and federal environmental protection agencies and implement the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act within the State of Nebraska; serve as the passthrough entity for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant monies which are provided to the LEPCs to develop and sustain hazmat plans, train first responders and exercise standard operating guidelines.

How Many Affectable: All individuals within the state, both citizens and visitors.

How Many Served: While the number of individual incidents is not tracked, all 93 counties have access to hazardous materials response capabilities.

Year Created: 1997 (LB374)

Year Active: 1997

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-15,210
SERC created by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-15,191 to 81-15,235
Nebr. Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act

Parent Agency: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

Number of Members: 19 members with 6 serving by statute and the remaining 13 representing specific areas of expertise.

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes (municipal or county government officials or employees and the citizen members only).

Qualifications of Members: Expertise as outlined in Statute.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Actual and Necessary expenses as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1174 to 81-1177.

Term Length: Four years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Two
Held FY 13-14: Three

Required FY 14-15: Two
Held FY 14-15: Four

Required FY 15-16: Two
Held FY 15-16: Three

Support Staff: NEMA

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: None
FY 14-15 Budget: None
FY 15-16 Budget: None

Other Funding Sources: US DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) funds
Spending Authority: The Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Cash Fund may receive gifts, bequests, grants, fees, or other contributions or donations from public or private entities. The fund must be used to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Emergency.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: Created a hazardous materials technician level resource typing system. Sent a Nebraska supported team to the National Hazmat Challenge in New Mexico. Held 16 quarterly SERC meetings, attended over 100 LEPC meetings. Conducted two regional and two state conferences. Trained over 1,000 first responders in hazardous materials training.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska State Fair Board

Contact Person: Joseph McDermott, Executive Director
P O Box 1387
Grand Island, NE 68802
(308) 382-1620

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 the 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: All who desire to attend the state fair

How Many Served: 352,000+

Year Created: 1868

Year Active: 1868

Sunset Date: N/A

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 members 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 and one represents FFA.

Per Diem: \$50

Expense Reimbursement: \$0

Term Length: Three years, nine years max

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 12
Held FY 13-14: 12

Required FY 14-15: 12
Held FY 14-15: 12

Required FY 15-16: 12
Held FY 15-16: 12

Support Staff: Eleven

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$500,000
FY 14-15 Budget: \$520,000
FY 15-16 Budget: \$560,000

Other Funding Sources: State Fair revenues and Nebraska Lottery proceeds

Spending Authority: The Nebraska State Fair uses funds generated from the Fair's operations and Nebraska Lottery proceeds to provide programming and for the promotion of the largest celebration in Nebraska.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since the Nebraska State Fair moved to Grand Island, the Fair has seen an increase in attendance from 309,000 in 2010 to 352,000 in 2015. In 2016, we will celebrate our 2,000,000 visitor! Each year we take surveys and the Fair annually receives customer satisfaction ratings in excess of 80%, some of the highest marks in the fair industry. In 2014, we built the Nebraska Building and opened the Raising Nebraska exhibit in cooperation with the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the various commodity groups. We also welcomed Nebraska Game & Parks back to the Fair after a five year hiatus. In 2016, the Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation has raised \$750,000 through private sources to construct a new outdoor equine arena. To date approximately \$50 million dollars has been put in to the Fonner Park campus to serve the needs of the Nebraska State Fair. We continue to grow our business partnerships, vendors, exhibitors and our volunteer program has been recognized nationally. We look to the future with excitement as we continue to build an event for all Nebraskans.

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska State Historical Society
Contact Person: Trevor Jones, Director & CEO, and Secretary
NSHS Board of Trustees

Purpose: The NSHS board of trustees is responsible for the 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: All Nebraskans, plus individuals worldwide interested in Nebraska history

How Many Served: 689,193 unique interactions with historical resources on-site or online in FY 15-16

Year Created: 1878

Year Active: 1878; 1883 Legislature declared the society a state institution; 1994 legislation established NSHS as a state agency

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 82-101 to 118

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 15

Who Appoints: Twelve (12) elected by members of the Nebraska State Historical Society, (four from each of three congressional districts); three appointed by the Governor (one from each of three (3) congressional districts.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: N/A

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Actual documented expenses

Term Length: Two three-year terms may be served consecutively.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire
Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 5, Four quarterly meetings plus one to approve the hiring of a new Director of the NSHS

Support Staff: NSHS Director serves as Secretary to the Board

Shared or Separate: Director also heads the state agency

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: The NSHS Board of Trustees approves biennial budget submittals and approves yearly budget allocations prepared by the NSHS staff to fund programs and activities.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

In the last four years, the NSHS Board of Trustees has overseen:

- a) \$8 renovation of the Nebraska History Museum and its reopening
- b) development of a purpose-built leased space to store government records and archeology collections
- c) implementation of the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit Program, which currently involves more than 60 projects around the state qualifying for tax credits of up to \$15M in 2015-16 under the terms of the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act (2014).
- d) expanded digital access to NSHS resources at www.nebraskahistory.org and via social media (Facebook, YouTube)
- e) administration of the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission (see separate survey report)f) publications produced by the Nebraska State Historical Society: Thomas R. Buecker, "Last Days of Red Cloud Agency: Peter T. Buckley's Photograph Collection, 1876-77" (2016)James E. Potter (ed.), "From Our Special Correspondent": Dispatches from the 1875 Black Hills Council

at Red Cloud Agency, Nebraska" (2016)Mark Harris, "Rodeo Nebraska" (2015)Thomas R. Buecker, "Fort Robinson: Self-Guided Driving Tours" (2015)Thomas R. Buecker, "A Brave Soldier & Honest Gentleman: Lt. James E. H. Foster in the West, 1873-1881" (2013). Winner of 2014 Award of Merit - American Association for State and Local History.L. Robert Puschendorf, "Nebraska's Post Office Murals: Born of the Depression, Fostered by the New Deal" (2012) A book by NSHS senior research historian was published by the University of Nebraska Press: James E. Potter, "Standing Firmly by the Flag: Nebraska Territory and the Civil War, 1861-1867" (University of Nebraska Press, 2013)

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Personnel Board

Contact Person: Margie Bell, Director - DAS State Personnel
1526 K Street, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-471-2833

Purpose: To ensure the fair and equitable administration of the State Personnel System.

How Many Affectable: 13,167

How Many Served: 58

Year Created: 1969

Year Active: 1969

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-1318

Parent Agency: Dept. of Administrative Services, Personnel Division

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: At least 3 appointees to the board shall have experience in personnel administration, labor relations, or law. Not more than 3 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.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

FY 12-13 -- 8 Grievance Appeal Decisions; FY 13-14 -- 7 Grievance Appeal Decisions; FY 14-15 -- 7 Grievance Appeal Decisions; FY 15-16 -- 3 Grievance Appeal Decisions.

THE NEBRASKA STATE RECORDS BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: The Nebraska State Records Board

Contact Person: Steven Chase, Executive Director

Purpose: The purpose of the Board is outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1204, which provides: a.) advise and assist the Administrator in the performance of his or her duties under the Records Management Act; b.) provide electronic access to public records or electronic information and services; c.) develop and maintain the portal for providing access to public records or information; d.) approve agreements with a network manager and provide oversight of the contract; e.) approve fees for electronic access to public records or electronic information and services; f.) explore options for new technology to expand services to the public; g.) grant funds to state or local agencies to develop ways to improve the public's access to electronic public records or electronic information and services.

