

Nebraska Boards and Commissions

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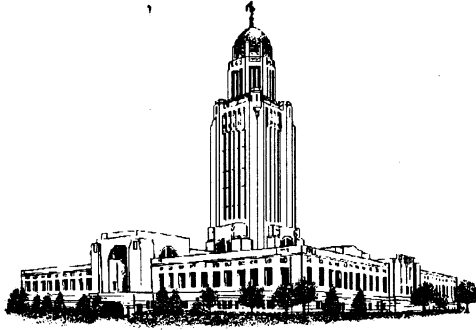
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Dear :

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

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

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

1. Due to the enormity of the survey project, survey responses will not be reformatted by my office prior to their inclusion in a compilation for general distribution. Instead, survey responses will be photocopied exactly as they are received and assembled for binding. Consequently, your response should be "camera ready." Please type your response, or if you must write, print legibly and use a black, liquid ink pen that photocopies well.
2. As an alternative, you can complete and submit the survey on-line at <http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/boardsurvey/survey.html>
3. **Survey responses are due on August 1, 2008.** Failure to fully respond to the survey may result in a review of the board or commission by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and possible inclusion in a legislative bill for termination.

Thank you for your attention to the survey. If you have any questions that are not answered by the attached 2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Guide, please do not hesitate to call Christy Abraham at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Aguilar".

Ray Aguilar
Chair, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

The 2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Guide

The 2008 Boards and Commissions Survey has seventeen questions, many of which seem somewhat vague due to space restrictions. This Guide is designed to help you crack the survey's code and answer the questions as thoroughly as possible.

Beneath this introduction, there are seventeen sections, with one correlating to each question on the survey. Referring to the information below as you answer the survey—the same way one would refer to the instructional booklet when filing income taxes—should resolve any questions that arise. If it doesn't, please call Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, at 471-2617 for assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

if support staff is shared. For example, write "Department of Widgets" or even "Parent Agency."

14. FY 05-06 budget.... Some boards and commissions have separate budgets, although most do not and the expense of their operation is borne by a parent agency. For those boards and commissions with no separate budgets, write "\$0." *Do not leave the spaces blank.* For boards and commissions that do have separate budgets, answer in dollar amounts. In this question, "budget" refers only to amounts earmarked for operating the board or commission, *not for the program the board or commission oversees.* For example, say the State Widget Board employs an executive director and an administrative assistant. It has office expenses, and it pays members a \$20 per diem. It would report the sum of those budget items, *not* its entire annual budget of \$2,000,000, most of which it uses to fund a widget recycling program.

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

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

17. Since July 1, 2004 *This is the most important question of the survey.* What has your board or commission done in the last four years? Since the statute was changed to require the Government Committee to complete this survey every four years, instead of every two years, this question is looking for your accomplishments since the last survey in July 2004. Be as thorough as possible in the space provided. For example: "The Nebraska Widget Steering Committee updated its strategic plan in the autumn of 2006 to reflect advances in widget technological applications. In implementing its updated plan, the Committee hosted two conferences in 2007, each with more than 450 participants from local political subdivisions...."

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

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

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation:
- 7. Parent agency:

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members:
Who appoints:
- 9. Legislative approval:
Qualifications of members:
- 10. Per diem: Expense reimbursement:
- 11. Term length:
Terms rotate or expire at once:
- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: Held:
FY 06-07: Held:
FY 07-08: Held:

Operations

- 13. Support staff: Shared or separate:
- 14. FY 05-06 budget:
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- 15. Other funding sources:
- 16. Spending authority:

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
Purpose: To administer and enforce the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act (NPADA) and the Campaign Finance Limitation Act (CFLA).
How many affectable: NA
How many served: NA
Year created: 1976
Year active: 1977
Sunset Date: None
Contact Person: Frank Daley

Authorization

Authorization citation: §49-14,105
Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9 (8 appointed and Secretary of State)
Who Appoints: Governor & Secty of State
Legislative approval: Yes
Qualifications: The Secretary of State is an ex officio member of the Commission. Of the eight appointed members, no more than four may be of the same political party. One must be an independent. No more than three may be from any one congressional district.
Per Diem: \$50
Expense reimbursement: Yes
Term length: 6 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 6
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 8
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 7

Operations

Support Staff: 8
Shared or separate: Separate
FY 05-06 budget: \$490,029
FY 06-07 budget: \$562,755
FY 07-08 budget: \$540,534
Other funding sources: Registration fees, late fees, civil penalties
Spending authority: Yes in programs 94 and 95

Accomplishments: The Commission has received and made public on its website campaign filings in connection with statewide and local elections . It has initiated an electronic filing program for the reports of PACs and corporations, unions, and industry,

trade and professional associations. It has made public on its website the reports filed by lobbyists and principals. The Commission has received and made public Statements of Financial Interest from public officials and public employees. It has received complaints, conducted investigations, held evidentiary hearings and determined if violations of either act have occurred. The Commission has published brochures, guides and forms and conducted seminars to facilitate compliance with the NPADA and CFLA. The Commission has issued advisory opinions and staff opinions to those seeking to comply with the provisions of the NPADA and the CFLA.

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General Information

Formal name: State Accreditation Committee

Purpose: The accreditation committee recommends appropriate standards and policies for the accreditation and classification of schools and makes annual recommendations to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education relative to the accreditation of Nebraska Schools.

How many affectable: All public school districts

How many served: All students in Nebraska

Year created: 1949

Year active: 1949

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Freida Lange, Administrator

Mailing Address: Accreditation and School Improvement

Nebraska Department of Education

Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

Phone number: 402-471-2444

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 79-703

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 23

Who Appoints: State Board of Education

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: N/A

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms overlap

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 2

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 2

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Department of Education

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2004, the State Accreditation Committee reviewed compliance information and recommended accreditation classification for Nebraska schools; developed and recommended revisions to Rule 10 (Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools); and advised the Commissioner and State Board of Education on matters related to the accreditation of Nebraska schools.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**
 2. Purpose: The purpose of the board is to (a) provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, (b) ensure that licensees serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency, and (c) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection. Board members duties include, but are not limited to, recommending the issuance or denial of licenses; changes in legislation and regulations; making recommendations on disciplinary actions. A board member is expected to attend all board meetings, participate on any sub-committee to which appointed, be prepared for and provide input during meetings. Board members are expected to make difficult decisions and to do so without bias. However, when situations arise that pose a conflict, board members are precluded by statute and regulations from participating in decision making.
 3. How many affectable: N/A
 4. How many served: N/A
 5. Year created: 1996 Year active: 1996 Sunset date: N/A
- Contact person Karen Bowen, Nursing Practice Consultant, Nebraska Board of Nursing, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402)471-6443.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-17,134
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 14 members prior to July 1, 2007; 9 members after that date.
Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: (a) Until July 1, 2007, the board shall consist of (i) five advanced practice registered nurses representing different advanced practice registered nurse specialties for which a license has been issued, (ii) five physicians licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law to practice medicine in Nebraska, at least three of whom shall have a current collaborating relationship with an advanced practice registered nurse, (iii) three consumer members, and (iv) one licensed pharmacist.
(b) On and after July 1, 2007, the board shall consist of:
 - (i) One nurse practitioner, one certified nurse midwife, one certified registered nurse anesthetist and one clinical nurse specialist. Of the initial appointments under this subdivision, one shall be for a two-year term, one shall be for a three-year term, one shall be for a four-year term, and one shall be for a five-year term. All subsequent appointments under this subdivision shall be for five-year terms;
 - (ii) Three physicians, one of whom shall have a professional relationship with a nurse practitioner, one of whom shall have a professional relationship with a certified nurse midwife, and one of whom shall have a professional relationship with a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Of the initial appointments under this subdivision, one shall be for a three-year term, one shall be for a four-year term, and one shall be for a five-year term. All subsequent appointments under this subdivision shall be for five-year terms; and
 - (iii) Two public members. Of the initial appointments under this subdivision, one shall be for a three-year term, and one shall be for a four-year term. All subsequent appointments under this subdivision shall be for five-year terms.

10. Per diem: \$30.00
Expense reimbursement: Each member of the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses shall receive a per diem of thirty dollars per day for each day the member is actually engaged in the discharge of his or her official duties and shall be reimbursed for travel, lodging, and other necessary expenses incurred as a member of the board pursuant to sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate 1 term expires in 2009; 3 terms expire in 2010; 3 terms expire in 2011; 2 terms expire in 2012
12. Number of meetings required in
- | | |
|-------------|---------|
| FY 05-06: 0 | Held: 2 |
| FY 06-07: 0 | Held: 2 |
| FY 07-08: 0 | Held: 4 |

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$5,811
FY 06-07 budget: \$7,334
FY 07-08 budget: \$7,055
15. Other funding sources: cash funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:
- Scheduled meetings to the manage complaint and initial licensure investigations.
 - Updated and expanded the nursing web site. (www.dhhs.ne.gov/crl/nursing/nursingindex.htm)
 - Have applied for membership in the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (will be voted on at the 2008 delegate assembly).
 - Are exploring the possibility of introducing legislation to join the APRN Licensure Compact.
 - Tracked and submitted testimony on bills impacting on nursing regulation.
 - Provided numerous presentations at workshops, meetings, classes, etc.
 - Implemented new APRN practice acts and began issuing licenses to the Clinical Nurse Specialists July 2007.
 - Reviewed and approved regulations related to the new APRN acts.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Aeronautics Commission for the Dept. of Aeronautics
2. Purpose: The Aeronautics Commission allocates state and federal airport construction funds; designates airport sites; authorizes the State's purchase of aircraft; approves pilots to work for the State; and advises the Director
3. How many affectable: The users of 81 public use airports
How many served: Airline passenger at 9 "air carrier" airports
4. Year created: 1935 Year active: 1935 Sunset date:
5. Contact person: Andre Aman, Deputy Director, PO Box 82088, Lincoln, NE 68501
phone: 471-2371

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 3-103
7. Parent agency: Dept. of Aeronautics

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: no
Qualifications of members:
Aviation experience such as pilot, airport manager, airport authority member, etc.
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 5 yrs.
Terms rotate or expire at once: One term expires each year
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 5 Held: 5
FY 06-07: 5 Held: 5
FY 07-08: 5 Held: 5

Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate:
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: No
16. Spending authority: Yes. The Aeronautics Commission authorizes the spending of state and federal funds on public use airports.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The Aeronautics Commission has upgraded the capability of Nebraska's airports by authorizing 191 projects at \$107 million. These projects include the construction of new runways and taxiways, new terminal buildings and maintenance facilities, automated weather reporting stations, as well as specialized vehicles and support equipment.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

1. **Formal Name:** Affirmative Action Committee
2. **Purpose:** The Affirmative Action Committee shall:
 - a. Provide liaison activities with the office with respect to problems and suggestions relative to affirmative action;
 - b. Review agency plans for effectiveness at the request of the office or the agency and suggest revision;
 - c. Advise the office and the Governor of the effectiveness and the status of the total program; and
 - d. Act as an advisory board for referral to All State of Nebraska employees and applicants to State of Nebraska government positions.
3. **Year created:** 1979. **Year active:** 1980 **Sunset date:** n/a
4. **Contact person:** Charles Roberson, Affirmative Action Specialist, Administrative Services State Personnel Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905.
5. **Authorization Citation:** Nebraska Revised Statutes #81-1363
6. **Parent Agency:** Administrative Services
7. **Number of members:** No more than ten. **Who appoints:** Governor
8. **Legislative Approval:** N/A. **Qualifications:** Members are comprised of “individuals from the following groups: Ethnic minorities, women, the aging, disabled, and the general public. Three-fourths of those appointed must have a working knowledge of affirmative action with experience gained by employment, education, or general interest.”¹
9. **Per Diem:** n/a. **Expense reimbursement:** Yes.
10. **Term length:** APOG
11. **Terms rotate or expire at once:** rotate
12. **Number of meetings required in**
 - a. **FY 05-06:** 4 Held: 4
 - b. **FY 06-07:** 4 Held: 3
 - c. **FY 07-08:** 4 Held: 2
13. **Support staff:** n/a Shared or separate: n/a
14. **Budget for:**
 - a. **FY 05-06:** \$0
 - b. **FY 06-07:** \$0
 - c. **FY 07-08:** \$0
15. **Other funding sources:** n/a
16. **Spending authority:** No.
17. **Accomplishments since July 1, 2004:** The Affirmative Action Committee continues to oversee affirmative action efforts of State agencies. Representatives of the Committee have sat in on strategic planning meetings of the agency affirmative action officers, review plans from the agencies, as well as provide technical assistance on affirmative action as needed by either the agencies or by the State Personnel affirmative action office. The Committee also continues to keep the Governor apprised of the effectiveness of the affirmative action program on an ongoing basis.

¹ Excerpt taken from statute #81-1363 (Source: Laws 1979 LB 500 §9)

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

Promulgated and adopted regulations for licensure of alcohol and drug counselors (effective 12/07). These regulations revised the regulations in compliance with LB 1083 (2004) and LB 551 (2005), and made a number of other changes such as: reduced the number of continuing education hours and broadened the types of CE acceptable, reduced the licensure fee, modified supervisor qualifications (which the board worked co-jointly with the Medical Board and Psychology Board to develop), and updated the terms, required provisionals to register their supervisors, and updated other licensure requirements.

Eliminated the Oral Examination as a licensure requirement (only the written examination is required).

Issued 145 licenses and 329 provisional licensees.

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General Information

Formal name: Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska

Purpose: The State Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska is responsible for the distribution, delivery, and use of certain dead human bodies, as described in section 71-1002 of the Nebraska State Statutes, to and among such schools, colleges, and persons as are entitled thereto under the provisions of such section. The board has the power to establish rules and regulations for its government and for the collection, storage, and distribution of dead human bodies for anatomical purposes.

How many affectable: 235,000

How many served: 8191

Year created: 1929 (C.S. 71-2802)

Year active: current

Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas H. Quinn

Authorization

Authorization citation: 71-1001

Parent agency: Health & Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: per Legislation

Legislative approval: yes

Qualifications: The heads of the anatomy departments of the medical schools and colleges of this state, 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 of Health and Human Services shall constitute the State Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska.

Per Diem: no

Expense reimbursement: no

Term length: no expiration of term

Terms rotate or expire at once: n/a

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: yes

FY 06-07: 1 Held: yes

FY 07-08: 1 Held: yes

Operations

Support Staff: Katy Traver

Shared or separate: shared

FY 05-06 budget: \$138,185.00

FY 06-07 budget: \$132,924.00

FY 07-08 budget: \$142,224.00 (est)
Other funding sources: n/a
Spending authority: no

Accomplishments: Increase in bequeathal requests on file.

General Information

- 1. **Formal Name** Board of Appraisers for Educational Lands

- 2. **Purpose** The Board of Appraisers for Educational Lands meets as necessary to hear condemnation proceedings relating to educational lands. Following each hearing, the Board makes an award and files the same in the office of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

- 3. **How many affectable** Not Applicable

- 4. **Year created** 1949 **Year active** 1949 **Sunset date** Not Applicable

- 5. **Contact person** Executive Secretary and CEO, Board of Educational Lands and Funds, 555 North Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68505-2353, (402) 471-2014.

Authorization

- 6. **Authorization citation** Section 72-224.03 of the Nebraska Statutes

- 7. **Parent agency** None. However, the Board of Educational Lands and Funds provides Staff support and pays per diem and expenses of the three Board Members.

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. **Number of members** 3 **Who appoints** Governor

- 9. **Legislative approval** Yes **Qualifications** The three Board members must be: (1) The superintendent of a school district offering instruction in grades K-12, (2) A certified public accountant, and (3) A licensed real estate appraiser.

- 10. **Per diem** \$50 for each day actually engaged in performing the duties of their office.
Expense reimbursement Yes

11. Term length 6 years
Terms rotate or expire at once Terms rotate one every two years.

12. Number of meetings required in	FY 04-05	0	Held	1
	FY 05-06	0	Held	1
	FY 06-07	0	Held	1
	FY 07-08	0	Held	1

Operations

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

14. FY 04-05 budget	None	Expended	\$236.25*
FY 05-06 budget	None	Expended	\$255.15*
FY 06-07 budget	None	Expended	\$305.55*
FY 07-08 budget	None	Expended	\$417.10*

* Included in expenditures for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

15. Other funding sources None.

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

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 \$564,100 was awarded to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds from 27 cases heard during FY 04-05; \$259,277.50 from 9 cases heard during FY 05-06; \$76,037 from 17 cases heard during FY 06-07 and \$597,650 from 7 cases heard during FY 07-08.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Aquaculture Board
2. Purpose: The purpose of the board is to consider and recommend to the Nebraska State Legislature appropriate legislation related to Nebraska's aquatic industry. The board shall:
- Advise the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission (Commission), the Department of Agriculture (Department), and the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources on current and future regulations and issues which may enhance the development of the aquaculture industry;
 - Conduct public meetings for the purpose of addressing current issues affecting aquaculture, as well as obtaining feedback from the commercial aquaculturists;
 - Join in consultation with the Commission and Department on all matters pertaining to commercial aquaculturists and aquaculture, including the importation of nonindigenous species into Nebraska for commercial use; and
 - Review any orders of the Commission for the quarantine or destruction of aquatic organisms which are affected with prohibited pathogens. The board may make recommendations to the commission regarding such orders.
3. How many affectable: 69 registered private aquaculturists. (Source: Game and Parks Commission 2007 Private Aquaculturists Permittee List)
- How many served: Private aquaculturists
4. Year created: 1993
- Year active: 1993
- Sunset Date: N/A
5. Contact person: Rob Hofpar, Chairperson
Branched Oak Fish Hatchery
9261 West Rock Creek Road
Valparaiso, NE 68065
Phone: (402) 784-6005
- Administrative support: Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Casey Foster, Phone: (402) 471-4876.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Sections 2-5001 through 2-5006

7. Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7

Who appoints: Governor

9. Legislative approval: Not stated in the above cited law

Qualifications: The Board shall consist of:

- The aquaculturist employed by the Cooperative Extension Service, pursuant to §85-1,104.01;
- One employee of the commission who is familiar with aquatic disease, appointed by the secretary of the Commission;
- One employee of the Department appointed by the Director;
- Three aquaculturists, appointed by the Governor; and
- A representative of an industry or products, which is related to or used in aquaculture, appointed by the Governor.

10. Per diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Members appointed under bullets 4 and 5 listed above in question #9 shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in §§81-1174 to 81-1177.

11. Term length: The terms of the members of the board shall be three years, except that the terms of the initial aquaculturist members of the board shall be staggered so that one member is appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, as determined by the Governor.

Terms rotate or expire at once:

Terms rotate. The terms of the aquaculturist members of the board are staggered so that one member is appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, as determined by the Governor.

12. Number of meetings required in	FY 01-02: N/A	Held: 2
	FY 02-03: N/A	Held: 2
	FY 03-04: N/A	Held: 2
	FY 04-05: N/A	Held: 2
	FY 05-06: N/A	Held: 2
	FY 06-07: N/A	Held: 2
	FY 07-08: N/A	Held: 1

Operations

13. Support staff: None

Shared or separate: N/A

14. FY 01-02 budget: N/A

FY 02-03 budget: N/A
FY 03-04 budget: N/A
FY 04-05 budget: N/A
FY 05-06 budget: N/A
FY 06-07 budget: N/A
FY 07-08 budget: N/A

15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2005:

Overview of Activities for 2005:

The Aquaculture Board met twice during 2005. Emphasis was placed on aquatic disease, a Nebraska Aquaculture Plan, and a Nebraska Aquaculture Conference. In terms of aquatic disease, there was increased concern regarding the New Zealand Mud Snails. This snail is exotic to the United States and is listed as one of the aquatic nuisance species. The Game and Parks Commission staff investigated private aquaculture facilities which were shipping fish to the western states. This snail can cause the loss of native snail populations and affect the food supply for fish in areas where they are found.

In an effort to determine the need to develop a Nebraska Aquaculture Plan, plans were obtained from Colorado, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The plans provided an assessment as to whether or not it would be beneficial for Nebraska to develop an Aquaculture Plan.

In 2005, five of the seven board members were reappointed. Bob Voboril's and Dr. Ed Peters' terms expired and were not reappointed. New members appointed to the board were Rex Ostrum and Dr. Mark Pegg.

An Aquaculture Conference was held at the Country Inn & Suites in Kearney on February 25, 2005.

Overview of Activities for 2006:

The Board of Directors met twice during 2006. Emphasis was placed on the National Animal Identification System, moratorium on water wells, and aquatic diseases. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiated the implementation of NAIS in 2004. The main objective is to develop and implement a comprehensive information system that will support ongoing animal disease monitoring, surveillance, and eradication programs. The Nebraska Aquaculture Board submitted a letter to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture stating that it supports the idea of premises identification, but not the identification of individual aquatic organisms.

The board addressed concerns regarding a possible moratorium on drilling water wells for aquacultural use in Nebraska. The director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) attended a meeting to address this issue.

The Game and Parks Commission provided the board with two handouts. The first was a news release from APHIS declaring an emergency order prohibiting the importation of certain species of live fish from two Canadian provinces into the United States and the interstate movement of the same species from the eight states bordering the Great Lakes due to outbreaks of viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS). The other handout was an Industry Alert newsletter from APHIS describing the VHS virus and its impact on fresh and saltwater fish.

Overview of Activities for 2007:

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture developed a *Nebraska Aquaculture Resource Guide*. The guides are available to the public, free of charge. The information published in the guide includes an overview of the aquaculture industry, Nebraska Aquaculture Board Statutes, an Aquaculture Checklist, the 2006 Private Aquaculturist Permittee list, and contact information for various State agencies which play a role in Nebraska's fish farming industry.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has been testing VHS species for a number of years; VHS has drastically changed the Great Lakes states aquaculture industry. The price of fish will increase as a result of testing.

A Nebraska Aquaculture Workshop was held on March 17, 2007.

During 2007, the Board discussed the fisheries regulations contained within Nebraska's Administrative Code, Title 163, Chapter 2, of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Four changes were suggested.

1. Under Chapter 2 of Title 163, §005.03 should be revised to state that only the species listed in 005.03(c) and 005.03(d) may be raised, imported, possessed, or sold under the authority of an aquaculture permit, so as long as it is intended for commercial purposes only.
2. Random testing be conducted on bait shipments entering Nebraska. This would pertain only to bait dealers stocking Nebraska's waters; it does not pertain to bait dealers driving through Nebraska. It was suggested that testing be based on the registered bait dealer's list.
3. Wild bait is being caught by a majority of bait dealers, and over 50 percent of the bait is wild. As a result, all imported species will need proper authorization and testing before they can enter Nebraska's public waters.
4. The new regulations take effect beginning January 1, 2008.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Arts Council

Purpose: The mission of the Nebraska Arts Council is to promote, cultivate and sustain the arts for the people of Nebraska.

How many affectable: 360 grantees annually

How many served: 2,507,020 served by grantees

Year created: 1973

Year active: 1973

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: Suzanne Wise, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 1004 Farnam, Plaza Level, Omaha, NE 68102

Phone number: 402-595-2122

Authorization

Authorization citation: NE Rev Stat sec 82-309 to 313

Parent agency: Nebraska Arts Council

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 15

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: yes

Qualifications: Qualified members are "known for their professional competence and experience in connection with the arts." (NE Rev. Stat. sec 82-309)

Per Diem: no

Expense reimbursement: yes, for actual expenditures if requested

Term length: 3 years renewable for 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: one third of members' terms expire every year

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: 10

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$815,457

FY 06-07 budget: \$838,507

FY 07-08 budget: \$827,172

Other funding sources: yes, \$185,508 from federal government

Spending authority: yes, \$2,951,861 distributed in grants and programs

Accomplishments: Distributed \$6.4 million in grants which generated over \$32 million in matching funds from the private sector Provided for over 300 artists in residence in Nebraska schools Hosted a residency of the National Symphony Orchestra Sponsored 11 teacher training institutes to incorporate the arts into existing curriculum goals and objectives. Printed posters and developed accompanying curriculum and distributed to 1,400 Nebraska schools. Conducted Nebraska Museums & Libraries needs assessment

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Athletic Advisory Committee

Purpose: The Athletic Advisory Committee serves as an appeals board which shall hear and determine all cases of parties who contest any of the Athletic Commissioner's decisions. The committee shall review the rules and regulations drawn up by the commissioner pursuant to state statutes and shall make recommendations and give advice regarding any proposed or adopted rules and regulations.

How many affectable: Boxing, wrestling & MMA communities

How many served: 534 licensees

Year created: 1980

Year active: continuous

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Alison Traynowicz

Mailing Address: Athletic Commissioner
P.O. Box 94743, Lincoln, NE 68509-4743
Phone number: (402)471-2009

Authorization

Authorization citation: SS 81-8,139.01

Parent agency: Revenue

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: NO

Qualifications: The members are selected on their experience, training and interest in MMA, boxing and wrestling. One member shall have been active in amateur boxing, one member shall have been active in professional boxing, one member shall have been active in professional wrestling, one member shall have been active in mixed martial arts. One member shall be a medical doctor with ringside experience and one member shall be an at-large member. All members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Per Diem: NO

Expense reimbursement: YES

Term length: 2 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at different times

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 0 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 0 Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: N/A

Shared or separate: Shared
FY 05-06 budget: \$00.00
FY 06-07 budget: \$00.00
FY 07-08 budget: \$00.00
Other funding sources: NONE
Spending authority: SS 81-1174

Accomplishments: Since July 1st, 2004 the Advisory Committee has taken a pro active approach to the health and safety of all licensees in the striking sport industry. The committee has supported the decisions of the Athletic Commissioner when it comes to retirement of licensees who no longer have the ability or skills necessary to compete safely pursuant to the Professional Boxers Safety Act of 1996 as amended by the Muhammad Ali Act.

Additionally, since July 1st, 2004, mixed martial arts have been placed under the regulation of the Athletic Commission by state statute and the committee has been expanded to include an at-large member and a member from the mixed martial arts community.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Athletic Training**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
3. How many affectable : N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1986 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
 Contact person: Diane Hansmeyer

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
 Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114
10. Per diem: \$20.00/day
 Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2009; 1 term expires in 2010; 2 terms expire in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 4
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 2
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 7

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$611.....
 FY 06-07 budget: \$1,059.....
 FY 07-08 budget: \$861.....
15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

Recommendations for licensure on 128 applications

Determined percentage of licensees to be audited.

Provided recommendation on all disciplinary actions.

Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions – Requirement for continuing education hours for renewal of a license.

Developed profession brochures to educate the licensee regarding licensure provisions

Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.

Developed a jurisprudence examination for disciplinary purposes.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**
 2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
 3. How many affectable: N/A
 4. How many served: N/A
 5. Year created: 1978 Year active: 1978 Sunset date: N/A
- Contact person: Diane Hansmeyer

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114

10. Per diem: \$20.00

Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

11. Term length: 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2009; 2 terms expire in 2010.

12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 1 Held: 7
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 6
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$6,807
FY 06-07 budget: \$9,973
FY 07-08 budget: \$1,798
15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees.
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004

Determined percentage of licensees to be audited.

Provided recommendation on all disciplinary actions.

Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions – New certification provisions for audiology/speech language assistants.

Developed consumer brochures to educate the public

Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Board of Barber Examiners

Purpose: To examine and provide for the licensing of qualified barber and instructors, enforce sanitary rules, develop and approve barber school curriculum and post secondary educational requirements for instructors and investigate/resolve consumer complaints.

How many affectable: The consuming public

How many served: Total number licenses issued #2,240

Year created: 1927

Year active: 1927

Sunset Date: Not applicable

Contact Person: Ronald J. Pella, Director

Mailing Address: Board of Barber Examiners

P.O. Box 94723, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-2051

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes 71-221

Parent agency: Not applicable

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Three

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: NO

Qualifications: Practicing barber in this state for at least five years prior to appointment and who is actively engaged in the practice of barbering during the term of their appointment.

Per Diem: \$75.00 Per day

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Three years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: Four Held: Four

FY 06-07: Four Held: Four

FY 07-08: Four Held: Four

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$132,732

FY 06-07 budget: \$139,097

FY 07-08 budget: \$138,471

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes, Statute (71-222.02)

Accomplishments: The job analysis survey completed in August 2001 assisted the Board in determining if entry level barbers were adequately prepared in terms of their knowledge and skills. The purpose of the survey was to identify if changes in curriculum and examination requirements were needed. The Board initiated a performance survey April of 2005, which provides all examinee an opportunity to evaluate the examination process. Effective July 1, 2007 through the promulgating of our rules and regulations the curriculum was revised and additional occupational services were added to the curriculum. In February 2008, the new access database system was completed and fully functional.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

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

3. How many affectable: *(Nebraska Farmers over age 65 plus farmers under age 34)
Estimated and projected numbers based on 2002 Census of Agriculture, NASS - Acknowledgement: Dave Goeller, UNL Extension

<u>Estimated FY06-07</u>	<u>Projected FY07-08</u>	<u>Projected FY08-09</u>
18,115*	18,500*	19,250*

How many served: (Included Beginning Farmers, owners of assets, and spouses)

<u>Actual FY06-07</u>	<u>Projected FY07-08</u>	<u>Projected FY08-09</u>
103	110	740 (a larger number due to the changes in the Act)

4. Year created: 1999
Year active: 1999
Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Don Anthony
Board President
43970 Road 758
Lexington, NE 68850
(308) 324-4381

Administrative Support: Marian Beethe
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
PO Box 94947
Lincoln, NE 68509-4947
(402) 471-6890

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: §§77-5201 through 77-5215
7. Parent agency: None. The Board is housed within the Department of Agriculture for

administrative and budgetary purposes only.

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: Seven (7)
Who appoints: The Governor appoints the five members of the Board who are not ex-officio members.
- 9. Legislative approval: Yes, of those appointed
Qualifications:
 - (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 or 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.

- 10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes, actual and necessary expenses
- 11. Term length: Four (4) years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once.
- 12. Number of meetings required in
 - FY05-06: 4 Held: 4
 - FY06-07: 2 Held: 3
 - FY07-08: 2 Held: 3

Operations

- 13. Support staff: The Department of Agriculture provides administrative support to the Board.
Shared or separate: Department Of Agriculture provides the staff.
- 14. FY05-06 Budget: \$7,099 – Department of Agriculture*
FY06-07 Budget \$5,926 – Department of Agriculture*
FY07-08 Budget \$6,502 – Department of Agriculture*
*(Board Members expenses and percentage of staff salaries)
- 15. Other funding sources: N/A
- 16. Spending authority: None. The spending authority is in the Department of Agriculture’s budget.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

The Board of Directors discussed the interim study and testified at the 2006 Legislative hearing for changes to the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act. The tax credit was increased from 5% to 10% for cash rent and 15% for share-rent agreements. The net worth criteria for the eligibility of the beginning farmer was increased to \$200,000 to allow more people to take part in the program. According to Senator Kremer, Chairperson for the Legislature's Agriculture Committee, "This change had the further purpose of being consistent with data regarding the net worth of young farmers and with financial benchmarks associated with a viable farming operation."

Additional legislative changes were made by the 2008 Legislature to add a property tax exemption up to \$100,000 of taxable value for three years on tangible personal property for the beginning farmer's production machinery. The owner's eligibility for the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was expanded to include any individual or business entity which has an ownership interest in an agricultural asset located in the State of Nebraska and to include asset owners and beginning farmers who are related if they have developed a succession plan which is approved by the Board.

Each year, board members and staff have publicized and explained how to enroll in the Beginning Farmer Program in many ways: had a booth at Husker Harvest Days, the State Fair and several other machinery and agricultural shows; were interviewed for radio, television, farm magazine and newspaper stories; presented information at Farm Bureau and other farm and ranch membership meetings; took display booths to the state Nebraska Banker's Conference, Women In Ag Conference, and other groups who work with farmers and ranchers to explain how they can provide valuable information to their customers; and, invited other beginning farmer programs to each Board Meeting to give a report of their activities to facilitate coordination of the programs.

The amount of tax credits received by 44 Nebraska farm owners in FY05-06 was \$26,883. In FY06-07, 46 owners received \$55,743 and it is estimated that 50 owners will receive over \$62,000 in FY07-08. In addition, it is estimated that 700 beginning farmers are eligible and will apply to receive the personal property tax exemption. The Board will review the beginning farmer applications and issue a certificate of eligibility to those who meet the qualifications according to the Act.

The "Beginning Farmer" link on the home page of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's web site (www.agr.state.ne.us) has been used by many people to gain access to general information about the program in addition to the annual report, the Act, regulations, and application forms. The Beginning Farmer Connections is also on the same web site for beginning farmers and land owners to list their contact information.

The Board continues to work with members of the Legislature to improve the program and to coordinate with other beginning farmer groups. As a result, they were designated as a partner to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis for the "100 Cow Advantage Program."

General Information

1. Formal Name: Behavioral Health Oversight Commission
2. Purpose: As provided in Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 71-818, the commission shall be responsible to the division and shall oversee and support implementation of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act. To carry out this duty, the commission shall (i) conduct regular meetings, (ii) provide advice and assistance to the division relating to the implementation of the act, (iii) promote the interests of consumers and their families, (iv) provide reports as requested by the division, and (v) engage in such other activities as directed or authorized by the division.
3. How many affectable: 200,000+
How many served: 40,000+
4. Year created: 2008 Year active: 2008 Sunset date: June 30, 2009
5. Contact person: Scot L. Adams, Director, DHHS Division of Behavioral Health

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-818
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Twelve
Who appoints: Governor appointed.
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: Section 71-818 states,
Members of the commission shall possess a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of behavioral health services in the State of Nebraska, and the commission shall consist of twelve members appointed by the Governor as follows: (i) One consumer of behavioral health services, (ii) one consumer advocate of behavioral health services, (iii) three providers of community-based behavioral health services, including one representative from each congressional district, (iv) three regional behavioral health authority administrators, including one from each congressional district, (v) one representative of the Norfolk Regional Center, (vi) one representative of the Lincoln Regional Center, (vii) one representative of the city of Norfolk, and (viii) one representative of the city of Hastings.
10. Per diem: None granted.
Expense reimbursement: Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: One year
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: Not applicable Held: None
FY 06-07: Not applicable Held: None
FY 07-08: Not applicable Held: None
FY 08-09: No specific requirement Held: Two meetings (7/24/08 & 8/11/08)
Will Hold: Five additional meetings (10/1/08, 12/9/08, 2/3/09, 4/1/09, & 6/10/09)

Operations

13. Support staff: Christine Newell
Shared or separate: Shared

14. FY 05-06 budget: Not applicable
FY 06-07 budget: Not applicable
FY 07-08 budget: Not applicable
FY 08-09 budget: 7/24/08 expenses = \$556.90
8/11/08 expenses = \$464.36
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: LB928

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2008:

- The meeting on July 24, 2008 opened with welcoming remarks from Governor Dave Heineman. The Governor acknowledged the work of the previous Oversight Commission in supporting the betterment of the system by moving from an institutional model to community based care. He noted the restructuring of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide greater accountability and greater transparency. He also discussed the role of the new Behavioral Health Oversight Commission (BHOC), saying it is time to look to the future and develop a strategic vision that recognizes limited resource availability while creating a balance of services between the Regional Centers, the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities and local providers. The Governor suggested the Oversight Commission focus on a few key issues and asked them to give their thoughts and advice to the Division. The July 24th proceedings included presentations by regional administrators from Regions 2, 3, and 6 as well as a review of the previous BHOC Recommendations.
- At the August 11, 2008 meeting, the Oversight Commission agreed upon a Charter and Strategic Focus. The **Charter** states,

The Behavioral Health Oversight Commission shall be responsible to the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) and shall oversee and support implementation of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act. The Commission will provide advice and assistance to DBH regarding promotion of: (i) the interests of consumers and their families; (ii) both individual and systemic recovery; and, (iii) consumer involvement in all aspects of implementation of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act. This Commission will provide a strategic vision for behavioral health for the State of Nebraska recognizing limited resource availability, and the importance of an environment of recovery for all behavioral health consumers.

The Strategic Focus,

1. Behavioral Health Overview

How are services delivered? How are funds being used to increase community-based services and reduce reliance on Regional Centers?

- o State Overview
- o Regions' Overview
- o Regional Center Overview (perhaps description by Region since each uses it differently)
- o Consumer

2. Moving Behavioral Health Forward

Now that LB 1083 is being implemented, how does the behavioral health system continue to move forward fostering recovery for behavioral health consumers? What should a balanced Nebraska behavioral health system look like?

- o What should the service array be and are there "gaps"?
- o What is the role of the Regional Centers?
- o What is the role of peer support services?
- o What is the role of consumer involvement?
- o How do we measure outcomes?
- o How do we move to performance-based contracting and oversight?
- o How do we integrate funding toward helping consumers access services?

3. Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage

There is a behavioral health workforce shortage nationally and in the state of Nebraska. There are an inadequate number of psychiatrists and other mental health and substance abuse professionals to provide necessary services to consumers. Education and training are needed to grow the workforce.

- Collaborate with private, government and academic partners to investigate ways to cultivate a workforce, funding, and incentives for growing the behavioral health workforce.

4. Enhanced Communication and Partnering

Foster, encourage and promote creative ways to develop services and supports that consumers want and need while maximizing existing funding, using open communication and developing trusting relationships. We accomplish this by promoting partnerships and multi-dimensional communication among consumers, the divisions of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Behavioral Health Regions, Regional Centers, Community-Based Agencies, peer providers and Behavioral Health Division advisory committees.

- The August 11th meeting included presentations by regional administrators from Regions 1, 4, and 5 and by Regional Center CEO Bill Gibson as well as a work force presentation by the University of Nebraska Medical Center Health Professions Tracking Center and Office of Rural Health.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Biopower Steering Committee
2. Purpose: Collect information and study feasibility of generating electricity from biomass and agricultural crops
3. How many affectable: NA
4. How many served: NA
5. Year created: 1999 Year active: Same Sunset date: December 31, 2008
6. Contact person: Mr. Larry Pearce (Note: He left state employment at the end of June 2008)

Authorization

7. Authorization citation: NRSS 16-1701
8. Parent agency: Not specified in statute; Energy Office by default

Memberships and Meetings

9. Number of members: 13; List attached
Who appoints: Governor
10. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: Identified in statute
Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Unspecified in statute
Terms rotate or expire at once: NA
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 0 Held: Not known
FY 06-07: 0 Held: Not known
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 0

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The only staff member with knowledge of this board's activities is no longer with the agency. Under statute, this committee was required to submit an annual report to the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature. Copies of its activities may be obtained there.



BIOPOWER STEERING COMMITTEE

• Biopower Steering Committee Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Lane Kugler - Chair</u>	<u>Nebraska BioPower Steering Committee</u>	<u>75489 Rd 426, Cozad, NE 69130</u>	<u>(308) 324-6500</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Larry Pearce - Vice Chair</u>	<u>Nebraska Energy Office</u>	<u>P.O. Box 95085, Lincoln, NE 68509</u>	<u>(402) 471-2867</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Mark Brohman</u>	<u>Nebraska Game & Parks Commission</u>	<u>P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503</u>	<u>(402) 471-5537</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Roger Chesley</u>	<u>Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition</u>	<u>RR 1, Box 85, Callaway, NE 68825</u>	<u>(308) 848-2500</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Chris Dibbern</u>	<u>NMPP Energy</u>	<u>P.O. Box 95124, Lincoln, NE 68509</u>	<u>(402) 474-4759</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Lee Harrow</u>	<u>Omaha Public Power District</u>	<u>444 South 16th Street Mall, Omaha, NE 68102</u>	<u>(402) 552-4501</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Bob Kremer</u>	<u>State Senator, Nebraska Legislature, District 34</u>	<u>State Capitol, Room 1019, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604</u>	<u>(402) 471-2630</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Duane Kristensen</u>	<u>Chief Ethanol Fuels</u>	<u>4225 East South Street, Hastings, NE 68902</u>	<u>(402) 463-6885</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Patrick Langan</u>	<u>Department of Economic Development</u>	<u>301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509</u>	<u>(402) 471-3766</u>	<u>Email</u>
<u>Lynda Marshall-Siffring</u>	<u>LI-COR Biosciences</u>	<u>4308 Progressive Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68504</u>	<u>(402) 467-0661</u>	<u>Email</u>
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2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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

How many affectable: Approximately 30,000

How many served: 1,200

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Contact Person: Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, Executive Director

Mailing Address: NCBVI

4600 Valley Road

Suite 100

Lincoln NE 68510

Phone number: 402-471-8100

Authorization

Authorization citation: 71-8601 to 71-8616

Parent agency: Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Five (5)

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

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

Per Diem: \$70.00

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Four (4) Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The Commission Board has established a mission statement and job description for current and future Board Members. It has overseen the agency's successful work in providing the training and counseling necessary for blind persons to be full participants in their communities and in the workforce. Ninety two percent of persons who complete training at the NCBVI-operated Nebraska Center for the Blind become employed tax- payers, rather than being dependent upon state support. Quarterly meetings each year give a forum for consumers and members of the public in general to hear what the agency is doing and to voice their issues and concerns to the Board. Thus, the agency remains responsive to the needs of blind and visually impaired Nebraskans of all ages, statewide.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board
2. Purpose: To hold hearings and advise the Commissioner of Labor on rules and regulations for methods of testing equipment and construction and installation of new boilers and pressure vessels that are required to be inspected by the Boiler Inspection Act, and for certificate and inspection fees for such boilers and pressure vessels. Ultimately, the purpose of the Board is to promote the safety of the citizens of Nebraska through comprehensive and adequate laws and rules relating to boilers and pressure vessels.
3. How many affectable: 11000
How many served: 11000
4. Year Created: July 9, 1988 Year Active: August 8, 1988 Sunset Date: Not Applicable
5. Contact Person: Christopher B. Cantrell, Boiler Inspection Program Manager, Nebraska Department of Labor Division of Labor and Safety Standards, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level P.O. Box 95024, Lincoln, NE 68509-5024. 402-471-4721

Authorization

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

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 8 (7 voting, 1 non-voting)
Who Appoints: Governor
9. Legislative Approval: Yes
Qualifications of Members:
One representative from each of the following categories:
- Owners or users of boilers
- Sellers of boilers
- boiler construction, repair or operations
- insurance industry
- licensed professional engineer who is experienced with boilers
- public safety
- general public
- Non-voting member is the Boiler Inspection Program Manager (State Boiler Inspector)
10. Per diem: \$50.00 Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Four years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in:
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| FY 05-06 | <u>1</u> | Held: | <u>1</u> |
| FY 06-07 | <u>1</u> | Held: | <u>1</u> |
| FY 07-08 | <u>1</u> | Held: | <u>1</u> |

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Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate: N/A
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14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
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 FY 06-07 budget: \$0
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 FY 07-08budget: \$0
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15. Other funding sources: None
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16. Spending authority: No
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Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: In 2004 proposed legislative changes for the 2005 legislative session that revised the
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Boiler Inspection Act to allow Authorized Inspection Agencies to conduct inspections in the state of
.....
Nebraska. Previously, other than Nebraska state boiler inspectors, only insurance companies that were
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authorized to write boiler and pressure vessel insurance were allowed to conduct inspections. The National
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Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, of which the state of Nebraska is a member, revised their
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rules to allow for Authorized Inspection Agency involvement in the inspection of inservice boilers and
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pressure vessels.
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In the period of July 1, 2004 through July 1, 2008 there has been no loss of life directly attributable to boiler
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or pressure vessel accidents or failures.
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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Brand Committee

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: Excess of 50,000

How many served: Excess of 50,000

Year created: 1941

Year active: N/A

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Steven F. Stanec

Mailing Address: Executive Director, PO Box I, Alliance, NE 69301

Phone number: 308.763.2930

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 54-191

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: At least three (3) members must be active cattle persons and at least one (1) member an active feeder. Members shall own cattle, reside in Nebraska, owners of a Nebraska recorded brand and whose principal business and occupation is raising/feeding cattle - all within the brand inspection area of Nebraska.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Actual and necessary traveling expenses

Term length: Four year

Terms rotate or expire at once: Staggered terms

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 5

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 6

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: 3,868,747

FY 06-07 budget: 4,125,727

FY 07-08 budget: 4,25,491

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Nebraska Revised Statute 54-197

Accomplishments: Recovered 6,821 head of stray cattle valued at \$5,455,621. Had eighteen (18) successful felony theft, fraud and associated criminal convictions involving 17,113 head of livestock valued at \$2,599,968. Implemented an upgraded brand recording software program with just under 35,000 brands on record. Currently developing a new technological system to create E- certificates relative to cattle inspections and the title thereof.

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General Information

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

Authorization

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

Memberships and Meetings

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

12. Number of meetings required in FY05-06 – N/A Held – N/A
FY06-07 – N/A Held – N/A
FY07-08 – N/A Held – N/A

Operations

13. Support staff – Yes Shared or separate – Separate
14. FY05/06 Budget - \$472,180
FY06/07 Budget - \$526,832
FY07/08 Budget - \$481,780
15. Other funding sources – None
16. Spending authority – Task Force allocates funds from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, the State Building Renewal Assessment Fund, the University Building Renewal Assessment Fund, and the State College Building Renewal Assessment Fund for deferred maintenance projects on all eligible state facilities.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 - Provided professional consulting services to other state agencies to assist in solving facility maintenance problems; visited and inspected facilities that were identified on state agencies biennium budget request as needing deferred maintenance, fire life/safety, ADA and/or energy conservation funding; allocated and administered over \$80 million dollars for projects throughout state government; provided numerous training opportunities for state agency personnel to better assist them in the performance of their duties.