How Many Affectable: All Nebraskans

How Many Served: All Nebraskans

Year Created: 1961

Year Active: Formal Board records date back to 1968

Sunset Date: No

Authorization

Authorization Citation: Records Management Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1201 et. seq.

Parent Agency: Secretary of State

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 12

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 6 members, 6 members are set in statute

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Three representatives appointed by the Governor must be broadly representative of banking, insurance, and law groups; and three representatives appointed by the Governor must be broadly representative of libraries, the general public, and professional members of the Nebraska news media.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years for appointed members, may be reappointed once

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings Required In:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Secretary of State's Office

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since 2012, the Nebraska State Records Board (NSRB) has provided oversight of the network portal contract, reviewed online payment service agreements and approved portal fees for many online services provided by state and local agencies. The NSRB awarded a new contract in 2016 to Nebraska Interactive, LLC to continue providing state and local government online services. In FY 1516, over 143 million dollars and 12 million state and local agency transactions were processed through the online portal. Since 2012, the NSRB has provided approximately \$250,000 for state and local entity grants to improve the public's access to electronic public records or electronic information and services. The Secretary of State recently hired a full-time executive director to enhance oversight of portal operations and continues to contract with the OCIO to provide additional technical oversight of the operation.

STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF CARE STROKE TASK FORCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Statewide System of Care Stroke Task Force

Contact Person: Tim Wilson
EMS Program Manager
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Purpose: Advise and make recommendations to the department in implementing the Stroke System of Care Act. The Task Force will advise the department on protocols for assessment, stabilization and appropriate routing of stroke patients by EMS as well as the communication and coordination between hospitals, comprehensive stroke centers, and primary stroke centers. The Task Force will also recommend essential health care services to be provided through telehealth for acute stroke care.

How Many Affectable: All residents of Nebraska

How Many Served: None to date, the Stroke Task force is currently being created by the Department

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: NA

Authorization Citation: 2016 LB 722 - Stroke System of Care Act Section 9.1

Parent Agency: DHHS

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Minimum of 8

Who Appoints: The Stroke System of Care Act Section 9.1 lists out the required members of the task force.

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Members specified by LB 722 and come from specific specialty areas in the stroke system of care.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Unspecified

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: NA

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: NA
Held FY 13-14: NA

Required FY 14-15: NA
Held FY 14-15: NA

Required FY 15-16: NA
Held FY 15-16: NA

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: NA

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The Statewide System of Care Stroke Task Force was established with LB 722 Approved on April 18, 2016. The department was to assume implementation October 1, 2016. As of June 2016, the department is in the process of building the Stroke Task Force by contacting the required partners.

STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Statewide Trauma System Advisory Board and 4 Regional Trauma Advisory Boards

Contact Person: Sherri Wren, Trauma Program Manager (402) 471-0539

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: Average # of cases per year is 9,523

Year Created: 2002

Year Active: 2002

Sunset Date: NA

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-8201 through 71-8253

Parent Agency: DHHS

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 Terms of three years for each member.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

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| Required FY 13-14: | 2 |
| Held FY 13-14: | 2 |
| Required FY 14-15: | 2 |
| Held FY 14-15: | 2 |
| Required FY 15-16: | 2 |
| Held FY 15-16: | 1 |

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

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| FY 13-14 Budget: | Travel reimbursement expenses |
| FY 14-15 Budget: | Travel reimbursement expenses |
| FY 15-16 Budget: | Travel reimbursement expenses |

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Program 262, DHHS

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: 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 and educational materials developed for trauma nurses learning the Trauma Nurse Coordinator and Trauma Registrar roles. Orientation and Training of new Trauma Nurse Coordinators.

Plans of correction and follow-up for trauma centers that are deficient in meeting trauma regulatory standards and plans for corrective action.

Trauma educational materials developed for hospitals applying for re-designation. Review of reports and applications for the designation of 20 trauma centers and the re-designation of 28 hospitals for a total of 48 designated trauma centers. Revised statutory language for trauma

rehabilitation to carry out the Trauma System Act effective August 30, 2015. Proposed draft regulatory language changes to the 2011 Nebraska Statewide Trauma Center Regulations.

Application processes and data collection and reporting recommendations for Trauma Rehabilitation Centers. Content of Statewide and Regional Trauma Advisory Boards, regional performance improvement and Statewide Committee Meetings. Educational materials to promote and market trauma program and to educate its providers. Resources and systems necessary for trauma system development and improved trauma patient care throughout the state. Revisions of regional trauma system plans and identification of regional goals. Trauma System strategic planning and evaluation strategies.

Trauma injury prevention strategies, including advisement on the Departments prevention plan of which trauma is a component, to include education of providers and the public.

Data quality, accuracy, education and training and reporting writing performance improvement processes for trauma registry users. 2015 Annual State Trauma Registry Report. 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 including pediatric traumas etc.

Data from the Nebraska Trauma Registry was used to study associations between socioeconomic status and motor vehicle traffic crash injury severity and treatment outcomes.

Collaboration between Trauma Education and Prevention committee which is made up of Trauma Nurse Coordinators and Injury Prevention Specialists across the State in order to determine how best to allocate resources for injury prevention efforts in Nebraska. In 2016 designated Trauma centers who use Digital Innovation (DI) software are now uploading data directly to the State contracted software in an effort to improve data quality and efficiency in reporting and analysis.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Colleen Svoboda
(402)471-7779

Purpose: The Advisory Committee approves sub-awards for the purpose of conducting non-embryonic stem cell research.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2008

Year Active: 2009

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-880

Parent Agency: DHHS

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Chief Medical Officer of the Division of Public Health

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Committee consists of dean of every Nebraska medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (UNMC and Creighton University) and four scientists from outside of Nebraska conducting human stem cell research with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Per Diem: \$1,250 in stipends to each of the four scientists for their expertise in reviewing grant

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2
Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 2
Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 2
Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: \$15,000 budget allowed; \$7,902 in administrative expenses spent
FY 14-15 Budget: \$15,000 budget allowed; \$10,112 in administrative expenses spent
FY 15-16 Budget: \$15,000 budget allowed; \$7,228 in administrative expenses

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee awarded 18 sub-awards during July 1, 2012 June 30, 2016 averaging \$438,000/year. These awardees have submitted applications to the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation and have received approximately \$2.5 million in additional funds. They also have \$6.7 million pending in funding requests. Over 40 publications (i.e., articles, manuscripts, papers) have been published or are under consideration for publication. In addition, 30 national and or international presentations relating to funding from the Nebraska stem cell research project have been presented.

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Survey Response

Formal Name: State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services

Contact Person: Sue Adams, Services Administrator, Division of Behavioral Health, NEDHHS, 301 Centennial Mall South
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Purpose: (2) 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 Mental Health (MH) committees.

How Many Affectable: 132,000 (prevalence data Substance Dependence Abuse) Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2013 and 2014

How Many Served: 12,603 in FY2015 Division of Behavioral Health as reported in the NE report-SAMHSA Uniform Application FY2016 Behavioral Health Report Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

Year Created: 2004 (with LB 1083)

Year Active: A predecessor group has existed with very similar purposes for more than 28 years.

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-815

Parent Agency: DHHS

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 set by statute. Practice has been 3 years.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings Required In:

Required FY 13-14: Conduct regular meetings
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: Conduct regular meetings
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: Conduct regular meetings
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: .2 FTE, from 3-4 positions

Shared or Separate: Shared with mental health committee

FY 13-14 Budget: \$14,450

FY 14-15 Budget: \$11,600

FY 15-16 Budget: \$11,600

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: This advisory commission falls under the NCDHH Full Board and the spending authority given to the Full Board.