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General Information

Formal name: Board of State Canvassers

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

How many affectable: 1,117,495 registered voters for 5-08 primary

How many served: 260,150 voted in 5-08 primary

Year created: 1879

Year active: 1879

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Secretary of State, John A. Gale

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94608

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

Phone number: (402) 471-2554

Authorization

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

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Legislature designates the 5 constitutional member

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Constitutional office holder, duly elected or qualified.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term length: time office held

Terms rotate or expire at once: No

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 2 Held: 2

FY 06-07: 2 Held: 2

FY 07-08: 2 Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: none

Shared or separate: 1 with Secretary of State

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

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

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Capitol Commission

Purpose: SS 81-1108.32 & 81-1108.34- "It shall be the duty of the Nebraska Capitol Commission to provide advice to the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission in carrying out this section." The Nebraska Capitol Commission therefore oversees the Office of the Capitol Commission in the administration of the on-going preservation, restoration and enhancement of the State Capitol and grounds. The Office of the Capitol Commission also serves as the state agency representative to the on-going work of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission, a joint city-state body which has oversight for preservation and enhancement of all improvements within the Nebraska Capitol Environs District within the City of Lincoln.

How many affectable: All Nebraskans

How many served: All Nebraskans

Year created: 1919

Year active: In current form, 2004

Sunset Date: Unknown

Contact Person: Robert C. Ripley, Capitol Administrator

Authorization

Authorization citation: SS81-1108.32

Parent agency: Office of the Governor

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Eight

Who Appoints: Three members by the Governor

Legislative approval: As below

Qualifications: Legislative Approval- No. Five ex-officio voting members and three appointed members, one from each congressional district serving staggered three year terms.

Per Diem: Yes

Expense reimbursement: Mileage, State rate.

Term length: Appointees, three year term

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms staggered

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: Four Held: Four

FY 06-07: Four Held: Four

FY 07-08: Four Held: Four

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No, advisory only

Accomplishments: The Nebraska Capitol Commission has advised the Office of the Capitol Commission on all capital construction expenditures for the Nebraska State Capitol and grounds as well as reviewed and advised the Office on all agency budget submissions since July 1, 2004. The Nebraska Capitol Commission has also met annually in November of each year, since July 1, 2004 with the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission to discuss and report on issues of mutual interest and respective responsibilities as prescribed by State law.

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General Information

1. Formal Name:Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission
2. Purpose: To preserve the dignity of the Nebraska State Capitol by reviewing changes to its setting and advocating improvements in the Capitol environs.
3. How many affectable: ...not applicable
How many served: not applicable.....
4. Year created: ...1988....Year active: ..1989.....Sunset date: none.....
5. Contact person: Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Dept., 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402)441-6360

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: ...Lincoln Municipal Code Ord. 14949 §3; August 15, 1988 (Chapter 27.56.040 of Lincoln Zoning Code); and Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 90-303.
7. Parent agency: Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: ..7 voting, 3 ex-officio (non-voting).....
Who appoints: ...5 by City of Lincoln (Mayor, confirmed by City Council); 2 by Governor
9. Legislative approval:no.....
Qualifications of members: City-appointed members to include an architect, urban planner, landscape architect, real estate developer; Governor's appointees are to include one resident of Lancaster County; ex-officio members are Director of Dept. Of Administrative Services (or designee), Lincoln Planning Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Director
10. Per diem: ...None..... Expense reimbursement: None
11. Term length: ...three years... Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate.....
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06:4..... Held:8.....
FY 06-07:4..... Held:9.....
FY 07-08:4..... Held:8.....

Operations

13. Support staff:yes.....Shared or separate:shared.....
14. FY 05-06 budget:\$0.....
FY 06-07 budget:.....\$0.....
FY 07-08 budget:.....\$0.....
15. Other funding sources: .. None.....
16. Spending authority:no.....

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: In its assigned role as design review and advocacy body for the Capitol Environs, the Commission reviewed and advocated for the successful renovation of Lincoln Mall (10th to 14th) and the installation of sculpture on Centennial Mall (Q-R) in 2004; reviewed the Downtown Master Plan and advocated for the retention of Centennial Mall in 2005. Two new buildings in the Environs (Kopeli Coffee and Hillhouse Auto) were reviewed in 2006; and a new Habitat for Humanities house on D Street and a new bridge over Antelope Creek at S. 24th in 2007. So. 15th was renamed Goodhue Blvd. through the efforts of the Commission in 2007.

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General Information

Formal name: Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee

Purpose: To advise and assist the Director of Natural Resources in report preparation (reports completed 2001-2002), to recommend policies or programs to enhance the ability of agricultural landowners to participate in systems of carbon trading, to encourage production of educational and advisory materials regarding carbon sequestration on agricultural lands and to identify and recommend areas of research needed to better understand and quantify processes of carbon sequestration on agricultural lands.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Steve Gaul, NDNR, 471-3955, PO Box 94676, Lincoln

Authorization

Authorization citation: 2-5301 through 2-5306

Parent agency: Nebraska Dept of Natural Resources

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 14

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Director of Agriculture or their designee, Director of Natural Resources or their designee, Director of Environmental Quality or their designee, member representing USDA-NRCS, member representing UNL-IANR, member representing Nebraska Energy Office, member representing an entity which generates electrical energy, two members who are producers of field crops at least one of whom actively employs a minimum tillage management system, two members who are producers of livestock at least one of whom is actively involved in range management, a member with expertise in greenhouse emissions marketing or trading, a member representing NRDs, and a member representing the ethanol industry.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term length: No statutory term, but in practice mostly 1 year

Terms rotate or expire at once: currently they expire at once

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 2

FY 06-07: 0 Held: 1

FY 07-08: 0 Held: 1

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or separate: Not Applicable

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The committee has met four times since July 1, 2004 and exchanged and discussed information on carbon sequestration and development of carbon markets in Nebraska, nationally and internationally.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board**
2. Purpose: To prevent the abuse and neglect of Nebraska children by providing leadership, financial support, and technical assistance to local communities in their prevention activities.
3. How many affectable: All Nebraska Children and Families
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1986 Year active: 1986 Sunset date: none
Contact person: Todd L. Reckling, Policy Section administrator, DCFS

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Statute 43-1903
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes Qualifications: Geographically
10. Per diem: 0 Expense reimbursement: Mileage
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 2 Held: 4
FY 06-07: 2 Held: 4
FY 07-08: 2 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: *3 Shared or separate: Shared
*Prevention Fund Board duties averages approximately .05% of the work for support staff.
14. FY 01-02 budget: \$250,000
FY 02-03 budget: \$250,000
FY 03-04 budget: \$250,000
Prior to 2002, \$250,000 in state General Fund dollars funded the Board. In 2002, LB 48 was passed and this law changed the funding from General Funds to revenue received. Revenue from docket fees for dissolution of marriages and copies of birth certificates, as well as grants, gifts and bequests for the prevention of child abuse is now used to support the Board. Any additional revenue that may be obtained per year in excess of the \$250,000 spending authority goes into the Child Abuse Prevention Board Fund.
15. Other funding sources: No other funding sources are used to support the functions of the Board; however, some federal funding is used for technical assistance to the Board.
16. Spending authority: \$250,000.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004, In 2006, the Board collaborated with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to create the Nebraska Statewide Prevention Partnership. The Partnership developed a statewide child abuse/neglect prevention plan for the purpose of identifying and implementing strategies to achieve a reduction in child maltreatment in Nebraska.
The Board continues to support an annual Child Maltreatment conference to bring information regarding best practice in child abuse prevention, last best practice information from nationally known presenters and networking opportunities with other child advocates.

2004 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

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

Authorization

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

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 8-12 Who appoints: CEO of DHHS
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: A physician employed by the Department, a senior staff member with child protective services of the Department, a forensic pathologist, a law enforcement representative, and an attorney are required. Other members may include a county attorney, a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent responsible for investigations on Native American reservations, a social worker, and members of organizations which represent hospitals or physicians.
10. Per diem: No.
Expense reimbursement: Yes, actual and necessary expenses.
11. Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once Staggered by attrition.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: minimum of 4 Held: 4-6
 FY 06-07: minimum of 4 Held: 4-6
 FY 07-08: minimum of 4 Held: 4-6

Operations

13. Support staff: 1 Shared or separate: .75 separate, .25 shared
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$75,000
 FY 06-07 budget: \$75,000
 FY 07-08 budget: \$75,000
15. Other funding sources: TITLE V funding source
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The Child Death Review Team reviewed child death cases and completed three comprehensive reports identifying commonalities, trends, and prevention aspects of child deaths. One special report on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) was also prepared when it appeared there had been a spike in SIDS deaths. Six trainings were provided statewide to physicians on cause of death determinations necessary for completion of death certificates. Team participants also provided informative presentations of child death related information at six professional conferences. Additionally, the Child Death Review Team sponsored the Douglas County Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Children's Behavioral Health Task Force

Purpose: The purpose of the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force is to develop a children's behavioral health plan and submit it to the Governor and the committee. The Task Force will provide continued oversight of the implementation of the plan until June 30, 2010.

How many affectable: 90,000

How many served: Varies depending on the division

Year created: 2007

Year active: 2007

Sunset Date: June 30, 2010

Contact Person: Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee

Mailing Address: Room 1402

State Capitol

Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402.471.2726

Authorization

Authorization citation: 43-4001

Parent agency: Nebraska Legislature

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 11

Who Appoints: Chair of Health Committee & Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee or his or her designee, chairperson of the Appropriations Committee or his or her designee, two providers of community-based behavioral health services to children, one regional administrator, two representatives of organizations advocating on behalf of consumers of children's behavioral health services and their families, one juvenile court judge, two representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: N/A

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: N/A Held: N/A

FY 06-07: N/A Held: 9

FY 07-08: N/A Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: Yes
Shared or separate: Parent Agency
FY 05-06 budget: N/A
FY 06-07 budget: N/A
FY 07-08 budget: N/A
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments: Pursuant to LB 542 the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force held meetings, prepared a children's behavioral health plan and submitted it to the Governor in December 2007. The Task Force continues to provide oversight on the implementation of the plan and fulfill its duties as outlined in LB 542.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Chiropractic**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927 Year active: 1927 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Diane Hansmeyer

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114
10. Per diem: \$30.00/day
Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2009; 1 term expires in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 7
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 3
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$10,007
FY 06-07 budget: \$5,217
FY 07-08 budget: \$6,521
15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: Recommendations for licensure on 170 applications.
Determined percentage of licensees to be audited.
Provided recommendation on all disciplinary actions.
Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions.
Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.
Developed a jurisprudence examination for disciplinary purposes.
Held hearings related to reinstatements following discipline.
Served as examiners for the National Chiropractic Board of Examiners practical examination.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Climate Assessment Response Committee

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

How many affectable: NA

How many served: NA

Year created: 1992

Year active: 1992

Sunset Date: NA

Contact Person: Assistant Director

Mailing Address: Nebraska Department of Agriculture
301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94947
Lincoln, NE 68509-4947
Phone number: (402) 471-2341

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 2-4901

Parent agency: Office of the Governor

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

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

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes; actual and necessary expenses

Term length: Four years

Terms rotate or expire at once: At once

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 2 Held: 2

FY 06-07: 2 Held: 2

FY 07-08: 2 Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or separate: NA
FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: No part of the state has been without drought conditions since July 2004, although the summer of 2006 was the worst over the past four years, with the entire state in some level of drought. CARC has gathered seven times since July 2004 to review conditions and take appropriate action. Information about current drought conditions and possible mitigation actions seemed valuable to media and interested stakeholders as reflected by their presence at the meetings. On average, two media representatives were present at each meeting and generally did follow-up stories that reached the public across the state. At least 15 stakeholders were in the audience at each meeting.

In general, the Committee, throughout the ongoing drought, has worked to keep the Governor updated regarding conditions and provided recommendations on appropriate mitigation actions; disseminated press releases alerting the public to the conditions and encouraging mitigation actions; and implemented drought education and awareness through the members' individual organizations. The general drought information website created earlier in the decade, www.droughtcentral.org, was maintained and utilized for dissemination of information; the committee's own website was maintained at www.agr.ne.gov/carc.

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General Information

Formal name: Collection Agency Board

Purpose: License persons or agencies that wish to collect funds owed by one party to another party.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1963

Year active: 1963

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Colleen M. Byelick, Licensing Director

Mailing Address: State Capitol Building, Suite 1105

Lincoln, NE. 6850509

Phone number: (402) 471-8076

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 45-601 to 45-623

Parent agency: Secretary of State is Chairperson

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 4, Secretary of State is Chair

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Statute provides qualifications as 1 member is an at large public member; 3 members are engaged in collection business in this state, one from each congressional district, with the Secretary of State serving as Chair.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: Quarterly

FY 06-07: 0 Held: Quarterly

FY 07-08: 0 Held: Quarterly

Operations

Support Staff: None

Shared or separate: 3 shared with Secretary of State

FY 05-06 budget: approx 60,000.00

FY 06-07 budget: 66,064.00

FY 07-08 budget: 74,306.00

Other funding sources: None

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

Accomplishments: Continual monitoring of licensed collection agencies/individuals for fiscal responsibility. Attempt to mediate consumer complaints against collection agencies.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Community College Aid, Grant and Contract Review Committee

Purpose: Review of grant proposals from the community colleges making sure they meet the criteria for funding and then recommending to the Department of Administrative Services that they be funded and then doing the followup to make sure the project were completed as proposed.

How many affectable: All six community colleges

How many served: All six community college areas

Year created: 1989

Year active: 1990

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: Dennis Baack, Executive Director

Mailing Address:

Nebraska Community College Association, 601 South 12th Street Suite 200

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Phone number: (402)471-4685

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes section 85-1539

Parent agency: Nebraska Community College Association

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Appointed by the entities that the law spells out

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Be from one of the five entities named by the law 85-1539.

Per Diem: None

Expense reimbursement: None

Term length: None

Terms rotate or expire at once: No terms

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 0

FY 06-07: 0 Held: 0

FY 07-08: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support Staff: None

Shared or separate: None

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments: There has been no money appropriated to this program for the last three years but the committee still would be needed if funds were to be appropriated in the future especially if the Legislature would desire to appropriate funds to a specific college for a specific purpose.

Community Corrections Council - 2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Responses

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Formal Name:** Community Corrections Council
- 2. Purpose:** The Mission of the Community Corrections Council is to develop and monitor the implementation of a comprehensive community corrections strategy in Nebraska for the purpose of reducing the incarceration of certain, targeted felony offenders while supporting the use of a continuum of community facilities and programs to ensure a consistent and rational statewide sentencing policy; to advance the use of specific and enhanced programming and treatment by the Office of Probation Administration and the Office of Parole Administration; to encourage creativity at the local level to support alternatives to incarceration; and to promote equity and fairness within Nebraska's criminal justice system.
The Council's mandate from the Community Corrections Act includes the development and implementation of a plan for statewide use of, and standards for, community correctional facilities and programs. (LB 46, 2003)
- 3. How many affectable:** Not directly applicable, but the Council does coordinate and allocate funding from programs implemented by probation, parole and problem-solving courts which potentially affect anyone involved in the criminal justice system. There are currently 18,000 individuals on probation and another 4,400 incarcerated within the Department of Correctional Services.

How many served: Also not directly applicable, but programs developed, coordinated and/or funded through council serve thousands of offenders per year. As an example the Specialized Substance Abuse program operated by probation has accepted 290 participants since opening in May of 2006. Reporting centers also provide services to thousands of clients per month statewide and over \$5 million dollars in substance abuse evaluations and treatment have been provided through the substance abuse voucher program since its inception.

- 4. Year created:** 2003 **Year active:** 2004 **Sunset Date:** None
- 5. Contact Person:** Jeff Beaty, Policy Analyst 402-471-2259

AUTHORIZATION

- 6. Authorization citation:** Community Corrections Act §47-6-19 to §47-634
- 7. Parent agency:** The Council is housed within the Nebraska Crime Commission for administrative and budgetary purposes. N.R.S. 47-622

MEMBERSHIPS AND MEETINGS

- 8. Number of members:** 20 members (13 voting, 7 non-voting) with 2 current vacancies.

Who appoints: Governor

- 9. Legislative Approval:** Yes

Qualifications of Members: All members have some experience related to criminal justice and/or community corrections. 11 members sit on the Council due to the position they hold within the Criminal Justice System or State Government: Crime Commission Director, DCS Director, CEO of Health and Human Services, Parole administrator, Probation administrator, Chair of the Board of Parole, State Court administrator, two judges, and two members of the legislature. The remaining 9 positions are appointed by the Governor: Two at large positions, a law enforcement representative, a county attorney, a criminal defense attorney, 3 behavioral health professionals (one from each congressional district) and one provider of community-based behavioral health services

- 10. Per Diem/Expense Reimbursement:** Yes: Members are reimbursed for actual mileage, lodging and meals to attend meetings but it is not on a per diem basis. Mileage is based on trip distance to the meeting, lodging is capped at \$93.00 for Lincoln, and the actual cost of meals are reimbursed with a cap of \$7 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch, and \$18 for dinner.

- 11. Term Length:** 3 years for those members appointed by the Governor. The remaining council positions have indefinite terms which are filled when there is a vacancy in the named office.

Terms rotate or expire at once: The nine positions appointed by the Governor all serve 3 year initial terms. After the initial 3 year term expires, a staggered system is put in place in which 3 of the nine appointees receive a one year term, 3 receive a two year term and 3 receive a 3 year term. All appointees after the second set of terms expire receive 3 year terms. The relevant statutory section is included below:

47-623(3)

The terms of office for members initially appointed under subdivision (1)(e) of this section shall be three years. Upon completion of the initial terms of such members, the Governor shall appoint (a) a representative from law enforcement, a mental health and substance abuse professional, and one at-large member for terms of one year, (b) a representative of the Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, one provider of community-based behavioral health services from the first congressional district, one provider of community-based behavioral health services from the third congressional district, and one at-large member for terms of two years, and (c) a representative of the Nebraska County Attorneys Association and a provider of community-based behavioral health services from the second congressional district for terms of three years. Succeeding appointees shall be appointed for terms of three years. An appointee to a vacancy occurring from an unexpired term shall serve out the

term of his or her predecessor. Members whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

12. Number of meetings required: There is no statutory requirement for the Council to meet a certain number of times per year.

FY 05-06: 6

FY 06-07: 5

FY 07-08: 5

OPERATIONS

13. Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Both. The Council has its own executive director and 2 permanent and 1 temporary staff, but the Council receives data, administrative, and budget support from the Crime Commission.

14. FY 05-06 budget: \$288,961

FY 06-07 budget: \$300,598

FY 07-08 budget: \$311,394

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: Yes, the Council allocates cash funds from the Probation Cash Fund and the Uniform Data Fund as well as general funds appropriated to the Council for substance abuse treatment, specialty courts and community corrections programs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

17. Since July 1, 2004:

2004

A statewide Probation and Parole Officer survey was conducted by the Council in the spring of 2004. This was the first time in Nebraska's history that supervision officers had been surveyed. The results were provided to all Council members, including the Probation Administration and Parole Administration and improvements made.

The Judicial Advisory Committee was convened as a committee of the Council. Seven district court judges volunteered to sit on this committee and were instrumental in the creation of sentencing guidelines for felony drug offenders. In June 2004, the Council approved and forwarded the proposed sentencing guidelines to the Supreme Court with the caveat that they would need to be modeled with data to ascertain whether they would be effective in stabilizing the prison population.

The Crime Commission, working with the Council, brought together the Department of Correctional Services and Probation Administration to analyze 2003 admissions data against the proposed guidelines. The result was that if there had been strict adherence to

the proposed sentencing guidelines for felony drug offenders, there would have been a significant reduction in the number of offenders sentenced to the Department of Correctional Services, thereby alleviating prison overcrowding by diverting low level offenders to community supervision.

The Justice Substance Abuse Team (formerly the Governor's Substance Abuse Treatment Task Force mandated by Legislative Bill 865, 1999) was adopted as a formal committee of the Council in August 2004, after the original group sunsetted. Membership includes stakeholders from justice and the substance abuse and behavioral health entities. Recently, the group's name was changed to the Justice Behavioral Health Committee to acknowledge the co-occurring needs of mental health and substance abuse. 2005 Legislation added a Council duty to study substance abuse treatment services in and related to the criminal justice system, recommend improvements, and evaluate the implementation of improvements. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 47-624 (12))

The Justice Behavioral Health Committee meets quarterly and receives no additional funding to complete their mission. The membership of 32 receives no compensation for expenses, clerical support is provided by Council staff and any requirements or administrative costs are absorbed by the Council or provided by members of the Committee.

2005

Legislation adopted during the 2005 session added a member to the Council from the Health and Human Services System and incorporated Problem-solving court programs and services into the Community Corrections Act. The continuum of community corrections was expanded by legislation which provided for development of an intensive residential drug treatment program for felony offenders as a part of the curriculum at the Work Ethic Camp in McCook. This measure also included a requirement that any risk or needs assessment instrument utilized within the criminal justice system be periodically validated.

In addition to statutory changes, the 2005 Legislature also appropriated \$1.25 million general funds to the Council each year for two years for substance abuse treatment for offenders. The Offender Voucher Treatment Program was developed in collaboration with Probation Administration to administer the program. The Offender Voucher Treatment Program makes treatment services available to felony drug offenders, assesses the needs of the offender and contracts for the needed services with the focus being to provide the appropriate services, promote the abstinence of illegal drug use and stop the cycle of re-offending. The Offender Voucher Treatment Program began providing services in March 2006.

Probation Administration also developed the Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision (SSAS) during this period. SSAS is an intensive community based substance abuse treatment program for felony drug offenders and utilizes day and evening reporting centers as a focal point for service delivery and offender management. The Council

approved the plan for the development of the SSAS pilot program which was to be paid for by programming fees in February of 2005. Probation received funding for 2005-06 to hire new officers to manage the pilot program. The SSAS program began providing services in March 2006 at five pilot sites.

In June of 2005, the Council coordinated a Probation and Parole Strategic Meeting to foster a relationship and to encourage working together when possible to implement best practices and find efficiencies. It was the first formal meeting between the two systems of supervision officers.

The Council was appropriated \$200,000 in FY 05-06 to coordinate the Methamphetamine Treatment Study which was prepared by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In December 2005 the initial report was received by the Council and the final report was made available to the public in May 2006.

2006

The 2006 legislative session included bills which added two at large members to the Council and provided statutory authority to create a grant program for local community corrections programs. Funding for the grant program was not provided. Also in 2006, the Legislature approved funding for several community corrections programs and appropriated the funds to implement the programs to the Council through LB 1060, the Deficit Appropriation Bill.

LB 1060 appropriated \$2,000,000 general funds for FY 06-07 for problem-solving courts. The Council collaborated and coordinated with the Nebraska Supreme Court to develop a plan and a budget to implement a statewide system of problem-solving courts. The support from the Legislature and the Governor's office will allow the Court to assist the existing problem-solving court programs and implement new programs within the districts that have none. The appropriation for 2006 will primarily assist in paying salaries for program personnel. As of May of 2008, there are 22 problem-solving courts operating statewide, representing ten of the 12 judicial districts. There is strong interest by various judges to develop problem-solving courts in the districts that do not currently have programs operating or planned.

LB 1060 also appropriated \$1,250,000 general funds for FY 06-07 for five pilot sites for day and evening reporting centers, paralleling the five SSAS pilots. Plans and budgets were developed by Probation in coordination with the Council. The reporting centers are integral to the new SSAS program and vital to filling a gap in Nebraska's Community Corrections sanctions continuum. Parole and problem-solving courts will also utilize day and evening reporting centers.

The centers are intended to be on-site community-based facilities that blend high levels of offender control with intensive delivery of services. They ensure access to services which would include substance abuse treatment, educational and vocational training, provide a means to structure an offender's time toward pro-social and rehabilitative

activities, respond to non-compliance in graduated ways that will not add to prison crowding, and include rigorous process and performance evaluations to make evidence based programming improvements.

Additional funds were appropriated to expand the Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program in the amount of \$1,080,000 for FY 06-07. The target population for the voucher program was also expanded to include parolees, DUI offenders, and misdemeanor drug offenders in addition to felony drug offenders. Council staff also participates in the Voucher Committee which was developed to address any issues that arise regarding delivery of services or implementation of the Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program.

2007

A new biennium began in 2007 for budgetary purposes, and the legislature continued to fund the SSAS, Voucher and Problem-Solving Court programs at prior levels but declined to expand the SSAS program by funding two additional reporting centers as a result budgetary constraints. Between general fund appropriations and offender fees, the annual community corrections budget for services provided to offenders has grown to over \$8.5 million dollars annually. General fund appropriations support Council approved budgets for problem-solving courts (\$2 million), substance abuse treatment (\$2 million) and reporting centers (\$1.25 million). Offender fees fund an additional \$2 million per year in substance abuse treatment and provide \$500,000 for client services at reporting centers.

Two pieces of substantive legislation affecting the Council were also adopted during the 2007 session. LB 540 directed the Council to commission a study of the proposed merger of the Officers of Probation and Parole administration into a single community corrections agency. The Council contracted with the Vera institute of justice to complete the study which was provided to the Legislature and the Governor in December of 2007. LB 83 provided that the Work Ethic Camp (WEC) in McCook may be utilized by the Department of Correctional Services as a transitional program prior to an inmate being paroled. Previously, WEC housed only probationers and this is the first example in Nebraska of probationers and individuals committed to DCS being housed in the same facility.

In April of 2007, the Nebraska Supreme Court held a hearing and ultimately declined to adopt the proposed sentencing guidelines submitted by the Council. The opinion noted that under the separation of powers provisions of the state constitution it was the legislature's role to develop and adopt sentencing guidelines via statute rather than the judiciary.

The council also had the opportunity for the first time in 2007 to begin collecting and analyzing some of the data collected from the SSAS and voucher programs as well as problem-solving courts. Since the program began in May of 2006, SSAS has had more than 290 referrals into the program. A performance evaluation of the program is planned once enough data is collected. The voucher program has also seen significant growth

since its inception and has provided over \$5 million in reimbursement for substance abuse evaluations and treatment for offenders. The program now has over 400 registered providers in all 93 counties across the state. Problem-Solving courts are also providing a substantial amount of data to the Council and a comprehensive survey of the various courts has been performed to compare the various programs and ensure compliance with Supreme Court rules. Participation and utilization rates continue to increase as more offenders qualify and are admitted into the programs and the first graduates of the programs are reintegrating with the community, which will provide future opportunities for outcome evaluations and comparisons with the success rates of other community corrections programs.

Progress was also made on improving data collection and capacity across the community corrections system in 2007. The Council entered into contracts, funded by the Uniform Data fund, with probation and the courts system for a number of improvements, including the automation of pre-sentence investigation reports, development of an interface for problem-solving courts to integrate with the JUSTICE computer system, and a number of improvements to the Nebraska Probation Information Management System (NPMIS). A contract to fund the development of an electronic case management system for parole is expected in 2008.

2008

In February of 2008, the council hosted a strategic planning retreat to refocus its efforts and plan for the future. The retreat resulted in a renewed focus on collaboration between the entities represented on the council. As a result, the Probation-Parole Strategic Planning Committee was formed to conduct ongoing cooperative planning between Probation, Parole, DCS and the Council. The retreat also highlighted the need to better educate the public regarding community corrections and Council staff has already begun publishing a quarterly newsletter, developing a website, and preparing educational materials for policymakers and the public.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Committee

Purpose: Provide regular consultation to the Community Development Block Grant Program

How many affectable: 289,000

How many served: 75,000

Year created: 1986

Year active: 1986

Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: Steve Charleston

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-1201.08

Parent agency: Department of Economic Development

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 12

Who Appoints: Economic Development Commission

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: There are various statutory requirements regarding status as municipal and/or elected officials from various classes of cities/congressional districts, and in addition, the Commission must have one member from each of the following: the GPRO, a community action corporation, and a development district. Also, one member must be a professional engineer.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Overlap

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 1

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 1

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or separate: n/a

FY 05-06 budget: n/a

FY 06-07 budget: n/a

FY 07-08 budget: n/a

Other funding sources: n/a

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Provided annual advice and consultation to the Department of Economic Development regarding Annual Action Plans required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, with regard to the use of CDBG funds which are used to benefit Low and Moderate Income Individuals in Nebraska communities.

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General Information

Formal name: State Comprehensive Facilities Planning Committee

Purpose: The State Comprehensive Facilities Planning Committee is appointed by the Governor to develop planning guidelines and a process of project prioritization for Capital Construction projects that are requested from state agencies except higher ed (i.e. State Colleges & the University of Nebraska). The guidelines and prioritization process is called the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Plan. State Statutes 81-1108.41 requires the Comp Plan to be developed every two years and submitted to the Governor, Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Legislative Committee on Building Maintenance. The University and State Colleges are exempt from this process since they are subject to a similar process by the Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education.

How many affectable: The Entire State

How many served: The Entire State

Year created: 1995

Year active: 1995

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Mike Rindone, AIA, NCARB

Mailing Address: The Executive

521 South 14th Street, Suite 500

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-2707

Phone number: 402-471-0428

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-1108.41

Parent agency: DAS/SBD

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 16 in 2006 & 8 in 2008

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Generally experience in comprehensive planning, regional planning or facility management and design. This year the Governor asked for my recommendations on applicants to make the make-up of the Committee remained consistent with past decisions on qualifications. This biennium, the Governor asked that we shrink the size of the Committee down to make it more responsive and easier to manage.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Two Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at Once

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: N/A Held: N/A

FY 06-07: 5 Held: 5

FY 07-08: N/A Held: N/A

Operations

Support Staff: None

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: N/A

FY 06-07 budget: N/A

FY 07-08 budget: N/A

Other funding sources: N/A

Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 1004 the State Comprehensive Facilities Planning Committee for the 07-09 Biennium has accomplished the tasks of making key decisions and creating the review and rating process resulting in the 2007-2009 Comprehensive Capital Facilities 6-Year Plan. The 07-09 Plan assisted the Governor's Office and Legislature with arriving at a Capital Construction Bill that addressed all agency requests for Capital Construction Dollars in a fair and equitable manner. There is now a new Committee appointed by the Governor, who are now working towards the same goals and accomplishments as the 07-09 Committee.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool.
2. Purpose: It is the purpose and intent of the Legislature to provide access to health insurance coverage at an affordable premium to all residents of Nebraska, including those individuals denied coverage due to a preexisting medical condition or whose policy includes a restrictive rider limiting coverage for such a condition. The pool is intended to provide a mechanism to ensure the availability of health insurance to individuals unable to purchase such coverage for a preexisting medical condition either on an individual or group basis directly from an insurer. It is the intent of the legislature that adequate levels of health insurance coverage are made available to residents of Nebraska who are otherwise considered uninsurable or who are underinsured due to a medical condition creating a high risk. It is the intent of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool to provide affordable insurance for individuals with such medical conditions by making such health insurance coverage available. Additionally, those people who are eligible for the federal Health Care Tax Credit (HCTC) are also eligible for CHIP benefits.
3. How many affectable: That number is unclear because it is dependent upon eligibility. Currently, there are over 5,000 enrolled in CHIP.
4. How many served: As of this moment, over 5,000 are enrolled in CHIP.
5. Year created: 1985. Year active: 1985. Sunset date: N/A.

6. Contact person(s): Vic Kensler
Chair CHIIP Board
402-551-2624;

Adam Steffen
Administrator for CHIP
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
7261 Mercy Road
Omaha, NE 68180-0001
(402) 548-4593;

and

Martin W. Swanson
Nebraska Department of Insurance

941 O Street, Suite 400
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3639
(402) 471-4648.

Authorization

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

Memberships and Meetings

9. Number of members: Seven. *See* Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4216.
10. Who appoints: The Director of the Department of Insurance.
11. Legislative approval: No.
12. Qualifications: The member of the Board of Directors of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool serving as the representative of the general public shall: 1. Be a resident of Nebraska. 2. Not be a member of the board of directors, an officer, or an employee of an insurer or of a health agency which is involved in advocating for individuals with special health care needs. 3. Not be an individual who is eligible for pool coverage or would be eligible for pool coverage if he or she were not otherwise eligible for other health coverage, or the spouse, parent, adult child, or guardian of such individual. *See* Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4216(2)(ii)(C) and Title 210 NAC Ch. 43 §004.

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

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

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

14. 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.
15. Term length: The statutes do not specifically limit the term length of a board member, rather, membership is based upon eligibility.
16. Terms rotate or expire at once: No.
17. Number of meetings required: The law does not require meetings, however, the board generally meets every quarter. They will also call special meetings if necessary.

Operations

18. Support staff: The administration is done at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. A portion of some work is preformed at the Nebraska Department of Insurance.
19. Shared or separate: See above.
20. FY 01-02 budget: CHIP is primarily funded through the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Distributive Fund. *See Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4225.* Following the close of each calendar year, the board shall report the board's determination of the paid and incurred losses for the year, taking into account investment income and other appropriate gains and losses. The board distributes copies of this information to the Director, Governor, and the Legislature. CHIP's accounting is based on a calendar year.

In 2004:

Premium income:	\$35,454,259
Claims incurred:	\$44,770,015
Administrative costs:	\$ 3,550,933
Investment income:	\$ 78,805
Distributive Fund transfer	\$12,068,043
Grant funds	\$ 719,841

In 2005:

Premium income:	\$34,386,746
Claims incurred:	\$53,941,109
Administrative costs:	\$ 3,454,631
Investment income:	\$ 165,500
Distributive Fund transfer	\$22,843,494

In 2006:

Premium income:	\$33,344,134
Claims incurred:	\$52,951,254
Administrative costs:	\$ 3,310,455
Investment income:	\$ 225,342
Distributive Fund transfer	\$22,692,233

In 2007:

Premium income:	\$33,817,386
Claims incurred:	\$52,640,663

Administrative costs:	\$ 3,372,320
Investment income:	\$ 221,460
Disease Management	\$ 649,668
Distributive Fund transfer (including grant funds)	\$22,623,805
Disease Management grant	\$ 581,844

As of May 2008:

Premium income:	\$12,901,654
Claims incurred:	\$21,670,867
Administrative costs:	\$ 1,265,066
Investment income:	\$ 59,810
Disease Management	\$ 294,286
Distributive Fund transfer	\$ 9,974,469
Disease Management grant	\$ 294,286

21. Other funding sources: CHIP has received and continues to apply for when available operational loss grants from the federal government and supplemental bonus grants. The last grant in 2007 was used to fund a disease management program.
22. Spending authority: Yes. The board is empowered under Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4220 to transact the business of health insurance that would include the ability to contract with providers, actuaries, and any other entity that an insurance company would contract with for health care insurance purposes.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2002, CHIP has continued to provide health insurance to those who could not normally obtain health insurance coverage. This has prevented these same individuals to either go without health insurance in its entirety or enter into the Medicaid program. The number of enrollees has increased to over 6,000 and that number will continue to rise or, at a minimum, stay steady. Additionally, with the addition of HCTC eligibles, the number will grow and serve a greater number of Nebraskans. Additionally, CHIP is qualified as Nebraska's HIPAA eligible insurance program, thus, is a necessary component in the overall health insurance structure.

CHIP has received federal funds that have, in part, offset costs. Nebraska has applied for additional grant money and hopes to receive this additional funding. Moreover, CHIP has been on the forefront of asking the federal government to continue the grant programs in the future.

CHIP will continue to provide excellent service to those who most need it and will continue the mission that the legislature gave it in 1985.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board**
2. Purpose: The legislature, in 1999, found that it will be beneficial to the economic well being of the people of Nebraska to have convention and meeting center facilities of appropriate size and quality to host regional, national, or international events in the State of Nebraska. Such facilities may generate new economic activity as well as additional state and local taxes from persons residing within or outside of the state.
3. How many affectable: N/A
How many served: N/A
4. Year created: 1999
Year active: 2001 Sunset date: The Board shall not accept applications after June 1, 2010.
5. Contact person: Douglas A. Ewald, Tax Commissioner, Secretary of Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board, Nebraska State Office Building, 2nd Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 94818, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509. The telephone number is (402)471-5604.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Section 13-2603 R.S. Supp 2006.
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5 members are listed below:
Governor of Nebraska; State Treasurer; Nebraska Investment Council Chairperson, Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy Chairperson; and a professor of economics on the faculty of a state post-secondary educational institution appointed to a two year term on the board by the Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education.

Who appoints: The first three Board members above are ex-officio and the last two board members are appointed by their appropriate boards as stated above.

9. Legislative approval: N/A
Qualifications of members: N/A

10. Per diem: N/A Expense reimbursement: N/A
11. Term length: The first three board members as stated above are ex-officio and the last two board members are appointed for a two year term.
Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 1 Held: 1
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 1
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 0

Operations

13. Support staff: Department of Revenue is the parent agency and provides all staff.
14. FY 05-06 budget: N/A
FY 06-07 budget: N/A
FY 07-08 budget: N/A
15. Other funding sources: N/A
16. Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2005: The Board met in fiscal year 05-06 and 06-07 to determine the annual attributable revenue and to certify same to the State Treasurer who transfers the money into a fund which the legislature appropriates to the City of Omaha. The law was changed in 2007 to allow the Tax Commissioner to determine the sales tax revenue derived from the facilities and certify the amount to the State Treasurer who transfers the money into the fund which the legislature appropriates to the City of Omaha. The law change removes the board's requirement to meet every year.



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1. **Formal name:** The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
2. **Purpose:** The Commission is responsible for the coordination of all public postsecondary education institutions in Nebraska. This includes creating and revising a comprehensive statewide plan for postsecondary education, reviewing and approving degree programs and capital construction projects at public institutions, and reviewing the budget requests of public institutions. The Commission is also required to administer state financial aid programs, conduct statewide research, recommend legislation on higher education, administer the federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, and work with the Department of Education to coordinate activities between K-12 and postsecondary education. The Commission approves the establishment of new private institutions, certain categories of new degree programs at private institutions, and authorizes out-of-state institutions to offer courses in Nebraska.
3. **How many affected:** Nearly 150,000 students were enrolled in Nebraska's public institutions during the 2006-2007 academic year. The Commission's decisions on degree programs, facilities, and budgets affect all of these students, as well as students at private institutions to some degree. Commission decisions ultimately affect the amount of public funds spent by public institutions, impacting every taxpayer in Nebraska.

How many served: Nearly 12,000 college students received financial aid during the 2006-2007 academic year through the Nebraska Scholarship Program administered by the Commission. The Commission also awarded scholarships to 363 low-income high school students in 2007-2008 through the Access College Early Scholarship Program administered by the Commission.

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West Point

Eric Seacrest
North Platte

Dr. Joyce D. Simmons
Valentine

Dick Uhing
Norfolk

Carol Zink
Lincoln

4. Year created: 1990

Year active: 1992

Sunset date: None

5. Contact person: Dr. Marshall A. Hill, Executive Director
140 N. 8th Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2847

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 14. Nebraska Revised Statutes Sec. 85-1403.

7. Parent agency: None.

8. Number of members: 11

Who appoints: Governor

9. Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: One member from each of the six Supreme Court judicial districts and five members-at-large. Members must be residents of the state or the district for which they were appointed, and no member or any member of his or her immediate family may be employed by or be a member of a public governing board or of a governing body of an independent or private university or college.

10. Per diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

11. Term length: Six years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

12. Number of required meetings: Not applicable.

Number of meetings held:

FY 05-06: 7

FY 06-07: 8

FY 07-08: 7

13. Support staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

14. Budget:

FY 05-06: \$1,182,965

FY 06-07: \$1,253,153

FY 07-08: \$1,262,659

15. Other funding sources: Yes, Improving Teacher Quality Grant administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

FY 05-06: \$17,538

FY 06-07: \$17,391

FY 07-08: \$18,230

16. Spending authority: Yes, the Commission allocates funds to administer the duties of the Commission listed in the State Constitution and statutes.

17. Accomplishments:

Forums and Initiatives:

- Conducted a study and impaneled a task force in 2004 to create standards for dual enrollment, which were included in the Commission's Comprehensive Plan. Dual enrollment courses are college-level courses offered to high school students for simultaneous credit by both the high school and a postsecondary education institution.
- Adopted additional guidelines into the Comprehensive Plan to use in reviewing funding for capital construction projects. The guidelines, adopted in April 2006, assist the Commission when reviewing and making decisions regarding capital construction projects that use increasingly complex tax funds.
- Chosen to participate in the State Scholars Initiative (SSI) in 2006. SSI is a national business/education partnership working to increase the number of students who take a rigorous curriculum in high school. SSI awards federal grant money to states to start their own State Scholars Program.
- The Commission worked with FutureForce Nebraska[®] to secure SSI funds in 2006 to encourage students in selected high school districts to take a rigorous course of study – one that will assist them whether they go on to college or go directly in to the workplace. FutureForce staff are currently housed in the Commission's office.

- Launched the Nebraska e-Transcript Initiative in October 2007. Nebraska's e-Transcript program is an electronic transfer service that allows students to send transcripts and other supporting documents from their high schools or colleges to any participating institution in the country.
- Hosted the *Postsecondary Education and Nebraska's Future* forum on December 5, 2007. This forum invited education leaders and Nebraska state legislators to learn more about postsecondary educational challenges in the United States and educational progress being made abroad. In particular, panel leaders discussed how to improve Nebraska's college-going rates. Dennis Jones, president of the National Center of Higher Education Management Systems and one of the country's most well-respected experts on higher education, presented Nebraska's higher education performance in comparison to national and international data and discussed how Nebraskans can respond to its current challenges.
- Held several joint planning meetings with governing boards from the state colleges, community colleges and State Board of Education over the past four years to discuss higher educational issues across the state. Another joint meeting with the State Board of Education is scheduled for December 2008.
- Held a legislative breakfast at the beginning of the 2007 Nebraska legislative session to welcome new Nebraska senators and make them aware of current educational issues relating to higher education. Another legislative breakfast will be held in early 2009.
- Renovated and enhanced the Commission Web site in 2005 to include better organization of materials, a greater amount of information and easier access to Commission reports and presentations.
- Revised the Commission Web site in 2008 to update information and make page layouts consistent across the site.
- In 2008, Commission staff compiled and categorized over 1,200 collected newspaper article clippings related to the Commission from 1978 to the present. Newspaper clippings will soon be made available on the Commission's Web site.

Postsecondary Institution and Student Data:

- Produced the annual *Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*, which provides the Nebraska Legislature with comparative statistics to monitor and evaluate progress toward achieving three key priorities for Nebraska's postsecondary education system. These priorities, which are listed in statute, include increasing the number of students who enter postsecondary education in Nebraska; increasing the percentage of students who enroll and

successfully complete a degree; and reducing, eliminating and then reversing the net out-migration of Nebraskans with high levels of educational attainment.

- Completed a study on loan volume and student debt in Nebraska in September 2005.
- Completed the *Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska* report in 2006 and 2007 and are currently compiling data for the 2008 report. The *Factual Look* report uses data from the federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) surveys to provide comparative data for Nebraska's public higher education institutions. This report reviews five- or 10-year trends in postsecondary enrollments and degree attainment by sector and by institution.
- Produced the *Estimated College Continuation Rates for Nebraska Counties for the High School Class of 2005-06* report in November 2007. This report estimated the college continuation rate of Nebraska's public and private high school graduates in Nebraska's 93 counties.
- Produced a new report in December 2007 that collected residence and migration data for first-time freshmen for the fall of 2006. This report provided detailed information about the first-time freshmen enrollments of Nebraska's postsecondary institutions and the enrollments of Nebraska-resident, first-time freshmen at out-of-state institutions.

Financial Aid:

- Implemented the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship program in 2007. The ACE scholarship program replaced the Community Scholarship Foundation program and pays tuition and mandatory fees for qualified, low-income high school students to enroll in college courses from Nebraska's colleges or universities. Courses may be taken either through dual-enrollment or early enrollment agreements with Nebraska's participating institutions.
- Completed the statutorily required biennial student tuition, fees and financial aid report in 2004, 2006, and 2008. This report compares tuition and fees, as well as state appropriations, with peer institutions in other states.

Facility and Budgets:

- As required by statute, submitted biennial budget recommendations in 2004 and 2006 to the Governor and Legislature regarding the budget requests of

public institutions. We are currently reviewing institutions' biennial budget requests for the next biennium.

- As required by statute, submitted prioritized lists of capital construction biennial budget requests in 2004 and 2006 to the Governor and Legislature. We are currently reviewing institutions' capital construction biennial budget requests for the next biennium.

Postsecondary Academic Projects:

- Distributed over 20 Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) grants from 2004 to 2007 and are currently accepting proposals for 2008-2009 projects. ITQ grants provide federal funds to partnerships formed by local, high-need K-12 educational agencies and a Nebraska college or university. These partnerships design and produce professional development programs to improve the skills of K-12 teachers, paraprofessionals and principals.
- Completed annual reports on off-campus and distance education courses and program offerings by public institutions. This information was also made available on the Commission's Web site in 2007.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board

Purpose: The Nebraska Corn Board was created by LB 639 of the 1978 session of the Legislature. The Corn Resources Act sets forth the provision whereby, in the interest of the public welfare of the state, the producers of corn be permitted and encouraged to develop, carry out and participate in programs of research, education, market development and promotion. Since 1978, the Board has been administering a checkoff on corn collected at the first point of sale, which is presently at the rate of 25/100 of one cent per bushel of corn, then investing those funds in a number of programs including foreign and domestic market development, research, and education.

How many affectable: not applicable

How many served: not applicable

Year created: 1978

Year active: 1978

Sunset Date: not applicable Contact Person: Don Hutchens

Mailing Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, 4th floor

PO Box 95107, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-2676

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes 2-3601

Parent agency: not applicable

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor appoints 8, Board appoints 1 member

Legislative approval: not applicable

Qualifications: The board shall be composed of nine 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.

The Director of Agriculture, the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the president of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association shall be ex officio members of the board but shall have no vote in board matters.