Accomplishments Since July 1, 2012:

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/newsuasacsa.aspx>

SUGGESTION AWARD BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Suggestion Award Board

Contact Person: Nyla Thomsen, DAS-State Personnel

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; no University or State Colleges

How Many Served: 871 served

Year Created: 1978, 1992, and 1993

Year Active: 1995

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-1346

Parent Agency: DAS-State Personnel

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The Director of Department of Administrative Services, the Director of DAS-State Personnel, the Auditor of Public Accounts all serve on the Board per 81-1348. Also, three persons from bargaining units listed in section 81-1373.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Bargaining Unit Representatives 3 years on a rotational basis;
Remainder On-going

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Quarterly
Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: Quarterly
Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: Quarterly
Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared; Auditor & DAS-State Personnel

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

There have been 80 suggestions submitted since July 1, 2012. Of those, 12 have been declared ineligible by DAS-State Personnel and 1 was withdrawn by the suggester. Of the 67 that were declared eligible and forwarded on to agencies for review, 52 were denied by the agencies; 5 were approved by the agencies and the Board; 1 was approved by an agency but denied by the Board; 9 are awaiting decision by an agency and action by the Board. There were also 2 approved by the Board and 1 denied by an agency from the prior survey time frame. Since July 1, 2012, there has been a total of \$500.00 awarded and 7 Certificate of Achievements awarded to suggesters.

TASK FORCE FOR BUILDING RENEWAL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Task Force for Building Renewal

Contact Person: Doug Hanson
Administrator
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Purpose: The Task Force for Building Renewal reviews, classifies and recommends funding to the Governor for various deferred repair projects as requested by state agencies. The Task Force considers deferred repair, firelife safety, ADA, and energy conservation projects. The Task Force also assists and advises agencies on specific problems and provides training and workshops to assist agency maintenance & professional staff in the performance of their official duties.

How Many Affectable: Over 20 state agencies, with approximately 3,300 state buildings are eligible for Task Force funding.

How Many Served: Approximately 1,400 state buildings have been improved with Task Force funds.

Year Created: 1977

Year Active: 1977

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-173 through 81-191.01.

Parent Agency: Department of Administrative Services

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 are hired as per diem only employees.

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: None

Per Diem: Employees are reimbursed for expenses as state employees.

Expense Reimbursement: Same as above

Term Length: Indefinite

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: NA

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: NA

Held FY 13-14: NA

Required FY 14-15: NA

Held FY 14-15: NA

Required FY 15-16: NA

Held FY 15-16: NA

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$488,026

FY 14-15 Budget: \$530,766

FY 15-16 Budget: \$504,477

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: The 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

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: Provided professional consulting services to state agencies to assist in solving facility maintenance problems; visited and inspected facilities that were identified on state agency's biennium budget request as needing deferred maintenance, firelife safety, ADA, and/or energy conservation funding; allocated and administered over \$82 Million for over 500 projects for state agencies, and; provided numerous training opportunities for state agency personnel to better assist them in the performance of their duties.

NEBRASKA TAX EQUALIZATION & REVIEW COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission

Contact Person: Nancy Salmon, Commissioner
(402) 471-2842

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: All the Taxpayers in the State are affected the State Wide Equalization Process and also the taxpayers that choose to appeal their valuations or exemptions.

How Many Served: 5,750

Year Created: 1996

Year Active: Since 1996

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: The Tax Equalization and Review Commission is a Constitutional Agency created by Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

Parent Agency: The Governor's Office

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: At least one commissioner shall possess the certification or training required to become a licensed residential real property appraiser as set forth in section 76-2230.(4) At least one commissioner shall have been engaged in the practice of law in the State of Nebraska for at least five years, which may include prior service as a judge, and shall be currently admitted to practice before the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 946,009

FY 14-15 Budget: 898,514.90

FY 15-16 Budget: 823,079

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes. The Tax Equalization & Review is given a general budget and has a cash fund it pays expenses from.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Commission has conducted 4 State Wide Equalization Proceedings. Has processed over 5,750 appeals. Some are still being scheduled for hearings.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, NEBRASKA STATE RECORDS
BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Technical Advisory Committee, Nebraska State Records Board

Contact Person: Steven Chase, Exec. Director, Nebraska State Records Board

Purpose: To assist the Nebraska State Records Board in the performance of its duties.

How Many Affectable: A quantification in unascertainable

How Many Served: 21

Year Created: 1997

Year Active: 1997

Sunset Date: No

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1205.01

Parent Agency: Secretary of State

Number of Members: 3 members

Who Appoints: Nebraska State Records Board

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The committee shall consist of individuals who have technical experience and expertise in electronic access and information technology. The committee shall have three members. The members shall include a representative from a state agency that is responsible for providing public records, a representative from the office of Chief Information Officer, and a representative from the computer services group of the Legislative Council.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: None specified

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0

Held FY 13-14: 0

Required FY 14-15: 0

Held FY 14-15: 0

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 0

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Secretary of State

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The committee reviewed and made recommendations regarding 21 grants for state and local agencies.

TECHNICAL PANEL OF THE NEBRASKA INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Technical Panel of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Contact Person: Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer

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. 86-521)

How Many Affectable: NA

How Many Served: NA

Year Created: 1998

Year Active: 1999

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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: No past expense reimbursement for current members.

Term Length: Indefinite

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: NA

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 6

Required FY 14-15: 4

Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: 4

Held FY 15-16: 7

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared with Office of the Chief Information Officer

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: The Technical Panel relies on the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for staff and operational support. Those expenses are reflected in Program 101, which is part of the OCIOs appropriation and budget.

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

- **Standards and Guidelines.** Reviewed and recommended approval of 21 new or amended technical standards and guidelines. Responsible for the standards and guidelines creation and review process, including receiving and responding to public comments on draft documents.
- **Requests for Waivers.** Reviewed and acted on 23 requests for waivers from the requirements of the technical standards and guidelines.
- **Budget Request Reviews.** Reviewed and made recommendations to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission on information technology project proposals submitted as part of the 2013-2015 biennial budget (22 projects), the 2014 deficit budget (1 project), and the 2015-2017 biennial budget (13 projects).
- **Enterprise Projects.** Monitored the status of Enterprise Projects through monthly reports from the sponsoring agencies. Received, as needed, in person updates from sponsoring agencies at Technical Panel meetings. Provided status reports to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.

- **Workgroups.** Received reports from the following workgroups: Security Architecture Workgroup, Learning Management System Standards Workgroup, Accessibility Workgroup, and Intergovernmental Data Communications Workgroup.
- **Progress Reports.** More detailed information regarding the Technical Panel's accomplishments is available in the Nebraska Information Technology Commission's biennial progress reports (<http://nitc.nebraska.gov/commission/reports/reports.html>).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Mr. John Wyvill, Executive Director
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Gene Hand, Director-Communications Department
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Purpose: To provide guidance for the development, monitoring, and promotion of state-wide telecommunications relay and specialized telecommunications equipment program services in Nebraska; and to review the surcharge and rules and regulations established by the Public Service Commission.