Per Diem: 25.00/day

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: terms overlap

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 7

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 5

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 7

Operations

Support Staff: yes

Shared or separate: separate

FY 05-06 budget: 2,780,000.00

FY 06-07 budget: 2,770,000.00

FY 07-08 budget: 2,860,000.00

Other funding sources: Federal Grants

Spending authority: Yes

- Accomplishments:** Following is a listing of some specific accomplishments:
1. The Nebraska Corn Board worked closely with the National Corn Growers Association and congressional leaders to pass the Energy Bill and the Renewable Fuels Standard.
 2. For the last eleven years, the Board has hosted a Corn Harvest Tour across Nebraska, which showcases the quality and consistent supply of corn produced in Nebraska. As each year has progressed, participation in this tour has increased, especially by international corn and corn by-product buyers.
 3. The Nebraska Corn Board teamed up with the Nebraska Corn Growers Association to create a Best Management Practices (BMP) program to serve as an education program to better inform producers on ways to protect the groundwater and other environmental concerns.
 4. The Board completed Strategic Planning and developed its first Future Business Plan.
 5. The Board applied for and received over \$1,000,000 in federal grant dollars.
 6. The Nebraska Corn Board was one of the first organizations to recognize the need to help livestock producers of all sizes grow their operations or start new ones with a keen eye toward community relations and environmental stewardship. The Board has been a key financial supporter of A-FAN since its inception.
 7. The board and staff have also taken leadership roles in the areas of biotechnology, renewable fuels federal legislation, farm bill improvements along with the necessary education and marketing skills needed to adapt, trade policy to expand world markets and efforts to expand the demand for new generational products like poly-lactic acid clothing materials made from corn.
 8. In the area of research the board is working to expand the demand for corn gluten feed and distillers grains which are co-products of the ethanol refining industry. As our ethanol plants expand so does the production of these co-products. The demand for co-products is dependent on a healthy livestock industry which the board is also making investments of checkoff dollars in.
 9. Presence at the Nebraska State Fair.
 10. Shifting our focus from bulk corn exports to value added in-state programs.

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General Information

1. Formal name: **Board of Cosmetology Examiners**
2. Purpose: The purpose of the Board of Cosmetology Examiners is to advise the department in administering the Nebraska Cosmetology Act and all rules and regulations adopted pursuant to such act, in accordance with the findings and intent of the Legislature, in order to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Nebraska.
3. How many affectable: N/A.
4. How many served: N/A:
5. Year created: 1986 Year active: Sunset date:
Contact Person: Kris Chiles

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-373
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-374
10. Per diem: \$50.00 per day
Expense reimbursement: Members of the board shall be paid for their expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and shall in addition receive a per diem of fifty dollars
11. Term length: 5 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2008; 3 terms expire in 2009; 4 terms expire in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011; 3 term expires in 2012.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 2 Held: 5
FY 06-07: 2 Held: 9
FY 07-08: 2 Held: 22
*A number of work sessions were also held during FY-05-FY-08

Operations

13. Support staff: 6.5 Shared or separate: A portion of 6.5 staff share the work of this board.
14. Expenditures: FY 05-06 budget: \$52,272
FY 06-07 budget: \$55,155
FY 07-08 budget: \$34,750
15. Other funding sources: Cash funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:
 - Offered on-line renewal, which allowed licensees to submit their renewal payment by credit card.
 - Implemented and self inspection process for initial licensing of salons and facilities.
 - Developed a Board Newsletter (2006), which received 1st prize at the National Interstate Council of State Cosmetology Boards
 - Promulgated and adopted the following regulations pursuant to LB 241 (2004):
 - Cosmetology, esthetics, electrology and nail technology (effective 9-22-04) and the schedule of fees (effective 8-8-04).
 - Sanitation and safety relating to nail technology services (effective 2-12-05).
 - Sanitation and safety relating to cosmetology and esthetic services (effective 2-12-05).

- Worked with the local health departments and body artists across the state to implement LB 906 (2004) and promulgate and adopt the following regulations:
 - Fees and regulations relating to body art and body art facilities (effective 4-2-05).
 - Safety, sanitation and sterilization relating to body art facilities (effective 4-2-05)

The following initial licenses were issued between July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2008:

Apprentice:	0
Apprentice Training Salon:	0
Body Branders:	4
Body Piercers:	110
Permanent Color Technicians:	45
Tattoo Artists:	218
Body Art Facilities:	107
Cosmetic Establishment:	1
Cosmeticians:	3
Cosmetologists:	2201
Cosmetology Instructors:	61
Cosmetology Salon:	844
Cosmetology Schools:	6
Electrologists:	2
Electrology Instructors:	0
Estheticians:	414
Esthetics Instructor:	22
Esthetic Salon:	5
Esthetic Schools:	2
Cos Home Service Permits:	11
Nail Technicians:	603
Nail Technology Instructors:	11
Nail Technology Salons:	196
Nail Technology Schools:	16
Satellite Classrooms:	1
Student Cosmetologists:	2909
Student Estheticians:	433
Student Instructors:	21 est / 93 cos
Temporary Practitioners:	75 NT / 735 cos / 29 est

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General Information

1. Formal Name Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.
2. 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.
3. How many affectable 414 persons hold one or both licenses. All 93 counties and all but one of the 530 municipalities have appointed a licensee as their highway or street superintendent (whether on staff or as a private consultant) and are drawing state Incentive Funds as a result (*The Incentive program is administered by the Nebraska Department of Roads*). By extension, the vast majority of county roads and municipal streets, and thus virtually all residents and visitors also are affected (as drivers, passengers and/or consumers of goods and services dependent on vehicular transportation.)
How many served All those affectable were served.
4. Year created 1969. Year active 1969 (first examination administered in 1970). Sunset date None.
5. Contact person LeMoyné D. Schulz, Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, Liaison Services Unit, Local Projects Section, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509, (402) 479-4436.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 39-2301
7. Parent agency Nebraska Department of Roads (provides administrative support but does not oversee the board's licensing activities.)

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members Seven (7). Who appoints Governor (who may give consideration to lists submitted by the Nebraska Association of County Officials and the League of Nebraska Municipalities)
9. Legislative approval No..... Qualifications 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.

10. Per diem None.
Expense reimbursement Yes.
11. Term length Four (4) Years
Terms rotate or expire at once. Partial rotation (every fourth year, four [4] members' terms expire; the terms of the other three [3] expire the following year.)
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06 * Held Seven (7)
FY 06-07 * Held Seven (7)
FY 07-08 * Held Seven (7)
* "As may be necessary"

Operations

13. Support staff Yes..... Shared or separate Shared-Nebraska Department of Roads
14. FY 05-06 budget \$ 11,217.57
FY 06-07 budget \$ 13,581.39
FY 07-08 budget \$ 13,675.26
Cash-flow Allotment, Board of Examiners, including board member expense reimbursements, photocopying and other direct cost activities under NDOR Activity 1114. "Personal Services," while not budgeted separately for the board, is reflected in the Activity 1101 budget of the Liaison Services Unit, Local Projects Section, NDOR. Central system overhead (including accounting) also is absorbed by NDOR.
15. Other funding sources None.
16. Spending authority No. (NDOR is required to provide support-Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 39-2305.)

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 Administered eight (8) examinations. A total of 58 persons took the exam, of which 37 passed and were licensed. Also licensed 21 registered professional engineers (by equivalency). Reissued Class B licenses for 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and Issued Class A licenses for 2005-2007, 2006-2008, 2007-2009, and 2008-2010. Assisted NDOR and the UNL College of Engineering's Technology Transfer Center in presenting eight (8) three-day workshops for examination applicants. (The workshops are offered twice annually, free of charge, in Kearney.) Adopted revised Operating Procedures, new Licensing Regulations (425 NAC 2) and revised Rules of Procedure (425 NAC 1) implementing LB 500 of 2003, the County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-2301 to 39-2311). Received two formal complaints against two licensees that resulted in two staff reviews, one investigation by a member of the Board, and dismissal of all allegations against the two licensees.

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- 1) Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
- 2) Assist innocent victims of violent crime with medical expenses, mental health counseling, loss of wages, funeral bills in cases of homicide, residential crime scene clean-up, loss of earning power, and other expenses directly related to the criminal act.
- 3) Not Applicable
- 4) Year created - 1979
No sunset date
- 5) Bruce Ayers, Chief, Budget & Accounting Division
NE Crime Commission
PO Box 94946
Lincoln NE 68509-4946
(402) 471-2194
- 6) Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-1801 to 81-1842
- 7) Parent Agency - Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice
(e.g. Crime Commission)
- 8) 5 members, appointed by the Governor
- 9) Legislative approval is required
Membership qualifications: Member of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- 10) No per diem, members are reimbursed for their expenses
- 11) Four Years - Terms Rotate
- 12) FY 05-06 Two meetings held No meetings required.
FY 06-07 Three meetings held
FY 07-08 Two meetings held
- 13) Yes Parent Agency
- 14) FY 05-06 0
FY 06-07 0
FY 07-08 0
- 15) None
- 16) No
- 17) This Committee serves as an appeals board for decisions made by the hearing officer on crime victim reparations claims. Due to budget reductions the committee also decided to reduce the types of violent crimes that will be accepted for review by staff.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Critical Incident Stress Management Council**
2. Purpose: Specify the organizational and operational goals for the program. (Provide overall policy direction for the program and appoint a Statewide Clinical Director.)
3. How many affectable: 30,000
4. How many served 15,000
5. Year created: 1989 Year active: 1990 Sunset date: None
Contact person: Dean Cole
Emergency Medical Services Program
DHHS
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone: 471-0124

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-7101 to 71-7113
7. Parent agency: Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Five Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: 1991 Qualifications: Must have experience in the profession they represent. For example: Fire Marshal should have experience in fire management and operations.
10. Per diem: none
Expense reimbursement: none
11. Term length: none
Terms rotate or expire at once: These individuals serve at the discretion of the Governor
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 0 Held: 0
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 0
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 0

Operations

13. Support staff: 0 Shared or separate:
14. FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0
15. Other funding sources: 0
16. Spending authority: 0

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: There have been none because the Council delegated the operation authority and decision making to the CISM Interagency Management Committee. The Council has had no reason to meet since 2004 because there have been no proposed legislative changes to CISM Statutes. The Council will need to meet in 2009 – 2010 to approve the appointment of a new Statewide Critical Incident Stress Management Clinical Director when he retires.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Critical Incident Stress Management Council, Interagency Management Committee**
2. Purpose: Specify the organizational and operational goals for the program. 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.
3. How many affectable: 30,000
4. How many served: 15,000
5. Year created: 1989 Year active: 1990 Sunset date: None
Contact person Dean Cole
Emergency Medical Services
HHSSR&L
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 95007
Lincoln, NE. 68509-5007
Phone: 471-0124

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-7101 to 71-7113
7. Parent agency: Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 6 Who appoints: Critical Incident Stress Management Council
9. Legislative approval: 1991
Qualifications: 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.
10. 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 if meetings are held overnight out-side of Lincoln.
11. Term length: None
Terms rotate or expire at once: These individuals serve at the discretion of the Critical Incident Stress Management Council member they represent.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 2 Held: 8
FY 06-07: 2 Held: 10
FY 07-08: 2 Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Seven, six support staff provide 10% of their time supporting the CISM Program in six regions. One support staff provides 20% of his/her time supporting the statewide program and this committee.
Shared or separate: These positions are shared with HHSS R&L and the CISM Program. The CISM Interagency Management Committee has no budget authority. Money is budgeted to help pay travel expenses for the volunteer Statewide CISM Clinical Director and other miscellaneous items to support the committee. The other five members of the committee are state employees. Their expenses are covered by their agencies' budgets.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$4,000

FY 06-07 budget: \$6,000

FY 07-08 budget: \$7,000

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004

Updated new policy and procedures for deployment and a CISM team member operations manual. Conducted 12 basic, two advanced, two peer support training programs and four statewide CISM conferences. Utilized telehealth network in cooperation with local hospitals to make the training more convenient for participants. Sent five instructors to certification trainings to keep them current to conduct certified basic trainings. A total of 402 CISM debriefings and 105 defusing were conducted. CISM services were provided to 4, 010 emergency workers and their families since 2004. There are 385 active volunteer CISM team members.

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General Information

1. **Formal Name:** Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board
2. **Purpose:** Collect \$.10 per hundredweight of milk produced in Nebraska from first purchasers, audit first purchasers for proper accounting of checkoff funds, and distribute these funds to USDA qualified programs (currently American Dairy Association of Nebraska) in the state. Assist dairy producers in Nebraska to maintain and expand domestic sales of milk and dairy products, develop new products and markets, improve methods and practices related to marketing and processing of milk and dairy products, and educate and inform consumers of sound nutritional principles, including the role of milk in a balanced diet.
3. **How many affectable:** There are 318 dairy producers, 11 first purchasers of milk, and 2 USDA qualified programs.
4. **Year created:** 1992
Year active: 1999
Sunset date: None
5. **Contact person:**

Robert Storant Administrator Finance & Personnel State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 94947 Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2341	Mike Roder Administrator Nebraska Dairy Industry Board 8205 F Street Omaha, NE 68127-1779 (402) 592-3355
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Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Sections 2-3948 to 2-3964, Dairy Industry Development Act
7. **Parent agency:** None, Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board is Agency 61

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** 9 voting Directors, 1 Ex-Officio member
Who appoints: Governor
9. **Legislative approval:** None required
Qualifications of members: Residents of Nebraska, at least 21 years of age, actually engaged in the production of milk in this state for at least five years, and derive a substantial portion of income from the production of milk in Nebraska.
10. **Per diem:** No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. **Term length:** One, two, or three years.
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate so that approximately one-third expire each year.
12. **Number of meetings required in**

FY05-06:	2	Held:	2
FY06-07:	2	Held:	2
FY07-08:	2	Held:	2

Operations

13. **Support staff:** Contracts with Nebraska Department of Agriculture for fee collection and accounting. Contracts with American Dairy Association of Nebraska for administrative services.
Shared or separate: Not applicable.
14. **FY 05-06 Budget:** \$22,852.87
FY 06-07 Budget: \$12,652.06
FY 07-08 Budget: \$10,748.56
15. **Other funding sources:** Yes, interest from investment and penalty from late payment of checkoff funds.
16. **Spending authority:** Yes. The Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board funds USDA qualified programs in the State (2-3961). Currently, this is the American Dairy Association.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:
 - Seated Nebraska Dairy Industry Board Directors each January.
 - Elected and installed officers each January.
 - Approved Fee Collection and Administrative Services contracts each January.
 - Funded USDA Qualified Programs to promote dairy products and the dairy industry and to provide nutrition education throughout Nebraska and support the National Unified Marketing Plan.
 - Accepted reports from American Dairy Association of Nebraska, Dairy Council of Nebraska, and Nebraska Department of Agriculture regarding proper utilization of Nebraska dairy checkoff funds.
 - Appointed a committee to study representation of producers on the Board.
 - Worked with Department of Agriculture to change legislation to provide a more accurate representation of Nebraska dairy producers on the Board in the face of continued reduction in producer numbers.
 - Accepted reports of certified audits of American Dairy Association of Nebraska and Dairy Council of Nebraska.
 - Authorized and accepted audits of Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board by Auditor of Public Accounts.
 - Approved annual reports on activities of the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board.
 - Accepted and approved audits of first purchasers by Department of Agriculture to verify compliance with statute and standards for submission of dairy checkoff funds.

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General Information:

1. Formal Name: Mental Health Advisory Committee to the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH)
2. Purpose: The Mental Health Advisory Committee's purpose is to advise and make program to the NCDHH Mental Health Specialist in promoting accessible mental health and alcohol/drug abuse services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens in Nebraska
3. How many affectable: 5.4% of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing adult population with serious mental illness and 2.6% of Deaf and Hard of Hearing adult population with severe and persistent mental health problems. 5.4% of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth population with serious mental illness and 2.6% of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth with severe and persistent mental health problems
How many served: 124 in 2007
4. Year created: 1995 Year active: 1995 Sunset date: None
5. Contact person: Peggy Williams, Mental Health Specialist, 4600 Valley Road-Suite 420, Lincoln, NE 68510, Phone: 402-471-3593

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Reissue Revised Statue of Nebraska 71-4728, Section 5
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Executive Director
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: Three counselors familiar with mental health, alcoholism and drug abuse disorders in deaf and hard of hearing persons and two human service professionals
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Three years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotates depending on when the member is appointed
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4
FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4
FY 07-08: 4 Held: 2 Upcoming Meetings:
August 19, 2008
November 18, 2008

Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate:
14. FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0
15. Other funding sources: 0
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: Advisory in nature to the NCDHH Mental Health Specialists the NCDHH Mental Health Advisory Committee accomplished the following:
 1. Submitted a "Recommended Service Delivery Plan for the Lasting Hope Recovery Center In Treating Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumers and Their Families"
 2. Hosted the Emergency Responders and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community: Taking The First Steps to Disaster Preparedness in collaboration with the US Department of Homeland Security, Telecommunication for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, CSD of

Oklahoma, Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission Citizen Corps, and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

3. Established a series of Domestic Violence/Sexually Assault training programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population
4. Developed and designed a Peer Support Network consisting of Deaf and Hard of Hearing People and domestic violence/sexual assault agencies to promote and establish accessible domestic violence/sexual assault services and programs for the deaf and hard of hearing population
5. Identified a training need with the Health and Human Services Caseworkers statewide on “Barriers, Services Available and Psycho/Social Needs” in working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and adults.
6. In collaboration with Creighton University and the Trinity Healthforce Learning produced a video tape on “A NEW LOOK AT THE OLD Sensory Impairment in Older Adults: Hearing Loss” video tape for on-line nursing CEU’s.

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General Information:

1. Formal Name: Full Commission Members for the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
2. Purpose: The Agency's mission is: As a state agency, the Commission works cooperatively with people who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as the general public, to promote awareness of and to meet the identified needs of those with a hearing loss.
3. How many affectable: 10 % of the Nebraska's population = 175, 878
How many served: 38,437
4. Year created: 1979 Year active: 1980 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Tanya D. Wendel, Executive Director
NCDHH, 4600 Valley Rd., Ste. 420
Lincoln, NE 68510-4844
Phone: 402-471-3593
Email: tanya.wendel@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Revised Statutes 71-4721 – 71-4728
7. Parent agency: Appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes
Qualifications of members: Three deaf persons, three hard of hearing persons, and three persons who have an interest in and knowledge of deafness and hearing loss issues.
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Can serve two consecutive three-year terms
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4
FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4
FY 07-08: 4 Held: 3 * based on
calendar year

Operations

13. Support staff: Parent agency Shared or separate:
14. FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0

15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

2004 Accomplishments

- Developed a noise exposure campaign with a focus on agriculture addressing the issue of environmental noise and educating the public about hearing protection.
- Surveyed post-secondary institutions regarding the need to mentor novice interpreters.
- Reviewed and approved applications and provided technical assistance on the selection of equipment issued through the Nebraska Equipment Distribution Program in collaboration with the Public Service Commission.
- Licensing of Sign Language Interpreters-appointment of a board in July of 2003 to draft regulations licensing sign language interpreters.
- Held a forum to provide hands-on training to individuals interested in advanced technology available for persons with a hearing loss.
- Conducted meetings with a committee of individuals and organizations for the adoption of a law to alleviate the financial burden for individuals and families when faced with the purchase of a hearing aid.
- Formed a committee to address the issue of an after hours emergency interpreter service.
- Held an annual town hall meeting for consumers with the NCDHH commissioners.

2005 Accomplishments

- Highlighted “Noise Awareness Week” the last week in April and provided the general public with training seminars, hearing screenings and bookmarks.
- Brought in high-speed and Internet providers to conduct a hands-on training throughout the four regions in our state.
- Partnered with TechConnectors to provide an online search bank for assistive equipment for persons with disabilities. A grant was written to accomplish this activity.
- Video Remote Interpreting-A forum was held for companies and agency representatives to learn about video remote interpreting.
- Celebrated our 25th year of service by bringing in national and local speakers to discuss current trends and ways of bridging and enhancing communication. The theme was, “Cultural Diversity.”

2006 Accomplishments

- The Commission prepared and received a grant to hire a coordinator who oversees the mentorship activities. The project was established to

provide training to highly qualified Lead and Language Mentors who will mentor Novice Interpreters throughout the state.

- Emergency Preparedness Training-we were selected to be one of 14 states in the nation to receive emergency preparedness training conducted by the Emergency Management Association. 21 deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind leaders attended the training.
- Strategic Planning was done with stakeholders including a survey, interviews and meetings with Commissioners and staff. Performance measures were reviewed and revised and a long-range plan developed.

2007 Accomplishments

- Opening of a one-person office in the Panhandle occurred on 9/3/07 and the Commissioners traveled to that site for their quarterly meeting on September 7, 2007.
- The Commission received a grant to create a distribution program that provided fire alarms to persons with a hearing loss in Douglas and Sarpy counties. The program distributed and installed 73 visual or low frequency fire alarms to low-income residents.
- The Commission was able to attract the DeafNation, Expo to conduct their national exposition in Omaha on April of 2008. Only 14 cities are selected throughout the United States.
- A grant was received to create a web based Interpreter Referral Service allowing easy access to interpreters in a timely manner and reducing employee time spent on referrals.
- A 60-minute call-in program was aired through the Nebraska Educational Television on 6/21/07 discussing noise exposure hazards, as well as hearing loss and prevention strategies.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Dentistry**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927 Year active: 1927 Sunset date: N/A
 Contact person: Becky Wisell

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Board of Dentistry: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 10 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
 Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114
10. Per diem: \$30/day
 Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: 6 terms expire in 2009; 2 terms expire in 2010; 2 terms expire in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 5
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 4
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 3

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$64,223.77
 FY 06-07 budget: \$61,912.90
 FY 07-08 budget: \$49,039.48
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees.
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 provided recommendations for issuing the following licenses:

Dentists	284
Dental faculty licenses	9
Temporary dentists	1
Dental hygienists	292
General anesthesia permits	25
Parenteral sedation permits	15
Inhalation analgesia permits	251
Local anesthesia certifications	292
Public health dental hygiene authorizations	16

Published newsletters in September 2005, November 2006, and January 2008

Served as examiners for clinical licensure examinations

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: Each year the Committee advises the Division on various aspects of administration of services. Because the Committee has a diverse membership, including Individuals with a developmental disability, parents/family members of individuals with developmental disabilities, a member from a statewide advocate agency, and other interested persons or elected officials, their insight to the Division is invaluable.

In 2007 the Governor requested that the Advisory Committee appoint a subcommittee to take an active role in providing guidance to the Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC) during the review by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The subcommittee met several times, reviewed the plan of correction and discussed issues with BSDC and Division staff.

Also in 2007 the Committee broke up into three subcommittees to discuss the delivery of services, rights, and funding. These subcommittees work separately and with the larger Committee to bring issues forward and accomplish goals.

General Information

1. Formal name: Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution
2. Purpose: The council shall advise the director on the administration of the Dispute Resolution Act
3. How many affectable: All Nebraskans
How many served: All Nebraskans
4. Year created: 1991 Year active: 1991 Sunset date: None
5. Contact person:

Carl Eskridge, Chair Public Council/Ombudsman Office P.O. Box 94604 Lincoln, NE 68509 Phone: (402) 471-2035	OR	Debora Brownyard, Director Office of Dispute Resolution P. O. Box 98910 Lincoln, NE 68509-8910 Phone: (402) 471-2766
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Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes, §25-2905 to 25-2907
7. Parent agency: Supreme Court

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 11 voting and 2 ex-officio
Who appoints: Supreme Court or a designee
9. Legislative approval: No Qualifications: At least one District Court Judge, one County Judge, and one Nebraska State Bar Association member
10. Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement: Per Nebraska Revised Statutes, §81-1174 to 81-1177
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 05-06 - 4	Held - 4
FY 06-07 - 4	Held - 4
FY 07-08 - 4	Held - 4

Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate
14. FY 05-06 budget: None - Expenses Only
FY 06-07 budget: None - Expenses Only
FY 07-08 budget: None - Expenses Only
15. Other funding sources: Court fees
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. In past years, the Advisory Council for the Office of Dispute Resolution has been a major force in providing stability and leadership to the ever-growing and expanding field of ADR. They are a vital group of dedicated professionals who provide link to State Government.

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General Information

Formal name: The Donor Registry Advisory Board

Purpose: To advise and assist the federally designated procurement organization in Nebraska on matters relating to the Donor Registry of Nebraska, including; but not limited to:, a) evaluation of the donor registry system, b) consideration of processes and procedures to increase public awareness and use of the registry, and c) the development of protocols to ensure the security and integrity of the registry and the confidentiality of donor listed on the registry.

How many affectable: 1.5 million

How many served: 687,000

Year created: 2004

Year active: 2004

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: John Liakos

Mailing Address: Omaha, NE

Authorization

Authorization citation: 71-4822

Parent agency: none

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: eight

Who Appoints: statute

Legislative approval: none

Qualifications: The board is made up of one representative of each of the following organizations as prescribed by statute:

The Nebraska Organ and Tissue Donor Coalition

The Lion's Eye Bank of Nebraska

The National Kidney Foundation of Nebraska

The American Lung Association

The Nebraska Chapter of the American Heart Association

The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles

A representative of each transplant hospital in Nebraska

A representative of a Nebraska community hospital

Per Diem: none

Expense reimbursement: none

Term length: none

Terms rotate or expire at once: none

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: none Held: one

FY 06-07: none Held: none
FY 07-08: none Held: none

Operations

Support Staff: 0
Shared or separate: 0
FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0
Other funding sources: 0
Spending authority: 0

Accomplishments: Implemented the Organ Donor Registry which currently contains 687,000 names of donors.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Dry Bean Commission
2. Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission is to develop and participate in programs of research, education, advertising, publicity and promotion to increase bean consumption
3. How many affectable: approximately 3,000 growers, landlords and processors
How many served: same
4. Year created: 1987 Year active: 1987 Sunset date:
5. Contact person: Lynn Reuter, 4502 Ave. I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: LB 145, Section 2-3753
7. Parent agency:

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9
Who appoints: 7 appointed by Governor 2 Commission appointed
9. Legislative approval: no
Qualifications of members:
A citizen of Nebraska, at least 21 years of age, engaged in growing dry edible beans and derive a substantial portion of their income from dry beans, processors who have been in business for 3 year
10. Per diem: no Expense reimbursement:
11. Term length: 3 year terms, no more than 3 consecutive terms
Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate 3 year terms
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 4 Held: 5
FY 06-07: 4 Held: 5
FY 07-08: 4 Held: 5

Operations

13. Support staff: yes Shared or separate: separate
14. FY 05-06 budget: 247,028.18
FY 06-07 budget: 300,027.00
FY 07-08 budget: 306,502.00
15. Other funding sources:
16. Spending authority: 2-3763 Funds shall be expended for the administration of such act.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: Hosted, in conjunction with the US Dry Bean Council reverse trade mission from Japan, European Union and France with the goal of increasing international trade. Participated in two trade missions hosted by the Nebr. Department of Agriculture to Cuba. Created and distributed educational brochures on how to incorporate dry edible beans in a healthy life style. Teamed with the Nebr. Pork Producers to create the "New" Pork and Bean recipe challenge winning entries to be demonstrated at Nebraska State Fair at Ag Hall August 2008.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council

Purpose: Advise and assist the governor, the legislature and state agencies related to the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, and other early childhood care and education initiatives under state supervision.

How many affectable: over 100,000

How many served: over 80,000

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Terry Rohren, NDE

Authorization

Authorization citation: NE Rev Stat 43-3401-43-3403

Parent agency: DHHS and NDE

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 42

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Geographic and professional representation, as well as, parents of children with disabilities as specified in federal statutes for Interagency Coordinating Council.

Membership includes service providers, higher education, education, health and human services, homeless programs, child care administration, Head Start representatives, child care providers, public school representatives and educational service units.

Per Diem: No, except parents of children with disabilities

Expense reimbursement: \$75.00 per day for parents only

Term length: three years

Terms rotate or expire at once: terms rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: CCDF, IDEA Part C, HSSCO funds

Spending authority: No spending authority

Accomplishments: Compiled and submitted report to the Governor on the status of early childhood care and education for 2004 and 2006. Managed four working groups the Financing Task Force, the Gaps and Barriers Standing Committee, the Legislative and Communications Standing Committee, and the time limited transportation task force. Established the Family Leadership team of the Council. Conducted the Economic Impact Study on Early Care and Education and provided the findings to the Council. Recommended changes to HHS regarding child care licensing regulations. Served as the advisory body for the Together for Kids and Families Strategic Plan. Reviewed Part C IDEA annual performance reports and plans for each year. Developed Council priority areas around Positive Behavior intervention Support efforts in Nebraska. Provided recommendations to state agency around proposed Medicaid Premiums. Held two listening sessions around the state to get information from local providers, families, and educators regarding gaps and barriers in services in their area and what system changes could help them. Minutes of the committee meetings and copies of reports can be found at the ECICC website: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ecicc/>

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Economic Development Commission

Purpose: The purpose of the department and the commission shall be to maintain and develop the economy of the state to provide opportunities for the people which will enhance and expand the quality of their lives. The department and the commission shall promote the:

- (1) Expansion of personal income through the development of business and employment opportunities which afford sufficient compensation to ensure an adequate standard of living for the people of the state;
- (2) Development of an economy that contributes to and enhances the environmental quality of the state;
- (3) Development of a stable economy within the state;
- (4) Development of economic health and opportunities throughout the communities and counties of the state;
- (5) Development of an economy which is capable of providing the necessary revenue for state government, local governments, and other political subdivisions of the state and in this way minimize the tax burden faced by all taxpayers of the state; and
- (6) Structuring of the department and its staff as a nonpolitical, professionally managed division of state government.

How many affectable: NA

How many served: NA

Year created: 1986

Year active: 1986

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Richard Baier, Director of the Department of Economic Development

Mailing Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402.471.3111

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-1201.02

Parent agency: Department of Economic Development

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: no

Qualifications: Each congressional district is represented by 3 members. Individuals must be appointed from the following private industry sectors: Production agriculture, (2) from manufacturing one of which must be from a company with not more than 75 employees, Transportation and Logistics, Travel and Tourism, Financial services and insurance, Information Technology and communications, and Biotechnology. No more than five voting members of the commission shall be from the same political party.

Per Diem: no
Expense reimbursement: yes
Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings
FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4
FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4
FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: no
Shared or separate: Shared
FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The Economic Development Commission helped development policy that led to LB 312 (the Nebraska Advantage Act), eliminate NICA (board) and has played an ongoing role in determining ways to improve efficiency at the Department.

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General Information

- 1. Formal Name: Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board
- 2. Purpose To: Assist the Governor in developing estimates of revenue pursuant to section 81-125 and the Legislature in setting the rates of the income tax and sales tax pursuant to section 77-2715.01
- 3. How many affectable How many served Governor and Legislature
- 4. Year created 1984 Year active 1985 Sunset date NA
- 5. Contact person: Douglas Ewald, Tax Commissioner / Michael Calvert, Legislative Fiscal Office

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation ... Section 77-27,156 Nebraska Revised Statutes
- 7. Parent agency NE Department of Revenue / Legislative Fiscal Office

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members 9 Who appoints 4- Governor, 5 Legislature
- 9. Legislative approval NA Qualifications: Each member of the board shall have demonstrated expertise in the field of tax policy, economics, or economic forecasting.
- 10. Per diem No Expense reimbursement Yes
- 11. Term length 4 years Terms rotate or expire at once Rotate, Governor's and Legislature's appointees every two years
- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06 2 Held 2 FY 06-07 3 Held 3 FY 07-08 2 Held 2

Operations

- 13. Support staff yes Shared or separate Shared Fiscal Office and Department of Revenue
- 14. FY 04-05 budget \$0 FY 05-06 budget \$0 FY 06-07 budget \$0 FY 07-08 budget \$0
- 15. Other funding sources No
- 16. Spending authority No

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2004... Provided revenue forecasts for use in budget process for 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 sessions of the Nebraska Legislature.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: State Board of Education

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

How many affectable: all Nebraska schools

How many served: all Nebraska schools

Year created: 1953

Year active: 1955

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Ann Masters

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94987

Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-4816

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Constitution Article VII

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Board members are elected by districts

Legislative approval: not required

Qualifications: Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-313: No person shall be eligible to membership on the State Board of Education (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 the board or commission is limited to an advisory capacity, or a candidate for any state office, or board or commission unless the board or commission is limited to an advisory capacity, or (3) unless he or she is a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state for a period of at least six months, and a resident of the district from which he or she is elected for a period of at least six months immediately preceding his or her election.

Per Diem: no

Expense reimbursement: actual and essential expenses

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 12

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 13

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 12

Operations

Support Staff: 0

Shared or separate: Provided by NDE as needed.

FY 05-06 budget: \$59,215

FY 06-07 budget: \$64,000

FY 07-08 budget: \$82,908

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-319(5)

Accomplishments: Selected accomplishments. Full list available in the meeting minutes.

1. Approved the revision of the standard on Reading and Writing Teaching Competencies and placed them in the revision of Rule 20 (92 NAC 20) Regulations for the Approval of Teacher Education Programs.
2. Approved the revision of the Superintendent's endorsement to include competencies in developing and administering policies that promote student health and services in a safe and secure environment.
3. Established a Statewide Advisory Committee on Anti-Bullying.
4. Approved an anaphylactic protocol for future implementation and possible rule development.
5. Revised Rule 89 (92 NAC 89) Regulations and Procedures for the Education Innovation Fund program to incorporate policies and procedures for the Distance Education Network Completion grant. Implemented Rule 11 (92 NAC 11) Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs which completed the process for implementation of LB 759.
6. Approved organizational policies and appointments to the Civics Nebraska Partnership Advisory Council.
7. Approved public engagement study to be conducted in the Omaha Metro Area by the Public Agenda Organization.
8. Authorized the Early Childhood Training Center to conduct focus groups for the development of Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals.
9. Approved an endowment provider for the Nebraska Early Childhood Endowment.
10. Selected a search firm to conduct a search for Commissioner of Education.
11. Approved an implementation plan for LB 1157.
12. Approved a resolution supporting racial, ethnic and gender diversity in state and local educational institutions.
13. Adopted a resolution to oppose the State Spending Lid Constitutional Amendment.
14. Approved a policy position on drug, alcohol, tobacco prevention/intervention.
15. Approved Educational Service Unit boundary changes based on LB 603.
16. Approved Rule 10, Regulations and procedures for the Accreditation of Schools to extend to September 1, 2010 the due date for guidance counselors and media specialists to acquire an endorsement.
17. Approved a contract with McREL to assist with development and to conduct a pilot leadership development program for the Nebraska Department of Education.
18. Met with policy partners--Board of Regents and Education Quest, the Nebraska State Activities Association, and the Coordinating Commissioner for Postsecondary Education.

19. Approved contract to support and co-sponsor a statewide Hispanic/Latino Summit with the Nebraska Mexican American Commission. 20. Reaffirmed the board's support for the essential education document including continual revision and updating.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Educational Finance Authority (NEFA)

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

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1981

Year active: 1981

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Linda Beaver, Executive Director

Authorization

Authorization citation: Sections 8501701 to 85-1763

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

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

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 4 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 3

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: 257,810.00

FY 06-07 budget: 263,552.36

FY 07-08 budget: 263,991.10

Other funding sources: Yes - all of NEFA's revenue comes from fees charge

Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments: Successfully issued first Revenue Anticipation Notes in 2006 and every year since. Completed 20 issuances totaling \$172,223,000.00

General Information

1. **Formal Name** Board of Educational Lands and Funds
2. **Purpose** The Board of Educational Lands and Funds is the Constitutionally established Trustee of Nebraska's School Trust Lands. The Board has a mandatory fiduciary duty to maximize the income from, and preserve the value of, Nebraska's K-12 School Trust Land. The primary duty of the Board is to manage the nearly 1.303 million acres of land now held in Trust for Nebraska's K-12 public schools and in fulfilling this duty the Board serves as both land owner and land manager. In its capacity as land owner, the Board makes expenditures for maintenance, conservation and improvement of the land under its care and a substantial portion of its budget each year is dedicated to these purposes. In its capacity as land manager, the Board issues and services both surface leases, primarily for agricultural uses, and subsurface leases permitting exploration for and extraction of oil and gas, minerals and other natural resources. The Board currently establishes and collects rentals on, issues and manages approximately 3,400 leases. Sales and trades of School Trust Land are also discretionary with the Board.
3. **How many affectable** All beneficiaries of the School Trust.
4. **Year created** 1936 **Year active** 1939 **Sunset date** Not Applicable
5. **Contact person** Executive Secretary and CEO. Board of Educational Lands and Funds, 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68505-2353, (402) 471-2014 or belf.office@nebraska.gov
Website: www.belf.state.ne.us

Authorization

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

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members** 5 **Who appoints** Governor
9. **Legislative approval** Yes **Qualifications** The Board consists of five members, four from Nebraska's congressional districts as they existed on January 1, 1961, and one at large. See Section 72-201.
10. **Per diem** \$40 for each day actually engaged in performing the duties of their office.
Expense reimbursement Yes
11. **Term length** 5 years
Terms rotate or expire at once Terms rotate one each year.

12. Number of meetings required in	FY 04-05	12	Held	12
	FY 05-06	12	Held	12
	FY 06-07	12	Held	12
	FY 07-08	12	Held	12

Operations

13. Support staff	Yes	Shared or separate	Separate
14. FY 04-05 budget	\$3,301,355	Expended	\$7,976,774
Plus R.E. Taxes	\$5,900,000	(including R.E. Taxes)	
FY 05-06 budget	\$3,401,845	Expended	\$8,216,748
Plus R.E. Taxes	\$6,250,000	(including R.E. Taxes)	
FY 06-07 budget	\$3,508,756	Expended	\$8,546,947
Plus R.E. Taxes	\$6,600,000	(including R.E. Taxes)	
FY 07-08 budget	\$3,597,527	Expended	\$8,943,047
Plus R.E. Taxes	\$6,750,000	(including R.E. Taxes)	

15. Other funding sources None.

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

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 The Board manages approximately 1.303 million acres of land held in Trust for Nebraska's K-12 public schools which had a total market value of \$663 million as of June 30, 2008. Rental established by the Board was \$21.9 million for 1.340 million acres effective January 1, 2007, and \$23.5 million for 1.312 million acres effective January 1, 2008. In addition, the Board sold 66,833 acres of K-12 Educational Trust Lands for deed, for total sale proceeds of \$21,798,318 from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008.

Effective January 1, 2001, certain leased public property became taxable to the leaseholder (lessee) as if it were owned by the lessee. The Board has chosen to voluntarily pay these taxes and collect them from the lessees as part of the rent. Also effective as of January 1, 2001, the in lieu of tax payments which have been distributed for many years, to prevent revenue losses to the districts in which School Trust Land is located, are now made only with respect to those parcels which are tax exempt.

2008 Boards and Commissions

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commissio

Purpose:

Promoting and establishing noncommercial educational telecommunications facilities within the State of Nebraska; providing noncommercial educational telecommunications programs throughout the State of Nebraska by standard broadcast, by closed-circuit transmission, or by other telecommunicatiosn technology distribution systems, and operating statewide educational and public radio and television networks and services.

How many affectable: all Nebraskans

How many served: all Nebraskans

Year Created: 9/4/1963

Year Active: 10/19/1963

Sunset Date: NA

Contact Person: Rod Bates, General Manager

Mailing Address:

1800 No. 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

Phone Number: 402.472.9333, ext 310

Authorization

Authorization citation: 79-1313 thru 79-1327

Parent agency: State of Nebraska

Memberships and Meetings

Number of members 11

Who Appoints: 9 by Governor

Legislative Approval Yes

Qualifications:

1) The Commissioner of Education or his/her designee
 1) The president of the University of Nebraska or his/her designee
 9 appointed by the Governor: 2 from Congressional District 1, 2 from Congressional District 2, 2 from Congressional District 3; 1 representative of the State Colleges; 1 Representative of Community Colleges; and, 1 Representative of private educational institutions.

Per Diem: no
 Expense reimbursement: yes
 Term Length: 4 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of Meetings required in:

FY 05-06	8	Held	8
FY 06-07	8	Held	8
FY 07-08	7	Held	7

Operation

Support Staff: yes
 Shared or Separate: separate
 FY 05-06 budget: \$9,389,729
 FY 06-07 budget: \$9,773,763
 FY 07-08 budget: \$9,937,163
 Other funding sources: None
 Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments Since July 1, 2004

See Attached.

2004

NET celebrated its 50-year anniversary (KUON-TV Channel 12 was launched November 1, 1954).

The broadcast day was reduced by one hour on the Nebraska ETV Network – to 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. – as a result of budget constraints.

The Nebraska ETV Network produced local documentaries “Solomon Butcher: Frontier Photographer;” “Hear That Train A Comin’” and the “Lewis and Clark Concerto.”

The NETV documentary “Emma Goldman: An Exceedingly Dangerous Woman” premiered nationally as part of the PBS series “American Experience.”

The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission received two grants totaling \$272,440 to replace one transmitter and five translators in the statewide Nebraska ETV Network system.

NETV’s “NOVA: Ancient Refuge in the Holy Land” premiered nationally on PBS.

2005

The Nebraska Public Radio Network (NPRN) and the Nebraska ETV Network (NETV) were renamed NET Radio and NET Television. Nebraskans for Public Television (NPTV) and the Public Radio Nebraska Foundation (PRNF) were renamed the NET Foundation for Television and the NET Foundation for Radio.

NET Radio premiered “Fresh Air,” the Peabody Award-winning daily magazine series hosted by Terry Gross.

NET Television produced local documentaries “Frontier University Dreams,” “Omaha’s First Families,” “Ted Kooser’s Poetic World” and “Charles Thone: A Conversation.”

NET completed its \$15 million building renovation.

“The Verge,” a new “crossover classical” music program, premiered on NET Radio.

A four-year contract with NET Learning Services and the Nebraska National Guard was completed, resulting in a total of 70 online courses created for “Project Alert.”

NET Television’s “Willa Cather – The Road is All” premiered nationally on PBS as part of the “American Masters” series.

The 1,065-foot tower that provided television and radio service to south central Nebraska (NET Television KLNE Channel 3 and NET Radio Channel 88.7 FM) was destroyed when a single-engine airplane crashed into the tower.

NET Sports delivered live coverage of Nebraska’s NCAA Volleyball Tournament from the UNL Coliseum.

2006

NET Television’s “The Canteen Spirit” premiered nationally on PBS.

NET Television’s “Buffett & Gates Go Back to School” aired nationally on PBS.

NET Television produced local documentaries “Don’t Touch That Dial” and “The Creightons: Building the Dream.”

NET3 was re-launched as “Create,” a 24-hour-a-day how-to, travel and lifestyle channel.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved the sale of the University’s share of “Reading Rainbow” to WNED in Buffalo, N.Y. The Board also approved the sale of GPN to Educate, Inc. Together the sales totaled \$3.5 million.

NET Radio’s weekly arts and humanities series “Live From The Mill Statewide” was renamed “Friday Live.”

NET began podcasting select NET Radio programs.

NET Radio launched three new national programs: “Only a Game,” “Weekend America” and “Speaking of Faith.”

NET Television and the University of Nebraska State Museum were awarded a \$1,168,014 grant from the National Science Foundation to produce “Antarctica’s Icy Secrets” as part of PBS’ “NOVA” series and for related community outreach activities.

2007

NET Television's documentaries "At Close Range with National Geographic" and "Most Honorable Son" aired nationally on PBS.

NET Television premiered local documentaries "Hard Times Swing," "Afghan Journey," "On the Frontline," "The Price of Water," "Saving Nebraska's Treasures," "Murder House," "Nebraska Veterans Honor Roll," "Dream Like a Champion," "State of the Arts: A Nebraska Connects Special," "Fighting for the Arts" and "Crane Song" ("Crane Song" later aired nationally on PBS). NET Television and NET Radio aired "Meth in Nebraska," a television documentary and series of radio reports.

NET Television and NET Radio presented special reports, plus a call-in and documentary program, "Drowning in Noise: A Nebraska Connects Special," exploring the problem of noise-induced hearing loss.

NET Radio produced and aired the following local series/specials: "Great Plains, Great Books;" feature stories about Nebraska World War II veterans to complement PBS' Ken Burns' "The War" and the "Live Jazz Special with the Darryl White Group," performed and broadcast live across the state.

NET completed construction of the KLNE tower near Holdrege, replacing the transmission tower that was destroyed in a November 2005 aviation accident.

NET reached more audiences nationally and globally by posting video spots of programs like "At Close Range," "Crane Song," "Murder House" and local sports broadcasts on YouTube and GoogleTV.

2008

NET Television began airing the PBS World channel on NET2, featuring documentaries, public affairs (including live coverage of the Nebraska Legislature) and news programs.

NET Television premiered the local documentaries "Beef State," as well as "'68: The Year Nebraska Mattered;" "Nebraska's Senate Race: The Primary" and "Electing a President: Nebraska Voter Diaries" as part of NET Television's "Campaign Connection."

NET received four grants totaling nearly \$100,000 to support outreach and community engagement, including activities related to the national broadcasts "Caring for Your Parents," "Depression: Out of the Darkness" and "The Truth About Cancer" and the local special "Smart Investing: A Nebraska Connects Project."

Broadcast hours on NET Television were restored to operate 6 a.m. to midnight (broadcast hours had been reduced one hour in 2004 as a result of budget cuts).

The "Inspire Nebraska" theme line was incorporated in the NET logo in print and on-air media to precede the launch of the Foundations' Inspire Nebraska Campaign.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska State Electrical Board

Purpose: To adopt, promulgate, and revise Rules & Regulations necessary to enable it to carry into effect the State Electrical Act & Board Rules. The Board monitors electrical wiring standards to protect public safety, health, and property.

How many affectable: All Nebraskans

How many served: 9565 electricians and the public

Year created: 1975

Year active: 1976

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: Randy Anderson, 800 S 13th Street, Lincoln, NE.