How Many Affectable: 365,268. Source: John Hopkins Medicine.
(<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/mediareleases/oneinfiveamericanshashearingloss>)

How Many Served: 57,825 relay calls for the fiscal year 2012-13; 54,967 for fiscal year 2013-14; 48,284 for fiscal year 2014-15; and 33,529 for fiscal year 2015-16 (updated through May, 2016)

Year Created: 1991

Year Active: 1991

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-301 to 86-315 with Committee authorization referenced in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-315

Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: One member shall be a deaf person; one member shall be a deaf or hard of hearing person; one member shall be a speech-impaired person; one member shall represent the Public Service Commission; one member shall represent the telephone industry; one member shall represent the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and one member shall represent the public.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes, personal vehicle mileage for out of town travel for committee members and cost of interpreters at committee meetings. FY 2012-13 mileage and interpreter costs of \$58 and \$190, respectively were submitted; FY 2013-14 mileage and interpreter costs of Term Length: 3 years with no term limits

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1

Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1

Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Advisory Committee in the November/December 2013 timeframe provided guidance on proposing services, terms and conditions to facilitate the selection of a new relay provider beginning July 1, 2014. 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 and reviewing applications and assisting 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. This committee also has provided advice on expanding the NSTEP program to include wireless devices. As of June of 2016 the Commission has business relationships with Sprint, Verizon and NE Colorado Cellular (dba Viaero Wireless). With direction of this committee, the Commission is seeking to expand wireless provider choices to include US Cellular.

NEBRASKA TOURISM COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Tourism Commission

Contact Person: Heather Hogue, Deputy Director & Grant Administrator
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402-471-3774

Purpose: The purpose of the commission is to: 1. Administer the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; 2. Prepare and approve a budget; 3. Elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson; 4. Procure and evaluate data and information necessary for the proper administration of the act; 5. Appoint an executive director to conduct the day-to-day operations of the Commission; 6. Establish a means by which any interested person has the opportunity at least annually to offer his or her ideas and suggestions relative to the Commissions duties for the upcoming year;7. Approve the budget request as presented by the Executive Director prior to submitting to the Governor and Legislature; 8. Keep minutes of its meetings and other books and records which clearly reflect all of the actions and transactions of the Commission and keep such records open to examination during normal business hours; and 9. Prohibit any funds appropriated to the Commission from being expended directly or indirectly to promote or oppose any candidate for public office or to influence state or federal legislation.10. Develop a program to provide promotional services and technical assistance to local governments and industry members and to ensure the protection and development of Nebraska’s attraction resources.11. The Commission shall develop and maintain a statewide strategic plan to cultivate and promote tourism in Nebraska.12. The Commission will monitor and represent the interests of the tourism industry while serving the citizens of Nebraska. Mission Statement: The mission of the Nebraska Tourism Commission is to expand Nebraska’s dynamic and diverse travel industry making it more viable by creating awareness, attracting increased visitors which results in greater tourism revenue and economic gain throughout the state.

How Many Affectable: Not applicable

How Many Served: Not applicable

Year Created: 2012

Year Active: 2012

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-3710

Parent Agency: Not applicable

Number of Members: 9 (nine)
Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: 1. One representative from the Game and Parks Commission; 2. One representative from the Nebraska Travel Association; 3. One representative from the Nebraska Hotel and Motel Association; 4. One representative from a tourism attraction that records at least two thousand out-of-state visitors per year; 5. One representative from the Nebraska Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus; 6. One representative from the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition; 7. 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; 8. One representative from the Central Nebraska Tourism Partnership; and 9. 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: Four years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 0
Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 0
Held FY 14-15: 5

Required FY 15-16: 0
Held FY 15-16: 9

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,176,568
FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,417,288
FY 15-16 Budget: \$1,482,716

Other Funding Sources: Yes, State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund- (Lodging tax) LB 81-3715 and 81-3714. Hotel; occupancy; sales tax.

Spending Authority: Yes, the Nebraska Tourism Commission advises and allocates the State Visitors Promotion Cash fund to be appropriated between the financial needs of the agency's programs.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Since the agency's creation in 2012, much has been accomplished over the last four years: Printed and distributed the annual Nebraska Travel Guides. Enhanced the VisitNebraska.com website to make it more user friendly for 225,000+ users. Surpassed our social media goals in 2015 by increasing our Facebook fans by 35% over the year before, while Twitter followers also grew for @Nebraska Tourism from 8,000 to 9,671 followers. Pinterest, YouTube and Instagram also saw growth and increased engagement in 2015. Completed the most successful year as far as program participation to date for the Nebraska Passport Program. Hosted numerous media tours each year exposing national travel writers to many of the state's top attractions. Garnered major national press in popular outlets such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Miami Herald, The Des Moines Register, The Minneapolis Star Tribune, AAA Journeys, Hemispheres Magazine, MSN.com, USAToday.com, Meetings Focus and many more. Reached millions of TV viewers across the country via paid commercial time and partnerships with national production companies for events such as the Big Ten Baseball Tournament, The College World Series and Husker sporting events broadcast on Big Ten Network (BTN), Husker Sports and other major networks. State Lodging Tax collections shows an upward trend in hotel stays and visitation and continue to grow at an average of rate of 6.8% yearly since the Commission became an agency. In order to maintain an international standard of excellence and consistency of performance, including professionalism of best practices, the Nebraska Tourism Commission applied and became an accredited DMO through the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program (DMAP) in 2013. Updated the 2012 strategic plan with a final draft being approved in 2016. Increased staff from three to 12 FTE personnel including Administrative Assistant, Marketing Manager, Passport Program Coordinator, Eco Tourism Consultant, Public Information Officer, Business Development Consultants and an Accountant II. Tourism Commission Programs Events Other: Nebraska Tourism Serves, Nebraska Passport Program and Booklets, Summer Travel Counselors Program, NTC Annual Report, Bi-annual Nebraska Travel Guides, Community Impact Grant, Tourism Marketing Grant, Media Tours, Media Kit, Nebraska Calendar, Agri Eco Tourism Conference, Nebraska Travel Conference, Industry Educational Webinars, VisitNebraska.com, NEBTOUR listserv, National Tourism Week Town Hall Meetings, Commissioner Meetings, Brochure Swap, Nebraska Travel Impacts Report 2003-2012, Update Strategic Plan 2016 and the Senators Luncheon.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES

Survey Response

Formal Name: Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Contact Person: Stan Carpenter, Chancellor
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Lincoln, NE 68508
402-471-2505

Purpose: The Board of Trustees govern the Nebraska State College System including, Chadron State, Peru State, Wayne State and the System Office. The Colleges provide opportunities for the citizens of Nebraska and others from around the country to obtain a college education. Mission statement: The Nebraska State College System serves our students, communities and state by providing high quality, accessible educational opportunities.

How Many Affectable: All prospective students and all individuals living in communities served by a state college.

How Many Served: State colleges serve 9,000 students annually and an unknown number of individuals living in communities served by the colleges.

Year Created: 1920

Year Active: 1920

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Constitution, Article VII, Section 13

Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 6 members. The Commissioner of Education is an ex-officio member.