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-2103

Parent agency: N/A Independent Agency

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: One of such members shall be a journeyman electrician, one shall be an electrical contractor, one shall be a certified electrical inspector, one shall be professional engineer, one shall be a representative of a public power district or rural electric cooperation in the state, one shall be a representative of the municipal electrical systems in the state, and one shall be a member of any such groups.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 6 Held: 12

FY 06-07: 6 Held: 12

FY 07-08: 6 Held: 11

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$1,509,590.00

FY 06-07 budget: \$1,648,540.00

FY 07-08 budget: \$1,550,316.00

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: 81-2104(2)(3)

Accomplishments: 1. Updated computer system and laptops to get information to inspectors ASAP. (this keeps the inspectors up to date on jobs in each district) 2. Created an online electrical permit application to be more efficient, user friendly, and convenient. 3. Updated agreements with the Multi-State Reciprocal Licensing group. (a 14 member state organization to aid electricians in reciprocal licensing) 4. Realigned electrical inspection districts to better serve the citizens of Nebraska. 5. Updated the online electrical license renewal application. 6. Added a Staff Assistant in the Lincoln office to speed up the turnaround time of the high volume of license and electrical permit applications. 7. Changed the electrical exam format to speed up the processing of test scores to better serve the 9565 electricians and 600 exam applicants in the state. 8. Began moving existing files into an electronic format for ease of internal filing and locating information in the future.

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General Information

- 1. Formal Name: NEBRASKA ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY
2. Purpose: TO ASSIST PRIVATE, NONPROFIT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OBTAIN LOW-COST FINANCING FOR ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING OF NEEDED EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND TO REFINANCE INDEBTEDNESS FOR SAME
3. How many affectable: ALL PRIVATE, NONPROFIT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN STATE
4. Year created: 1997 Year active: 1997 Sunset date: PERPETUAL
5. Contact person: LINDA G. PARKER, GILMORE & BELL, P.C., LINCOLN, NE 402-474-5000

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation: SECTIONS 79-1801 TO 79-1852 NEBRASKA REISSUE REVISED STATUTES
7. Parent agency: NONE

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: FIVE
Who appoints: GOVERNOR
9. Legislative approval:
Qualifications of members: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MUST REPRESENT BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES, BE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE AND HAVE INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
10. Per diem: N/A Expense reimbursement: OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES, I.E., MILEAGE
11. Term length: FOUR YEARS
Terms rotate or expire at once: STAGGERED EXPIRATION OF TERMS
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: -0- Held: SIX
FY 06-07: -0- Held: SEVEN
FY 07-08: -0- Held: ONE

Operations

- 13. Support staff: -0- Shared or separate: -0-
14. FY 05-06 budget: -0-
FY 06-07 budget: -0-
FY 07-08 budget: -0-
15. Other funding sources: ISSUER FEE UPON ISSUANCE OF BONDS
16. Spending authority: NONE

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2004: THE AUTHORITY HAS ISSUED BONDS TO FINANCE OR REFINANCE PROJECTS FOR TWENTY PRIVATE, NONPROFIT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Emergency Medical Services**
2. Purpose: In addition to any other responsibilities prescribed by the Emergency Medical Services Act, the board shall:
 - (1) Promote the dissemination of public information and education programs to inform the public about out-of-hospital emergency medical care and other out-of-hospital medical information, including appropriate methods of medical self-help, first aid, and the availability of out-of-hospital emergency medical services training programs in the state;
 - (2) Provide for the collection of information for evaluation of the availability and quality of out-of-hospital emergency medical care, evaluate the availability and quality of out-of-hospital emergency medical care, and serve as a focal point for discussion of the provision of out-of-hospital emergency medical care;
 - (3) Review and comment on all state agency proposals and applications that seek funding for out-of-hospital emergency medical care;
 - (4) Establish model procedures for patient management in out-of-hospital medical emergencies that do not limit the authority of law enforcement and fire protection personnel to manage the scene during an out-of-hospital medical emergency;
 - (5) Not less than once each five years, undertake a review and evaluation of the act and its implementation together with a review of the out-of-hospital emergency medical care needs of the citizens of the State of Nebraska and report to the Legislature any recommendations which it may have; and
 - (6) Identify communication needs of emergency medical services and make recommendations for development of a communications plan for a communications network for out-of-hospital emergency care providers and emergency medical services..
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1997 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
 Contact person: Diane Hansmeyer

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-5176
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 17 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes
 Qualifications: 71-5176
10. Per diem: \$0
 Expense reimbursement: Members of the board shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177
11. Term length: 3 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expired in 2007; 5 terms expire in 2008; 6 terms expire in 2009; 5 terms expire in 2010.
12. Number of meetings required in
 FY 05-06: no requirement Held: 7
 FY 06-07: Held: 6
 FY 07-08: Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$122,359
 FY 06-07 budget: \$141,276
 FY 07-08 budget: \$125,734
15. Other funding sources: Funded by General Funds and Cash Funds
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:
- Recommendations for licensure and certification on 3,161 applications.
 - Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions.
 - Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions –
 - Developed Board opinions on emergency medical practice issues
 - Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.
 - Served as examiners for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' Advanced Practical Examination.
 - Held hearings related to reinstatements following discipline.
 - Developed and revised model procedures for patient management in out of hospital emergency medical care.
 - Held meetings to obtain information regarding the provision of out-of-hospital emergency care in Nebraska for the purpose of evaluating the availability and quality of out-of-hospital emergency care.
 - Held meetings across the State of Nebraska to provide education about out-of-hospital emergency care
 - Reported to the legislature in 2004, the Board's findings regarding the emergency care needs of the citizens of Nebraska.

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General Information

- 1. Formal Name: State Employment Security Law Advisory Council
- 2. Purpose: Advise the Commissioner of Labor on topics relating to unemployment insurance and employment services.
- 3. How many affectable: Nebraska's entire workforce
- How many served:
- 4. Year created: 1937 Year active: meet annually Sunset date: n/a
- 5. Contact person: Fernando Lecuona, III, Commissioner

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-610
- 7. Parent agency: Nebraska Workforce Development, Department of Labor

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: 6
- Who appoints: Commissioner of Labor
- 9. Legislative approval: no
- Qualifications of members: Two persons from each sector of state (business, labor and public). They are to represent their specific area of the community.
- 10. Per diem: \$40.00 Expense reimbursement: travel costs
- 11. Term length: 4 years
- Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate every 4 years
- 12. Number of meetings required in

FY 05-06.....	one	Held	one
FY 06-07.....	one	Held	one
FY 07-08.....	one	Held	one

Operations

- 13. Support staff: Shared or separate: shared
- 14. FY 05-06 budget:
- FY 06-07 budget:
- FY 07-08 budget:
- 15. Other funding sources:
- 16. Spending authority:

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2004: met to review combined tax rate schedule and other UI Trust Fund issues.

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General Information

Formal name: Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA)

Purpose: The NBEA is the leader in safeguarding the life, health, property and the public welfare of the people of Nebraska with respect to the practice of engineering and architecture. The mission of the NBEA is to: 1. Assure that the qualifications of those who practice engineering and architecture qualifies them to serve the public, 2. ensures the enforcement of Nebraska statutes through education and enforcement, and 3. provides quality and responsive regulatory services.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1937

Year active: N/A

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Melinda Pearson, Ex Director, PO Box 95165, Lincoln NE

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebr Rev Stat Section 81-3401 to 81-3455

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Four licensed professional engineers (one an educational member), three licensed architects (one an educational member) and one public member.

Per Diem: \$60.00

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Five years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 12

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 11

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 10

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$653,639

FY 06-07 budget: \$738,235

FY 07-08 budget: \$729,235

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes, the NBEA allocates funds

Accomplishments: The NBEA updated its 2008/09 strategic plan on May 29, 2008 to reflect anticipated projects to reflect its mission in the next year. In response to the 2007/08 strategic plan, legislative testimony was provided on engineering education, design build construction and certification of other professions; provided continuing education for licensees and hosted a national meeting in Omaha; implemented a process for Structural Engineers to be licensed by equivalency; and provided liaison activities with national registration boards for both engineers and architects.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Environmental Quality Council.....
2. Purpose:Adopt standards, rules and regulations administered by the
.....Department of Environmental Quality.....
3. How many affectable: .Not applicable How many served: .Not Applicable.....
4. Year created: .1971.....Year active: .1971.....Sunset date:
.None.....
5. Contact person: Thomas R. Lamberson.....
.....Department of Environmental Quality.....
.....PO Box 98922.....
.....Lincoln, NE 68509-8922.....
.....(402) 471-4235.....

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: .Nebraska Revised Statute 81-1503.....
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.....

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of Members: ...17.....Who Appoints: Governor.....
9. Legislative Approval:Yes.....

Qualifications: 17 members represent specific interest areas identified in Nebraska Revised Statute 81-1503.
10. Per Diem: ..\$40.....Expense reimbursement: Yes, for actual and necessary
.....expenses.....
11. Term Length.....4 years.....Terms rotate or expire at once:Rotate....
12. Number of Meetings Required in: FY 05-06: 4.....Held: 4.....
FY 06-07: 4.....Held: 3.....
FY 07-08: 4.....Held: 4.....

	Title 130 – Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Livestock Waste Control – Approved as Amended
September 8, 2006	Title 129 – Air Quality Regulations – Approved as Amended (AG Returned Unapproved)
December 1, 2006	Title 124 – Rules and Regulations for the Design, Operation and Maintenance of On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems – Approved as Amended
March 2, 2007	Title 128 – Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations – Approved as Amended
June 14, 2007	EQC meeting postponed to August 17, 2007
August 17, 2007	Title 129 – Nebraska Air Quality Regulations – Approved as Amended
	Title 124 – Rules and Regulations for the Design, Operation & Maintenance of On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems – Approved as Amended
	Title 130 – Rules & Regulations Pertaining to Livestock Waste Control – Approved as Amended
	Title 129 – Nebraska Air Quality Regulations Mercury Rules – Approved as Amended
	FY 2008 Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan and Project Priority Lists - Approved
December 7, 2008	Title 123 – Rules and Regulations for the Design, Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Works – Approved as Amended
	Title 129 – Nebraska Air Quality Regulations – Approved as Amended
	Title 132 – Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations – Approved as amended
	Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program 2008 Funding Percentage Allocation – Approved
March 13, 2008	Business Meeting – No action taken
June 30, 2008	Business Meeting – No action taken due to lack of quorum

Operations

13. Support staff:....No.....Shared: Nebraska Department of Environmental
Quality.....
- 14: FY 05-06 Budget: \$0.....
 FY 06-07 Budget: \$0.....
 FY 07-08 Budget: \$0.....
- 15: Other Funding Sources: None.....
16. Spending authority: No.....

Accomplishments

17. Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2005: See the following information:

EQC Actions for Fiscal Years 2005-2008.

Council Meeting Date	Regulation Action
September 8-9, 2005	Title 123 – Rules and Regulations for Design, Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Works—Approved as Amended (AG returned unapproved)
	Title 129 – Air Quality Regulations – Approved as Amended
	Title 132 – Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations – Approved as Amended
	Title 197 – Rules and Regulations for the Certification of Wastewater Treatment Operators in Nebraska – Approved as Amended
December 2, 2005	Title 117 – Nebraska Surface Water Quality Standards – Approved as Amended
	Title 118 – Ground Water Quality Standards and Use Classification – Approved as Amended
March 3, 2006	Title 123 – Rules and Regulations for Design, Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Works – Approved as Amended
June 9, 2006	Title 128 – Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations – Approved as Amended
	Title 129 – Air Quality Regulations – Approved as Amended

July 1, 2008	Title 114 – Landfill Closure Assistance Fund (Repeal) – Approved as amended
	Title 200 – Rules and Regulations for Petroleum Release Remedial Action Reimbursement Fund – Approved as Amended
	Title 129 – Nebraska Air Quality Regulations – Approved as Amended
	Proposed FY 2009 Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Project Priority Lists for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds – Approved

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Environmental Trust

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

How many affectable: All Nebraska Citizens and Visitors

How many served: All Nebraska Citizens and Visitors

Year created: 1992

Year active: 1993

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Contact Person: Mark A. Brohman, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 700 S. 16th Street, P.O. Box 94913, Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

Phone number: 402-471-5409

Authorization

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

Parent agency: Not Applicable

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 14

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: The board consists of the Director of Environmental Quality, the Director of Regulation and Licensure, the Director of Natural Resources, the Director of Agriculture, the secretary of the Game and Parks Commission, and nine citizens appointed by the Governor with the approval of a majority of the Legislature. The citizen members shall represent the general public and shall have demonstrated competence, experience, and interest in the environment of the state. Two of the citizen appointees shall also have experience with private financing of public-purpose projects. Three citizen appointees shall be chosen from each of the three congressional districts.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 6 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms Rotate, Two Expire Every Two Years

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$8,774,859

FY 06-07 budget: \$7,972,545

FY 07-08 budget: \$7,767,682

Other funding sources: State Lottery Operation Trust Fund Spending authority: Yes, the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

Accomplishments: The Trust has provided more than \$40 million since 2004 for projects involving wildlife and habitat; surface and ground water; recycling and municipal waste management; air quality; and soil management. The Trust has provided more than \$127 million to 1135 projects for Nebraska's environment and natural resources since its inception in 1992.

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission.
2. Purpose: The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC) is a quasi-judicial, administrative agency of the State of Nebraska created by state law for the purpose of receiving, investigating, rendering formal determinations on, and conciliating charges of unlawful discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations. The NEOC provides information and assistance in matters of civil rights law compliance to citizens and organizations upon request.
3. How many affectable: Entire State of Nebraska population.
How many served: Approximately 9,500
4. Year created: 1965
Year active: 1965
Sunset date: None
5. Contact person Anne Hobbs, Executive Director,
NEOC, P.O. Box 94934, Lincoln, Nebraska; 402-471-2024

Authorization

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

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7 commissioners
Who appoints: The Governor.
9. Legislative approval required: No
Qualifications of members: Determined by the Governor's Office.
10. Per diem: \$50/day Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length 3 years Terms rotate or expire at once Terms rotate
12. Number of meetings required in:

FY 05-06	N/A.	Held	12
FY 06-07	N/A	Held	12
FY 07-08	N/A	Held	16

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

Operations - Full Budget for Commission (includes Commissioner expenses)

13. Support staff: No individual support staff. Shared with enforcement program...

14. FY 05-06 budget: \$ 1,276,035 General funds + \$ 638,268 Federal Funds.
 FY 06-07 budget: \$ 1,291,701 General funds + \$ 1,373,917 Federal Funds
 FY 07-08 budget: \$ 1,384,587 General funds + \$ 697,763 Federal Funds

15. Other funding sources include federal contracts from: the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

16. Spending authority: Section 48-1116 of the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act gives the NEOC spending authority. The commissioner's approve the budget request and allocation of the funds appropriated by the legislature.

Accomplishments

17. Although the day-to-day work of the agency is to take and investigate allegations of discrimination; education and outreach are equally important aspects of our mission. Annually, the agency reaches roughly 4,500 people through outreach and an additional 4,000 who contact our offices for questions or allegations regarding treatment they have received.

The agency has also reduced its backlog of investigations from 15 months to roughly 6-7 months by introducing a team approach, called "focusing a case." The agency has revised statutes the Nebraska Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) to be more consistent with the federal law; and promulgated rules and regulations for the Nebraska Fair Housing.

Finally, since July 2004, the NEOC has conducted over 330 outreach activities. These include multiple training sessions with Nebraska REALTORS, employers, and multiple conferences and presentations. All of these could not be listed below, however a sampling is listed below.

NEOC Training and Outreach Conducted 2004 to 2008					
Date of Request	Contact Person	Organization	Activity requested	Number of actual participants	Activity County
8/1/2005	Oscar Harriott	MLK State Celebration	Assist with coordinating	250	Lancaster
10/15/2005	Chris Hedican	Baird Holm	Employment and Fair Housing Presentation	500	Douglas
12/1/2005	Judi gaiashkibos	NE Commission on Indian Affairs	Attend the Standing Bear Commemoration	350	Lancaster
12/14/2005	Crystal Edwards	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Presentation re: discrimination and diversity to 2 classes	100	Lancaster

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NEOC Training and Outreach Conducted 2004 to 2008

Date of Request	Contact Person	Organization	Activity requested	Number of actual participants	Activity County
1/1/2006	B. Ramirez	NEOC	New Immigrant Orientation Conference	160	Statewide
1/9/2006	Thomas P. McNally	Property Owners Association	Attend Meeting and announce NEOC as a technical assistance	100	Douglas
1/12/2006	Diana Castillo	Hispanos Unidos – LJS	Newspaper interview	100	Lancaster
1/19/2006	Melanie	Friendship Program, Inc.	Presentation for employees of non-profit agency	70	Douglas
2/3/2006	Liz Bruce	Lincoln REALTORS	Keynote speaker "Fair Housing. It's Not an Option. It's the Law," at the Annual Lincoln REALTORS Brunch	125	Lancaster
2/9/2006	Sandi Moody	LCHR	Display Booth	100	Lancaster
2/12/2006	Mark R. Claussen	Read Aloud Norfolk	2006 Children's Day Festival "Reading Around the World"	300	Madison
2/15/2006	Mauel Mendez	El Perico	Interview	100	Lancaster
4/6/2006	Yuriko Doku	Office of Latino/Latin American Studies	Interview	100	Douglas
4/6/2006	Mauricio Ramirez	University of Nebraska-Lincoln		500	Lancaster
4/19/2006	Susan Mayberger	Omaha Public Schools	Set up a booth	300	Douglas
5/24/2006	Rosie Tingpalpong	Heartland Latino Leadership Conference	Employment presentation (breakout session)	60	Douglas
5/30/2006	Shirley Niemeyer	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Observer - Rent Wise Training	100	Lancaster

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NEOC Training and Outreach Conducted 2004 to 2008					
Date of Request	Contact Person	Organization	Activity requested	Number of actual participants	Activity County
		Extension			
6/14/2006	Dave Schroeder	KRVN Radio	Radio Interview	100	Dawson
9/13/2006	Carmela Sanchez de Jimenez	El Centro de las Americas		125	Lancaster
10/1/2006	Oscar Harriott	MLK State Celebration	Attend MLK State Commemoration	275	Lancaster
11/15/2006	Bill Bond	St. Augustine's Church	Education about NEOC	70	Colfax
11/29/2006	Jose Mendoza	St. Michael's Church	Presentation on NEOC	60	Dakota
12/14/2006	Crystal Edwards	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Presentation re: discrimination and diversity to 2 classes	100	Lancaster
2/15/2007	Luis Ortiz	La Voz Latina		100	Douglas
4/2/2007	Jenny Fisher	Gering Courier	Letter to the editor Fair Housing Month	100	Scottsbluff
5/1/2007	Larry Williams	LCHR	Presentation	100	Lancaster
12/27/2007	Larry Williams	LCHR	Presentation	60	Lancaster
2/15/2007	Luis Ortiz	La Voz Latina		100	Douglas
5/1/2007	Larry Williams	RECCR	Presentation on Housing Concerns with FHC and Affordable Housing	85	Lancaster
7/5/2007	Amy Boren	UNL - COPC		75	Lancaster
2/20/2008	Gloria Sarmiento	Nebraska Appleseed for Law in the Public Interest		350	Colfax
2/11/2008	Luis Ortiz	La Voz Latina		100	Douglas
2/6/2008	Darryl Eure	Freestone Baptist Church	Presentation on discrimination	85	Douglas
3/31/08	NEOC	Informational session with other non-codes	Informational Breakfast	50	Lancaster
4/2/2008	NEOC	40 years of Fair Housing	Press Conference and Media Event	350	Douglas

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General Information

1. Formal Name:

There is no formal name for "Advisory Committee to the Ethanol Board".

2. Purpose:

In 1993, the Nebraska Ethanol Board was reconstituted from two related boards that had been established to carry out ethanol industry development responsibilities prescribed by statute. The merger of the two entities in 1993 was intended to create a more efficient agency to carry out a revised role and mission. At that time, some portions of the statutory language crafted in 1971 were retained in the revised statute. Specifically, the "advisory committee" to the Nebraska Ethanol Board was retained for the purpose of formalizing a working relationship between state agencies. However, the initial intent of this language was not to create a committee per se. Rather, it was to retain a historical working relationship within state government. The "advisory committee" is not and has not been formally constituted since 1971. From a practical standpoint, there is no "committee" as such, only a loose knit working relationship between agencies which have related functions in the areas of energy, agriculture and economic development. The Advisory Committee is an ad hoc, informal entity that may provide counsel to the Nebraska Ethanol Board on an as needed basis. Representatives of the agencies noted in the statute (Nebraska Department of Economic Development, University of Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, and the Nebraska Energy Office) are invited to attend meetings of the Nebraska Ethanol Board and we regularly communicate with those agencies during the course of business.

3. How many affectable:

How many served:

4. Year created: Year active: Sunset date: 1971

5. Contact person:

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: statutory reference: 66-1337

7. Parent agency: Nebraska Ethanol Board

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members Who appoints

9. Legislative approval Qualifications

10. Per diem: \$0

.... Expense reimbursement: no

Term length: no term

Terms rotate or expire at once

11. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06 Held

FY 06-07 Held

FY 07-08 Held

Operations

12. Support staff: No Shared or separate

14: FY 05-06 budget: \$0.00

FY 06-07 budget \$0.00

FY 07-08 budget \$0.00

15: Other funding sources: No

16: Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17: Since July 1, 2004:

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General Information

1. *Formal Name:*

Nebraska Ethanol Board

2. *Purpose:*

The Nebraska Ethanol Board (NEB) helps to coordinate and promote a grain alcohol fuels industry in the state. The Board administers the Agricultural Alcohol Fuel Tax Fund, with revenues from the consumer refund of off-highway fuel taxes.

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

Other NEB directives:

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

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

3. *How many affectable:*

The economic lives of most Nebraskans are directly or indirectly affected by increased economic activity resulting from the state's rapidly growing ethanol industry. Nebraska currently ranks second among states in ethanol production and is the largest producing state west of the Missouri River. \$4.38 billion have been invested in the state's twenty-two operating plants and others currently in the construction phase. Combined annual payrolls at the plants exceed \$75 million and, collectively, the industry pays nearly \$30 million in local and state taxes. The average plant purchases \$135 million of locally produced goods and services each year. In 2008, gross sales by Nebraska plants will approach \$5 billion, making ethanol production the second largest industry in the state. In the aggregate, these numbers greatly expand the economic base of rural Nebraska as well as the state as a whole.

How many served:

Among those directly served by NEB programs are the state's 55,000 corn producers who, in 2008, will receive an additional \$3.6 billion in revenues by virtue of increased corn prices resulting, in part, from the ethanol industry's growing demand for corn. In 2008, 500 million bushels of corn will be converted into ethanol and related products at Nebraska plants. Nebraska plants have the capacity to produce 1.5 billion gallons annually. That number will grow to 2.4 billion gallons in 2009.