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications of Members: Resident of Nebraska

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 6 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1 at each college and 1 near the end of each semester

Held FY 13-14: 5

Required FY 14-15: 1 at each college and 1 near the end of the semester

Held FY 14-15: 7

Required FY 15-16: 1 at each college and 1 near the end of the semester

Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,598,304

FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,659,542

FY 15-16 Budget: \$2,025,354

Other Funding Sources: Cash funds, revenue bond program, and federal funds

Spending Authority: Yes, the Board allocates funds between the 3 state colleges and the System Office

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Oversaw 17 major capital projects totaling \$86,629,115

Provided guidance and direction to the Colleges and System Office

Assured continued accreditation for the three Colleges and individual academic programs

Hired a new president at Wayne State College

Oversaw operating budgets totaling \$548,877,933 over the 4 years

Approved creation of new academic programs and athletic programs

Approved issuance of revenue bonds totaling \$27,940,000

Approved issuance of refunding bonds (revenue bonds) totaling \$16,830,000

Approved issuance of Facilities Corporation bonds in conjunction with the State totaling \$13,460,000

Conducted an Enterprise Risk Management exercise

Implemented new policies and updated existing policies, as needed

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Universal Service Fund Advisory
Contact Person: Sue Vanicek, Director
Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety
Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission
PO Box 94927
Lincoln, NE 68509-4927
Phone: (402) 471-0264

Purpose: To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission on the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 1997

Year Active: 1997

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-327

Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Nebraska Public Service Commission

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.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: None

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 1
Held FY 13-14: 1

Required FY 14-15: 1
Held FY 14-15: 1

Required FY 15-16: 1
Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared - Nebraska Public Service Commission

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board has continued its role of advising the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding 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 broadband deployment and broadband adoption pilot programs to the Fund; changes to the federal Lifeline program, potential changes to the state contribution mechanism, and revisions to the high-cost distribution mechanism.

VACANT BUILDING AND EXCESS LAND COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee

Contact Person: Administrator, State Building Division
1526 'K' Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Purpose: The Vacant Building and Excess Land (VBEL) Committee reviews requests from State agencies concerning the disposition of state-owned buildings or land that are vacant and excess to the needs of the state. Requests for utility easements are also considered by the Committee. In determining appropriate disposition of a building, parcel of land, or easement request, the Committee considers alternative actions and possible future uses. If declared vacant and excess, the State Building Division disposes of the building or land through sale, lease, demolition, or otherwise.

How Many Affectable: There are approximately 3,300 state owned buildings and 920 land parcels eligible for VBEL action.

How Many Served: Since 1988, 730 buildings and 77 parcels of land have been addressed by the Committee.

Year Created: 1988

Year Active: 1988

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 72-811 to 72-818

Parent Agency: Department of Administrative Services

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Statutorily created through Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-812. The Committee consists of the Director of Administrative Services, State Building Division Administrator, and Task Force for Building Renewal Administrator.

Legislative Approval: None

Qualifications of Members: N/A (as designated by their positions)

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: No

Term Length: N/A (members serve for as long as they occupy their positions)

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A (Meetings occur upon request)

Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: N/A (Meetings occur upon request)

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: N/A (Meetings occur upon request)

Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: None

Shared or Separate: Shared, State Building Division

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0

FY 14-15 Budget: \$0

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: The DAS State Building Division can receive and expend funds from the Vacant Building and Excess Land Cash Fund.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The VBEL Committee met ten (10) times and disposed of 216 buildings and taken action on 23 separate land easements and land transactions.

VERTERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

Survey Response

Formal Name: Veterans' Advisory Commission

Contact Person: John Hilgert, Director

Purpose: Investigate the handling of veterans affairs under the jurisdiction of the Director of Veterans Affairs, make recommendations and report to the Governor or Director on such matters and act as an appeal board from any decision made by the Director of Veterans Affairs or any of his agents or deputies on claims for aid from the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund.

How Many Affectable: 143,375 veterans as of 093015 USVA estimate plus eligible dependents (# unknown)

How Many Served: 143,375 veterans as of 093015 USVA estimate plus eligible dependents (# unknown)

Year Created: 1947

Year Active: 1947

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 80-401.06

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, # 028

Number of Members: five (5)

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Has been a resident of the State of Nebraska for at least five years immediately prior to his or her appointment. Served in the armed forces of the United States during the dates set forth in section 80-401.01 and was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable from such service and is a member of a recognized veterans' organization.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 2
Held FY 13-14: 2

Required FY 14-15: 2
Held FY 14-15: 2

Required FY 15-16: 2
Held FY 15-16: 2

Support Staff: 0

Shared or Separate: Parent Agency

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0.00
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0.00
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Approved increase NVA funeral allowance guideline. Approved Director appointment of Veterans Affairs Service Officers (x2). Approved increase NVA dental allowance guideline. Approved NVA allowances for transportation. Approved NVA allowances for catastrophic situations.

VETERANS' HOMES BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Veterans' Homes Board

Contact Person: John Hilgert, Director

Purpose: Review all applications submitted for admission to the Nebraska veterans' home system and make all final determinations regarding admission or continued admission to one of the homes; recommend matters of policy, rules and regulations, administration, maintenance pertaining to each of the Nebraska veterans' homes and prescribe rules of membership in the Nebraska veterans' homes.

How Many Affectable: 143,375

How Many Served: 495 census 07-18-16

Year Created: 1887/1949

Year Active: 1887/1949

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 80-318

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, # 028

Number of Members: 14

Who Appoints: Recognized veterans organizations listed in subdivision (1) of Nebraska Revised Statutes § 80-401-01.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Two (2) members are selected by each of the recognized veterans organizations in Nebraska identified in subdivision (1) of § 80-401.01, and the Director of Veterans Affairs who shall serve as the permanent board secretary. Each member shall be selected in the manner and serve for such term as the veterans organization may prescribe.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Serve for such term as the veterans organization may prescribe

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Parent Agency

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0.00
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0.00
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0.00

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Applications for Admission Board acted on:

FY 12-13: 450
FY 13-14: 405
FY 14-15: 382
FY 15-16: 445

VETERINARY PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM TASK
FORCE

Survey Response

Formal Name: Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force

Contact Person: Amy Reynoldson
Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Coordinator
402-471-0835

Purpose: This task force shall conduct a study to develop recommendations of which controlled substances shall be reported by a veterinarian to the prescription drug monitoring program created under section 71-2454 when dispensing drugs from a veterinarian's office or an animal shelter. The study shall include appropriate methods and procedures of reporting by the veterinarians with the necessary data base field information. The task force shall utilize nationally available resources afforded by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and the Department of State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs of the American Veterinary Medical Association in develop with the recommendations.

How Many Affectable: N/A

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2016

Year Active: 2016

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-2454 through 71-2456

Parent Agency: DHHS

Number of Members: At least ten

Who Appoints: Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the
Legislature

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2454 (2) One member from Health and Human Services Committee; two at-large members of the Legislature; three members selected from a list of six veterinarians provided by the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, one

of whom is employed by or provides services at an animal shelter; one pharmacist nominated by the Nebraska Pharmacists Association or its successor organization; and two members nominated by the Nebraska Veterinary medical Association or its successor organization. The task force shall also include a representative of the prescription drug monitoring program who shall be a nonvoting member and serve in an advisory capacity only. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2454 (3) The members of the task forces shall be appointed within one hundred twenty days after February 25, 2016. The initial meeting of the task forces shall be convened within one hundred eighty days after February 25, 2016. The task force shall elect a chairperson and may elect any additional officers from among its members. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2454 (4) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature on or before December 1, 2016.

Per Diem: All task force members shall serve without compensation.

Expense Reimbursement: N/A

Term Length: N/A

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: N/A

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: 0

Held FY 15-16: 1

Support Staff: N/A

Shared or Separate: N/A

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: N/A

Other Funding Sources: N/A

Spending Authority: N/A

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Veterinarian Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force Membership identified and includes:

Senator John Kuehn (Chair)

Senator Sara Howard

Senator Brett Lindstrom

Marcia Mueting

Kevin Borchert

Dr. Lance Roasa

Dr. Rick Cockerill

Dr. David Ylander

Dr. Joanne Gaines

Dr. Pat Wahlmeier

Initial Veterinarian Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force meeting held on June 21, 2016.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
PREVENTION

Survey Response

Formal Name: The Advisory Council to the Office of Violence Prevention

Contact Person: Chris Harris, Director of the Office of Violence of Violence Prevention, Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, 301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94946
Lincoln, NE 68509-4946
402-471-3813

Purpose: Among its responsibilities, the Advisory Council shall recommend to the Commission rules and regulations regarding program fundraising, program evaluation, coordination of programs, and the criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.

How Many Affectable: the Advisory Council has awarded funds to 65 organizations throughout the State of Nebraska. These organizations range from police departments to after school programs ranging from North Platte in the west, to the eastern edge of Omaha.

How Many Served: These organizations can serve from 30 individuals to 3,000 individuals in the course of a year

Year Created: 2009

Year Active: 7 years

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§ 81-1447 through 81-1451

Parent Agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Memberships and Meetings

Number Of Members: 6 members

Who Appoints: Appointed by the Governor.

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The Governor shall appoint members representing the following areas, if practicable: Two members representing local government; two members representing law enforcement; one member representing community advocacy; and one member representing education with some expertise in law enforcement and juvenile crime.

Per Diem: No per diem authorized

Expense Reimbursement: Yes. Expense reimbursement allowed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1449: Members of the advisory council to the Office of Violence Prevention shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duty

Term Length: 4 years.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4
Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 4
Held FY 14-15: 4

Required FY 15-16: 4
Held FY 15-16: 4

Support Staff: 2

Shared or Separate: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

FY 13-14 Budget: 0
FY 14-15 Budget: 0
FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No. Spending authority is included as part of the central administration general funds appropriation for the Crime Commission (parent organization).

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Provided \$1.75 million in Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Awards to 39 to communities and organizations seeking to implement violence prevention programs which appear to have the greatest benefit to the state and which have, as goals, the reduction of street and gang violence,

the reduction of homicides and injuries caused by firearms, and the creation of youth employment opportunities in high-crime areas.

WATER WELL STANDARDS AND CONTRACTORS LICENSING
BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Water Well Standards and Contractors Licensing Board

Contact Person: Howard Isaacs, Administrator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health,
Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health
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Lincoln NE 68509-5026
Phone: 402-471-0510, Fax: 402-471-643

Purpose: To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Duties include, but are not limited to: setting the minimum standards of proficiency and competency including the approval of courses of study for CEU credits; providing recommendations regarding reinstatement of licenses; providing recommendations related to the issuance or denial of licenses, disciplinary action, and changes in legislation; providing the Department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Act and the Uniform Credentialing Act; setting construction standards for water wells; setting fees; and approving regulations.

How Many Affectable: 268,880

How Many Served: 268,880

Year Created: 1986

Year Active: 1986

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-1217

Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 6; Director of each of the following agencies appoints his or her designated representative DHHS, DNR, DEQ, UNL-CSD

Legislative Approval: N/A

Qualifications of Members:

(1)(a) A licensed water well contractor representing irrigation water well contractors, (b) a licensed water well contractor representing domestic water well contractors, (c) a licensed water well contractor representing municipal and industrial water well contractors, (d) a licensed pump installation contractor, (e) a manufacturer or supplier of water well or pumping equipment, and (f) a holder of a license issued under the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Practice Act employed by a natural resources district. The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designated representative, the Director of Environmental Quality or his or her designated representative, the Director of Natural Resources or his or her designated representative, and the director of the Conservation and Survey Division of the University of Nebraska or his or her designated representative shall also serve as members of the board.

(2) Each member shall be a resident of the state. Each industry representative shall have had at least five years of experience in the business of his or her category prior to appointment and shall be actively engaged in such business at the time of appointment and while serving on the board. Each member representing a category subject to licensing under the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Practice Act shall be licensed by the department pursuant to such act. In making appointments, the Governor may consider recommendations made by the trade associations of each category.

Per Diem: \$50

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 5 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: All Expire

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 4

Held FY 13-14: 4

Required FY 14-15: 6

Held FY 14-15: 6

Required FY 15-16: 6

Held FY 15-16: 6

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared, DHHS Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health, Water Well Standards Program

FY 13-14 Budget: \$0
FY 14-15 Budget: \$0
FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: No

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board reviewed and approved 1511 hours of continuing education; Worked with the Department on Title 178 Chapter 11 revisions to clarify well registration fees; Worked with the Department on Title 178 Chapter 12 revisions to incorporate information that was learned from the Nebraska Grout Task Force clear cased research project for the enhancement of public health and ground water protection. The Department received a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to conduct research to identify best management practices for irrigation well reconstruction and decommissioning water wells in controlled management areas where nitrates are a concern. The Board approved partial funding towards the research this project; and Board worked closely with the Department and revised nineteen examinations for licensure, each examination was graded and evaluated with the assistance of a psychometrician.

NEBRASKA WHEAT DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION, AND
MARKETING BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board

Contact Person: Royce Schaneman, Executive Director

Purpose: The Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board was created to protect and foster the economic health of the state's wheat producing areas and wheat economy stated as public policy under the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act. This public policy guides the wheat board in establishing its overall policy, annual marketing plan, goals and objectives, and program priorities. The board also evaluates wheat market developments worldwide to meet these goals.

How Many Affectable: All Nebraska wheat producers

How Many Served: All Nebraska wheat producers

Year Created: 1955

Year Active: 1955

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 2-2301 to 2-232

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Parent Agency: N/A

Number of Members: Seven (7)

Who Appoints: Governor

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.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Five (5)

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Four (4)
Held FY 13-14: Six (6)

Required FY 14-15: Four (4)
Held FY 14-15: Five (5)

Required FY 15-16: Four (4)
Held FY 15-16: Five (5)

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Separate

FY 13-14 Budget: \$1,261,605
FY 14-15 Budget: \$1,714,737
FY 15-16 Budget: \$2,103,969

Other Funding Sources: License fees and or royalties

Spending Authority: \$2,192,322

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB) invests excise tax funds into the following areas: A. Research: Research efforts continue to focus on the development of new varieties and improvement of production practices. The NWB contracts with the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources wheat breeding team for research on wheat variety improvement in both the hard red, hard white winter wheat, and hybrid wheat varieties. Additional research is funded to look at combating diseases and pests that affect wheat crop yields, and to examine the benefits of biotechnology. Research improving the quality of Nebraska's wheat crop enhances the crops appeal in foreign markets and increases export opportunities. B. Education and Promotion: The NWB educates consumers at many events annually, as well as through the distribution of a wide variety of digital and print media. In addition to its student internship program, an Ag Ambassador Program was developed to educate college students on the wheat industry, which enables them to interact with wheat producers, students, and consumers to increase excitement and interest in Nebraska Wheat. The NWB also works with the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association to inform the public of the nutritional value of wheat in a healthy diet. In conjunction with the Wheat Marketing Center, the NWB funds a wheat export and marketing workshop for producers which provides them with the

opportunity to learn about wheat and flour quality testing, tour port facilities and processing companies, the Federal Grain Inspection Services, and the role of the U.S. Wheat Associates in promoting and marketing U.S. wheat. C. Domestic Marketing: The NWB has supported the Wheat Foods Council in their work with an Olympic-caliber athlete to advocate for gluten. In addition, connecting consumers to farmers through the promotions done with the Mobile Baking Lab has been a large part of marketing efforts. Finally, the development of a video series addressing farm issues on a domestic level has helped market wheat issues. D. International Marketing: Foreign wheat markets are developed and export sales promoted through U.S. Wheat Associates (a partnership of the board and 18 other state wheat commissions) with offices throughout the world, and with Plains Grains, Inc., an organization of hard red winter wheat growing plains states. The board also works with organizations such as the Wheat Foods Council, the Grain Foods Foundation, the Wheat Quality Council, and the Wheat Marketing Center. E. Policy Development: Working with the National Association of Wheat Growers, the board is able to address various wheat quality and trade issues, as well as the development of transgenic traits in wheat production, particularly as they relate to federal farm policy. Nebraska Wheat Board members also serve in varying capacities on boards of a number of national organizations, which include: U.S. Wheat Associates, Wheat Marketing Center, Wheat Foods Council, Plains Grains Inc., and the Wheat Quality Council.

WOMENS HEALTH INITIATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Survey Response

Formal Name: Womens Health Initiative Advisory Council

Contact Person: Tina Goodwin 402-471-3914

Purpose: The purpose of the Womens Health Advisory Council shall be to advise and serve as a resource for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in carrying out its duties as enacted by the Legislature in the Womens Health Initiative of Nebraska Revised Statute 71-707.

How Many Affectable: All women in the State of Nebraska

How Many Served: N/A

Year Created: 2000

Year Active: 2000

Sunset Date: None

Authorization Citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-701 through 71-707

Parent Agency: DHHS

Number of Members: 21

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications Of Members: Womens Health Initiative Advisory Council; created; members; terms; duties; expenses(1) The Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council is created and shall consist of not more than thirty members, at least three-fourths of whom are women. At least one member shall be appointed from the following disciplines: (a) An obstetrician gynecologist; (b) a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant from a rural community; (c) a geriatrics physician or nurse; (d) a pediatrician; (e) a community public health representative from each congressional district; (f) a health educator; (g) an insurance industry representative; (h) a mental health professional; (i) a representative from a statewide health volunteer agency; (j) a private health care industry representative; (k) an epidemiologist or a health statistician; (l) a foundation representative; and (m) a woman who is a health care consumer from each of the following age categories: Eighteen to thirty; thirty-one to forty; forty-one to sixty-five; and sixty-six and older. The membership shall also include a representative of the University of Nebraska Medical

Center, a representative from Creighton University Medical Center, the chief medical officer if one is appointed under section 81-3115, and the Title V Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services.(2)There shall be two ex officio, nonvoting members from the Legislature, one of which shall be the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Per Diem: NA

Expense Reimbursement: Travel (mileage)

Term Length: 3 years; Members may not serve more than two consecutive three year terms

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 3

Held FY 13-14: 3

Required FY 14-15: 3

Held FY 14-15: 3

Required FY 15-16: 3

Held FY 15-16: 3

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: 0

FY 14-15 Budget: 0

FY 15-16 Budget: 0

Other Funding Sources: 0

Spending Authority: 0

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Office of Women & Men's Health (2012-2014)

2012

Worksite Breastfeeding Support is a collaboration between NE DHHS, the Nebraska Breastfeeding Coalition and the Women's Health Advisory Council. In an effort to inform businesses about 2010 Fair Labor Standards Act (FSLA), breastfeeding educational materials were sent to 4,000 Nebraska businesses. Over 200 NE companies requested additional materials

to support and educate their breastfeeding employees. The Council sponsored a Return to Work Event in March with Work Well in Lincoln to help employers understand what they could do to assist women returning to work after having a baby. There were 70 attendees.

Additionally, Public Health Educators traveled to Kearney and Grand Island to train employers. Worksite Breastfeeding Support also developed an annual recognition award for companies that support breastfeeding employees. The application is housed on the Breastfeeding Coalition website. The Council supports the breastfeeding module as part of the Community Health Worker trainings, which train community members across Nebraska Release of the 2012 Health Equity Report. The Report is a collaborative effort between DHHS, DHHS Health Equity, the Health Disparities office and the Women's Health Advisory Council. The report will be marketed to doctors' offices clinics, hospitals, legislature, the educated consumer, high schools, colleges and public health partners. There was a story in NET Council Members Lilita Bronner and Dr. Renaisa Anthony <http://www.kvnnews.com/2012/05/new-study-points-to-health-disparities-among-minority-women/> Josie Rodriguez, Council Member, shared the report at a Lunch and Learn for her office. KLIN featured the report. The Associated Press (AP) picked it up the story on the report. Lilita Bronner is presenting it to students at the College of Public Health. The report is on the Office of Women's and Men's Health and the Health Disparities and Health Equity websites. One local health department was very interested in the report and asked for data for their region. 2012 Annual Report was released in September 2012.

2013

The WHAC Legislative Committee wrote letters of support for LB132-the skin Cancer Prevention Act and LB447- soft drinks would no longer be tax exempt. LB132 did not make it out of committee this year. Kathy Ward, Program Manager for NE DHHS retired. 2013 Annual Report was released in September 2013.

2014

A committee was formed to update the Council Guidelines Tina Goodwin was introduced as the new Program Manager for DHHS Women's Health Initiatives Women's Health Initiatives launched a strategic planning process in collaboration with the Women's Health Advisory Council. The Council identified priorities and goals for the upcoming years. Women's Health Initiatives released the Annual Report in September 2014. The Breastfeeding Friendly Business Committee continued collaborative work with the Department of Labor and the Breastfeeding Coalition to educate businesses and employees about the 2010 Fair Labor Standards Act. Activities include updating and revising the NE Department of Labor Breastfeeding Website, the worksite breastfeeding letter to employers detailing the law, and supporting educational materials. Strategic planning for future activities include expanded direct mail and education efforts and an online technical assistance clearinghouse for Frequently Asked Questions. The Health disparities Workgroup continued to discuss ways to increase awareness and create policies that address health disparities in Nebraska. 2014 Annual Report was released in September 2014.

2015

The Council Strategic Planning Process is Complete. The work of the Breastfeeding Friendly Business Committee has largely been completed. This work will continue through DHHS Women's Health Initiatives but will no longer be a workgroup of the Women's Health Advisory Council. The Behavioral Health Workgroup will no longer meet. The work of developing a Behavior Health resource will continue through DHHS Behavioral Health Division and the NE Resource and Referral System (NRRS) The Healthcare Reform group will no longer meet and has no unfinished work. Women's Health Advisory Council chose 4 additional areas to develop workgroups. The Council continued to do work with Health Equity and Legislative. Nutrition and Healthy Weight Gain (including Obesity) Workgroup Sexual Health (including Preconception Health) Workgroup Advanced Care Planning Workgroup Mental Health Workgroup Health Equity Workgroup Legislative Workgroup Nutrition and Healthy Weight Gain Workgroup discussed topics of inter-conception health and the continuum of care for mother and baby after delivery; provider education given to new moms about excessive weight gain, chronic disease and self-care. Sexual Health Workgroup discussed adolescent health and preconception health resources, education and knowledge of providers to place implants, how long acting contraception (LARC) effects rates of teen pregnancy, and the HPV vaccine. The Advanced Care Planning workgroup gathered printed material and distributed at the 2015 National Caregivers Day, discussed possible education of End of Life Issues and hope to develop a marketing campaign to educate the public. Mental Health Workgroup discussed eating disorders and self-harm, understanding disparities for African American Women seeking behavioral health services, and distribution of the Women's Health Data Book. Health Equity Workgroup produced an updated 2015 Health Disparities Report The Legislative committee wrote letters of support for:LB77 Require a Medicaid State plan amendment for family planning services and state intent relating to appropriations for the Every Women Matters program (Postponed) LB294 Adopt the Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act and change and adopt provisions relating to service of process, sexual assault, crimes relating to morals, human trafficking, search warrants, juveniles, intercepted communications and forfeiture of assets (Passed) LB627 Change provisions relating to pregnancy and eliminate subversive membership provisions under the Nebraska Fair Employment Act (Passed)2015 Annual Report was released in September 2015.

2016

Sexual Health Workgroup plans to send a letter to the CEO of DHHS proposing that Explanation of Benefits (EOB) confidentiality requirements be put in place for adolescents wanting Family Planning services and seen by their Family Physician. Mental Health Workgroup member Jamie Monfelt-Siems, LIMHP, presented Self Injurious Behavior and Pregnancy at the NE DHHS Maternal Behavioral Health Conference in April. Health Equity Workgroups 2015 Health Disparities Report can be seen in its entirety on the NE DHHS Health Equity and Disparities webpage. Liliana Bronner with UNMC (former Chair of the WHAC) and Josie Rodriguez, Office of Health disparities and Health Equity and Chairperson of the Health Equity Workgroup, presented the Report at the Examining Disparities for Women of Color in NE Conference sponsored by UNMC. The Legislative Workgroup wrote letters of support for:LB782 Provide for a Medicaid State Plan amendment relating to coverage for Family Planning Services (previously LB77) - PostponedLB849 Adopt the Assisting Caregiver Transitions Act (Postponed)LB923 Appropriate funds for federally qualified health centers (Postponed)LB1007 Change and provide provisions relating to protection of vulnerable adults and senior adults (Postponed)January 2016

Advisory Council members, Dr. Amy Lacroix, Heidi Edsill and Nicole Barber participated in the Preconception Health Collaborative (PHC). PHC was about sharing and collaboration of preconception health priorities including, creating a working definition of preconception health, and networking. 2016 Council member Barbara Babz Moffat continues to participate in the development of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The SHIP is a collaborative effort to improve the health of all individuals in Nebraska and strengthen the partnership between public, private, state, and local agencies by: improving the public health system, focusing on prevention strategies, examining new technologies, analyzing and disseminating health data, developing and implementing more effective disease prevention and health promotion programs and integrating public health programs with primary care services through the health care home model. Approved Pilots working for Silverhawk Aviation, who are current in the King Air C90, to act as State Pilots on state aircraft.

NEBRASKA WORKER TRAINING BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Worker Training Board

Contact Person: Steve Porr, Program Coordinator
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Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-9977

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; Promote the retention of Nebraska workers and expansion of Nebraska businesses and increase their competitive edge; Assist in attracting skilled workers to Nebraska.

How Many Affectable: Any employee of any Nebraska business with an Unemployment Insurance account number.

How Many Served: Last year - 321 grants recommended awarding \$1,541,095.00 to train approximately 11,302 Nebraska workers.

Year Created: 1996

Year Active: 1998

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 48-622.03

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Labor

Number of Members: Seven

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: Commissioner of Labor or designee; Commissioner of Education or designee; Director of Economic Development or designee; Director - Nebraska Community College Association; a private citizen representing Employers; a private citizen representing Employees; a private citizen representing the Public at Large.

Per Diem: No

Expense Reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: 3 years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: Four

Held FY 13-14: Four

Required FY 14-15: Four

Held FY 14-15: Four

Required FY 15-16: Four

Held FY 15-16: Four

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Nebraska Department of Labor

FY 13-14 Budget: \$152,457

FY 14-15 Budget: \$152,457

FY 15-16 Budget: \$152,457

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

Recommended the approval of 1,319 training grants in the amount of \$5,251,280 to benefit approximately 2,015 Nebraska businesses and 70,362 Nebraska workers.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Nebraska Workforce Development Board

Contact Person: Joan Modrell
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402.471.9948

Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board shall be to carry out such functions as shall be authorized under section 101(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (P.L. 113-128) as they may from time to time be amended.

How Many Affectable: The activities of Nebraska Workforce Development Board affect the entirety of Nebraska's workforce system.

How Many Served: The three entities directly served are the three local workforce development boards.

Year Created: 2015

Year Active: 2015

Sunset Date: N/A

Authorization Citation: The Nebraska Workforce Development Board is authorized under Section 101(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (P.L. 113-128) and the Nebraska Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act as adopted on April 13, 2016 pursuant to LB1110.

Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Labor

Number of Members: 24

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: No

Qualifications of Members: The members of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board shall represent diverse geographic areas of the State of Nebraska, including urban, rural, and suburban areas. As required under WIOA Section 101(b), the membership of the Nebraska

Workforce Development Board must include: the Governor, a member of Nebraska’s Legislature and members appointed by the Governor. Of the members appointed by the Governor, a majority must be representatives of businesses, not less than 20 percent must be representatives of the workforce within the state, and the balance must be representatives of government. As such, 52 percent of the Nebraska Workforce Development Boards membership is made up of representatives of business, 22 percent of the workforce within the state, and 26 percent of representatives of government.

Per Diem: None

Expense Reimbursement: Yes, for actual and necessary expenses directly related to the discharge of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board's affairs.

Term Length: All Governor-appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: N/A

Held FY 13-14: N/A

Required FY 14-15: N/A

Held FY 14-15: N/A

Required FY 15-16: There is not a number of required meetings

Held FY 15-16: 4 since inception in 2015

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or Separate: Shared

FY 13-14 Budget: N/A

FY 14-15 Budget: N/A

FY 15-16 Budget: \$0

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: No

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012: The Nebraska Workforce Development Board was formed in 2015. Accomplishments to date include: Submittal of the Combined State Plan for Nebraska’s Workforce System as required under WIOA; designation of WIOA regional planning areas and WIOA local workforce development areas; certification of local workforce development area boards publication of Nebraska’s Eligible Training Provider List as required under WIOA; ongoing development of WIOA policy and guidance including policy and

guidance on regional planning, infrastructure funding, establishment of memorandums of understanding among required American Job Center partners.

WYUKA CEMETERY BOARD

Survey Response

Formal Name: Wyuka Cemetery Board

Contact Person: Jeff Schumacher, Chairman

Purpose: Management of the affairs of Wyuka Cemetery

How Many Affectable: Not applicable

How Many Served: Not applicable

Year Created: 1869

Year Active: 1869

Sunset Date: Not applicable

Authorization Citation: Neb.Rev.Stat.§ 12-101 to 12-105

Parent Agency: Governor

Number of Members: Five

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Not applicable

Qualifications of Members: Not applicable

Per Diem: \$-0-

Expense Reimbursement: \$-0-

Term Length: Six years

Terms Rotate or Expire At Once: Terms Rotate

Meetings:

Required FY 13-14: 5: 1 Annual Meeting and 4 Quarterly Meetings
Held FY 13-14: Twelve

Required FY 14-15: 5: 1 Annual Meeting and 4 Quarterly Meetings
Held FY 14-15: Eight

Required FY 15-16: 5: 1 Annual Meeting and 4 Quarterly Meetings
Held FY 15-16: Seven

Support Staff: No

Shared or Separate: Not applicable

FY 13-14 Budget: \$-0-

FY 14-15 Budget: \$-0-

FY 15-16 Budget: \$-0-

Other Funding Sources: None

Spending Authority: Yes. The Board of Trustees has spending authority for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery and funeral home.

Accomplishments since July 1, 2012:

The Board of Trustees has worked hard to cut operating expenses and make Wyuka Cemetery profitable these past four years, despite receiving no state funding for the operations.