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

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

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

4. *Year created:*

1971

Year active:

1971

Sunset date:

None

5. *Contact person:*

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

Authorization

6. *Authorization citation:*

Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 66-1330 to 60-1348

7. *Parent agency:*

Nebraska Ethanol Board

Memberships and Meetings

8. *Number of members:*

7

Who appoints:

Governor

9. *Legislative approval:*

Yes

Qualifications:

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

10. *Per diem:*

\$25 per day

Expense reimbursement:

Yes

- Dr. Kenneth Cassman, UNL, Ensuring the Long-Term Viability of the Nebraska Ethanol Industry
- Bob Bettger, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Water Issues
- Doug Durante, Clean Fuels Development Coalition, National Ethanol Report
- Chuck Pohlman, Northeast Community College-Norfolk, Nebraska Statewide Fuels Technology Program
- Donna Garden, Todd Ellis, Clark Smith, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, DEQ Regulatory Update
- Kirk McClymont, Dick Coil, Dan, Frey, Seminole Pipeline Company, and Jerry Finan, Musket Corp, Feasibility of an Ethanol Pipeline in Nebraska
- Greg Krissek, ICM, Putting Water Use in Context
- Mark Burlach, UNL, Groundwater Levels in Nebraska - A Contextual Overview
- Adam Liska, UNL, BESS Model, Biofuel Energy Systems Simulator
- Clark Smith, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Requirements for Ethanol Plants
- Dr. Richard Perrin, UNL, Ethanol and Food Prices

Operations

13 *Support staff:*

yes, 4 staff members

Shared or separate:

Separate

14: *FY 05-06 budget*

\$501,416

FY 06-07 budget:

\$580,818

FY 07-08 budget:

\$559,515

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

15: *Other funding source:*

None for operations.

16: *Spending authority:*

Section 66-1334, Nebraska Revised Statutes

11. *Term length:*

4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once:

Terms rotate

12. *Number of meetings required in*

FY 05-06: 1, shall meet at least annually *Held:* 6

FY 06-07: 1, shall meet at least annually *Held:* 6

FY 07-08: 1, shall meet at least annually *Held:* 5

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING PRESENTATIONS 04-08:

- Brian Jennings, American Coalition for Ethanol, Cooperation to Overcome Complacency
- Dr. Galen Erickson, UNL, Economic Impact of Feeding Ethanol Production Co-Products to Cattle in Nebraska
- NEB Staff Presentations, Economics Impact of the Ethanol Industry in Nebraska and Nationally
- Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Staff – Ethanol Permit Process Update
- Maurice Hlaeik, Iogen, Inc, Cellulosic Ethanol
- Mike Barwig, Plains Marketing, Ethanol Marketing and Transportation
- Jacki Fee, Cargill, and Dr. Jim Hendrix, UNL, Sulfates in Ethanol
- Dave Hilferty, Trade with Cuba
- Dr. Roy Spalding, UNL, Oxygenated Fuels Remediation Strategies
- Dr. Terry Klopfenstein and Dr. Kenneth Cassman, UNL, Corn Production and Distillers Feed Opportunities in Nebraska
- Jay Wolf, Nebraska Cattlemen, The Role of UNL in Ethanol Development in Nebraska
- Nick Wagoner, Central Community College-Columbus, Automotive Technology, Ethanol Fuel Seminars
- Bob Niemann, Central Community College-Grand Island, Ethanol Trade and Industry, Two-Year Ethanol Associate Degree Program
- Lyle Kathol, Chuck Pohlman, Joe Ferguson, Northeast Community College – Norfolk, Pre-employment Training Programs and Ethanol Curriculum
- Dr. Wally Wilhelm, USDA-ARS, Sustainable Stover Harvest Research
- Tom Slunicka, EPIC, Ethanol Marketing Programs
- Dr. Roland Flores, UNL, Corn Fractionation
- Katie Hadenfeldt, UPRR, Ethanol Transportation Safety Issues
- Dr. Jim Hendrix, UNL, Sustainability of Ethanol Production
- Sarah Dempsey, Northeast Community College-Norfolk, Ethanol Education and Training

Accomplishments

17: *Since July 1, 2004:* the NEB continues to carry on:

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

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

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

The NEB presents a series of public Special Presentations that feature industry experts addressing issues critical to the development of the industry. Recent topics include water usage, environmental impacts of ethanol production, environmental permitting, ethanol pipelines, transportation, biomass feedstock sustainability, co-product utilization and developing production technologies.

In cooperation with the Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality, the NEB sponsors a State Agency Ethanol Summit each year as well as a series of meetings at which all agencies involved with the ethanol industry meet to coordinate efforts. Finally, the NEB's annual Emerging Issues Forum brings together national experts to address timely and vital industry issues for the benefit of ethanol producers in Nebraska and the region.

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

Since January of 2006, eleven new plants have been attracted to the state with five others under construction. The resulting shortage of trained plant personnel prompted the NEB to work with Northeast Community College to develop an Ethanol Production Curriculum to meet increased industry staffing needs.

In the legislative/regulatory arena, the NEB influences legislation and regulatory policy in targeted states and in Congress. State and federal policy have had a dramatic impact on the ethanol industry and continue to do so. For decades, the NEB has been a respected voice and diligent advocate for ethanol. The NEB has historically taken on the task of national ethanol advocacy work in an effort to expand political support for ethanol development and to encourage increased production and use of ethanol. The NEB provides legislative and regulatory testimony; serves as a Nebraska representative on the Governors' Ethanol Coalition and advises the National ASTM Standards Board. NEB representatives currently serve on the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition as well as serving on boards of several national ethanol organizations.

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

Market development activities includes production and distribution of multi media advertising programs; point-of-sale materials; dealer promotions; dealer relations; consumer and market surveys; media guides; media appearances; cooperation in national marketing programs; identifying and developing emerging markets; membership in national marketing organizations; conducting statewide auto mechanic seminars; maintaining a national buyer's list; and auto industry interaction on technical and marketing issues.

The NEB sponsored a statewide series of E-85 workshops to encourage private sector participation in this growing market segment as well as facilitating fleet testing of ethanol and diesel fuel blends in the Lincoln bus system.

The NEB played a lead role in the development of regional and national branding programs that replace other state product identifications and gives ethanol blended fuels a more homogenous commercial image. The NEB sponsors a series of workshops for automotive mechanics to familiarize them with changing fuel composition.

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

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

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Every Woman Matters Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee**
2. 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
3. How many affectable: All women living in the state of Nebraska
4. How many served: 120
5. Year created: 1991 Year active: 1991 Sunset date: None
Contact person: Melissa Leypoldt, Program Director, Every Woman Matters/Wise Woman Program, Nebraska Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 94817, Lincoln, NE 68509-4817

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: LB 68 Nebraska revised statutes 71-003.01, 71-7001.01, 71-7010, 71-7012, and 71-7013. Revised LB797 2008
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 24 Who appoints: Agency Director
9. Legislative approval: N/A
Qualifications: At least 8 women, 1 radiologist, (dropped from requirement in 2008) 1 radiological technician (dropped from requirement in 2008), 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.
10. Per diem: N/A
Expense reimbursement: Travel and lodging as needed.
11. Term length: 2 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms rotate and can be renewed.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 4 Held: Yes
 FY 06-07: 4 Held: Yes
 FY 07-08: 4 Held: Yes

Operations

13. Support staff: 2 Shared or separate: Shared, DHHS
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$1,200
 FY 06-07 budget: \$1,200
 FY 07-08 budget: \$1,200
15. Other funding sources: Susan G. Komen Foundation
16. Spending authority: LB 71-7010, The Breast and Cervical Cancer Cash Fund

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004
 Submitted successful grants for treatment dollars totaling \$40,000 from Susan G. Komen foundations. Raised a total of \$8000 in fund raising ventures.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Fire Safety Appeals Board

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. When requested to do so by the State Fire Marshal, it shall be the duty of the board to make a study of the specific problems, questions, or appeals presented to the board. No member of the board shall sit in hearing upon any question in which such member or any corporation of which he or she is a shareholder or employee is a party.

How many affectable: Statewide

How many served: Statewide

Year created: 1971

Year active: 1971

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: John Falgione

Mailing Address: State Fire Marshal

246 South 14th Street

Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone number: 402-471-2027

Authorization

Authorization citation: NRS 81-502.02

Parent agency: State Fire Marshal Agency

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Nine (9)

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Not required

Qualifications: Such board shall consist of the following 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: not applicable

Expense reimbursement: only actual expense

Term length: Four (4) Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: All nine terms expire in 2012

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: None Held: None

FY 06-07: None Held: None
FY 07-08: None Held: None

Operations

Support Staff: None
Shared or separate: None
FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: 81-1174-81-1177

Accomplishments: The Fire Safety Appeals Board was convened during FY04-05 to conduct a hearing regarding an appeal request by a business owner in Hastings, NE. The Appeals Board upheld the correction orders written by the State Fire Marshal Agency. The Appeals Board's decision was later upheld by the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska.

2008 Boards and Commission Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. **Formal Name:** State Foster Care Review Board.
2. **Purpose:** The State Foster Care Review Board's mission is to ensure the best interests of children in foster care are being met through external citizen review, monitoring facilities that house children and youth, maintaining up-to-date data on a statewide tracking system, and disseminating data and recommendations through an Annual Report.

The Foster Care Review Board is responsible for the periodic reviews of IV-E eligible children in out-of-home care pursuant to the federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, PL 96-272.

3. **How many affected:** The State Foster Care Review Board tracks the approximately 10,000 children in out-of-home care each year, and annually conducts approximately 5,400 reviews of the cases of children in foster care.
4. **Year created:** 1982. **Year active:** same. **Sunset date:** None.
5. **Contact person:** Carolyn K. Stitt, Executive Director, 521 S. 14th, Suite 401, Lincoln, NE 68508. 402.471.4420.

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Nebraska Revised States Section 43-1301 to 43-1318.
7. **Parent agency:** None.

Membership and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** 11.
Who appoints: Governor.
9. **Legislative approval:** yes.
Qualifications: Three members of local foster care review boards, one from each congressional district; one practitioner of pediatric medicine, licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law; one practitioner of child clinical psychology, licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law; one social worker certified under the Uniform Licensing Law, with expertise in the area of child welfare; one attorney who is or has been a guardian ad litem; one representative of a statewide child advocacy group; one director of a child advocacy center; one director of a court appointed special advocate program; and one member of the public who has a background in business or finance.
10. **Per diem:** None **Expense reimbursement:** mileage, meals, and lodging are reimbursed for members in overnight status.
11. **Term length:** Three years.
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate, one-third each year.
12. **Number of meetings required**

in FY 05-06:	2	Held:	4
in FY 06-07:	2	Held:	4
in FY 07-08:	2	Held:	6

Operations

13. **Support staff:** Yes. **Shared or separate:** Separate.
14. **FY 05-06 budget:** \$1,558,308 (including federal funds)
FY 06-07 budget: \$1,646,655 (including federal funds)
FY 07-08 budget: \$1,649,099 (including federal funds)
15. **Other funding sources:** Yes, \$350,000-\$400,00 per year from the federal government.
16. **Spending authority:** Yes.

Accomplishments

17. **Since July 1, 2004**

The Board tracked 41,400 children who were in foster care (an estimated 5,000 in the first half of 2008, an estimated 10,000 in 2007, 10,972 in 2006, 10,421 in 2005, and about 5,000 in the last half of 2004).

The Board completed 21,331 comprehensive reviews of children's cases (an estimated 2,545 in the first half of 2008, 5,458 during 2007, 5,473 during 2006, 4,980 during 2005, and about 2,875 in the last half of 2004).

The Board appeared in court on cases of concern at least 3,514 times (an estimated 330 times in 2008, 947 in 2007, 1,098 times during 2006, 639 times during 2005, about 500 times in the last half of 2004).

The Board facilitated visits to numerous foster care facilities in order to ascertain whether the individual physical, psychological, and sociological needs of each foster child were being met.

The Board issued the statutorily required annual reports on the conditions for children in foster care, and distributed these reports to the Governor, the Legislature, the Supreme Court, Judges of the Separate Juvenile Courts, County Judges who serve as Juvenile Judges, the Department of Health and Human Services, County Attorneys, guardians ad litem, researchers, child advocates, the press, and the public.

The Board responded to over 200 requests for data on foster children, providing statistical and other information to researchers, grant seekers, governmental officials, the Through the Eyes of the child teams, local CASA organizations, child advocates, the press, and the public. In addition, the Board is an annual data contributor to the Kids Count Project and to the United Way of the Midlands.

As part of the Governor Heineman's initiative, the Board conducted a groundbreaking study of the cases of 948 children age birth through five, and is currently preparing for study of children in care for 24 months or longer who have a plan of reunification. The first study led to numerous improvements for young

children in foster care. The second study includes a component of joint staffing with DHHS to seek resolution for a number of children's cases. .

The Board followed the Federal Department of Health and Human Services directive that the Board's tracking system be put on the DHHS N-FOCUS computer platform thus assuring the state's compliance for this element of the state's SACWIS system and avoiding a multi-million dollar fine.

The Board issued 148,562 case specific reports to the legal parties in cases. (an estimated 17,185 in the first half of 2008, 38,206 in 2007, 38,311 in 2006, 34,860 in 2005, and about 20,000 in the last half of 2004)

The Board facilitated local board members volunteering over 131,000 hours of service. (an estimated 18,000 in 2008, 35,000 in 2007, 35,000 in 2006, 27,000 in 2005, and about 16,000 in the last half of 2004).

The Board promoted the stability, continuity and safety of children in foster placements by briefing the Governor, the Chief Justice, the Legislature, other state agencies, other parties to children's cases, and the public, and by serving on the Through the Eyes of a Child teams, and meeting with "1184" teams and others. The Board also provided numerous educational programs for members of the child welfare system.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
3. How many affectable: N/A.
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927 Year active: Sunset date:
 Contact person: Kris Chiles

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4 Who appoints: Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
 Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114
10. Per diem: \$30.00 per day
 Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Terms Length: 5 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2009; 2 terms expire in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 3
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 3
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: 2.5 Shared or separate: A portion of 2.5 staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$5,437
 FY 06-07 budget: \$5,227
 FY 07-08 budget: \$4,138
15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees
16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004

- Promulgated and adopted regulations relating to funeral directing and embalming and establishments in compliance with LB 242 (2003), effective 1-05. These regulations also included broadening the types of continuing education that a licensee may obtain as a condition of renewal.
- Created a jurisprudence examination (take-home) for licensees to complete and earn continuing education.
- Issued the following licenses from July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2008:

Apprentices:	40
Branch Establishments:	23
Funeral/Embalmer:	54
Funeral Establishment:	13

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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

How many affectable: Most Nebraskans and countless non-residents

How many served: Over 10 million park facility visitations per year

Year created: February 24, 1879

Year active: N/A Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Rex Amack, Director

Mailing Address: 2200 North 33rd Street, P. O. Box 30370, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503-0370 Phone number: (402) 471-5539

Authorization

Authorization citation: 37-101 through 37-110

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: Members shall be legal residents and citizens of Nebraska and shall be well informed on wildlife conservation and restoration. After January 1, 2006, at least three members shall be actually engaged in agricultural pursuits and at least two shall reside on a farm or ranch and not more than four of the members shall be affiliated with the same political party.

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

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 5 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 6

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 6

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 6

Operations

Support Staff: None

Shared or separate: Shared, assisted by agency staff.

FY 05-06 budget: \$8,645.53

FY 06-07 budget: \$9,146.46

FY 07-08 budget: \$20,587.66

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Empowered to allocate/spend the entire budget

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2004: Several pieces of legislation have been pproved; various land acquisitions; and, total agency expenditures in FY 2008 were \$9.5 million in capital construction and \$61.2 million in operating.

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General Information

Formal name: Geographic Information Systems Council of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) - 2008 legislation (LB823) changed the name from the previous name of Nebraska Geographic Information System Steering Committee

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

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1991

Year active: 1991

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Larry K. Zink, GIS Council Coordinator

Mailing Address: Office of the CIO

P.O. Box 95045, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-3206

Authorization

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

Parent agency: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 26

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 19 designed by statute (§86-570) representing specific sectors (state agencies, local and regional public entities) involved in GIS, and additional 7 representatives designed by NITC Council Charter as per statute.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 6

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 5

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Office of the CIO

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Collaborative Data Development and Acquisition

- **Aerial Imagery:** In 2005 the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee (NGISSC) lead an intergovernmental effort to acquire high-resolution (1-foot resol.) aerial imagery for several of Nebraska's urban areas. This effort was a partnership between NGISSC, HHSS, the cities of Lincoln, Grand Island, Norfolk, Kearney, Hastings, and Lancaster County. In 06-07 the NGISSC lead an intergovernmental partnership to acquire updated statewide 1-meter, color orthoimagery. Also in 06-07 the NGISSC worked with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (Omaha-area) to enable participation in a high-resolution imagery project by many more cities, counties, and state agencies outside of the immediate Omaha-area. In the end, this collaborative project acquired 6-inch and/or 1-foot imagery for over 8,500 sq. mi. and involved many cities, counties, NRDs, state and federal agency partners and resulted in substantial savings by pooling needs, resources and technical expertise.

- **Statewide Surface Water Features Remapping:** During this period a five-year effort to completely remap Nebraska surface water features (streams, lakes, etc.) was completed. The NGISSC was instrumental in organizing the initial Advisory Committee, helping to develop a consensus on standards, securing funding for a pilot project, and securing interagency, intergovernmental funding to underwrite this successful five-year endeavor for which the Dept. of Natural Resources was the lead implementer.

- **Watershed Boundary Database:** The NGISSC was an intergovernmental facilitator of a two-year collaborative project to remap Nebraska's hydrologic watershed boundaries and sub-basins to newly developed national standards during this period. These new official watershed boundary delineations will be used for a wide variety of water management and conservation programs.

- **Street Centerline-Address Database:** During this period, the NGISSC has provided leadership for several initiatives to move forward on developing an integrated street centerline address database. This effort is complicated because the data is dynamic, most of it is local government data, and there is no state agency with clear responsibility for this data. Guidelines were developed as recommendations for the Public Service Commission as it started to fund the development of this data for E911 work. The NGISSC worked with the State Patrol and the OCIO to develop an initial street centerline-address database for the State Patrol new statewide computer-aided dispatch system from the best data available at that time. The NGISSC is currently facilitating an Advisory Committee to develop comprehensive standards and a proposal for an on-going enterprise approach to developing and maintaining a statewide street centerline-address database from multiple sources.

Education and Training

- Nebraska GIS Symposium: The NGISSC worked with a professional membership organization to organize a low-cost, local, multi-day GIS Symposium in Lincoln in 2005 and in Omaha in 2007 with an average of 250 participants in each.
- Metadata Training: The NGISSC has helped to organize and host two metadata training sessions during this period. One was held in Lincoln in 2006 and one in Omaha in the spring of 2008. Metadata is the formal document of GIS data so that its value is retained and it can be shared with other users.

Standards and Guidelines

The NGISSC lead intergovernmental efforts that lead to the development and formal adoption by the NITC of two GIS-related standards.

- Metadata Standards: This standard requires the formal documentation of GIS data to preserve the investment and support policy decisions based on the data and to facilitate data sharing.
- Land Record Information and Mapping Standards: These standards and guidelines provide for guidance for state and local officials as they make public investments in the modernization of land records with a goal of enabling the integration of land record data across the state and maximizing the return on public investments in this area.
- Street Centerline-Address Standards: The NGISSC is currently leading an effort to develop standards for street centerline-address database development and integration.

Enterprise-level Coordination

- Strengthening Coordination Capacity: In consultation with the Governor's Policy Research Office and the OCIO developed a series of recommendations to the Legislature, Governor, and OCIO for strengthening the coordinating capacity of the GIS Steering Committee/Council. Consistent with these recommendations, the GIS Coordinator position has been moved into OCIO Planning and Project Management section. Also consistent with these recommendations, was 2007 legislation (LB 823) which formally affiliated the NGISSC with the NITC and renamed it as the GIS Council.
- Nebraska Geospatial Data Center The NGISSC has established a MOU with the Dept. of Natural Resources to operate an enterprise-level Geospatial Data Center with the goal of enabling users to document, find, and access GIS/geospatial data held by other public entities.
- GIS Web Portal: The NGISSC has initiated and secured start-up funding for a Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network designed to facilitate data sharing and Internet mapping applications between public entities via Internet mapping services.
- Land Record Modernization: In an effort to facilitate coordination and partnerships between state and local governments in the area of land record modernization, the NGISSC collaborated with Dept. of Property Assessment and Taxation, Governor's Policy Research Office, Nebraska Association of County Officials, Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska, Register of Deeds Association in the development of draft legislation that was introduced in the 2005 legislative session as the Nebraska Land Information Systems Program Act, LB 565. The legislation ultimately was not adopted.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Board of Geologists

Purpose: On April 1, 1998, the Nebraska Unicameral passed LB 1161 establishing the Geologists Regulation Act. This Act (Statutes 81-3501 to 81-3541) provides for the certification and licensure of professional geologists in Nebraska whose activities may affect public health, safety and welfare. The Nebraska Board of Geologists was created to implement the Geologists Regulation Act.

How many affectable: unknown (all of Nebraska)

How many served: 300

Year created: 1998

Year active: 1998

Sunset Date: indefinite

Contact Person: Karen Schamp

Mailing Address: PO Box 94844, Lincoln, NE 68509-4844

Phone number: 402-471-8383

Authorization

Authorization citation: Statutes 81-3501 to 81-3541

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor of Nebraska

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: Seven licensed professional geologists of which one is the education member and one is the public representative.

Per Diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Five years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: 25,425.00

FY 06-07 budget: 26,095.00

FY 07-08 budget: 36,345.00

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes, the NEBOG allocates funds

Accomplishments: New Rules and Regulations Effective July 29, 2007 Title 171 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, Rules and Regulations of the Nebraska Board of Geologists has been approved by the Governor and is now in effect. The regulations define a code of practice by which the members can govern their professional conduct as well as procedures for licensure and operation of the Board.

LB664 Effective September 1, 2007

On May 16, 2007, LB664 was signed by the Governor after passage in the legislature. The bill eliminates an exemption in the Geologists Registration Act (found in Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 81-3541) for licensure for work for which state approval or permitting is required, if such activity is in accordance with other requirements of law, rules, or regulations pertaining to the use of a geologist.

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General Information

1. Formal Name – Governor’s Residence Advisory Committee
2. Purpose – The commission shall conduct an inspection of the Governor’s residence in June of each year. A report on the inspection shall be submitted to the Governor within 30 days after the day of the inspection.
3. How many affectable – 0
4. How many served – 0
5. Year created – 1998 Year active – 1998 Sunset date – N/A
Contact Person – Administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal (that individual is Secretary of the Commission).

Authorization

6. Authorization citation – State Statute 72-2101, 72-2102, 72-2103, 72-2104, and 72-2105
7. Parent agency – Administrative Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members – 6 at large members-two from each congressional district with no more than three being from the same political party; the Governor’s spouse; the Director of Administrative Services or designee; the Administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal; Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society; and a current member of the American Society of Interior Designers.
Who appoints - Governor
9. Legislative approval – N/A Qualifications – N/A
10. Per Diem – Expenses for travel/lodging and public notice of meetings.
Expense Reimbursement – Same as above.
11. Term length – Six at large members appointed for four year terms.
Those designated by position for as long as they occupy that position.
Terms rotate or expire at once – N/A
12. Number of meetings required in
FY05-06 – 2 Held – 2
FY06-07 – 2 Held – 2
FY07-08 – 2 Held – 2

Operations

13. Support staff – No Shared or separate – Shared
14. FY05/06 Budget - \$1,500
FY06/07 Budget - \$1,500
FY07/08 Budget - \$1,500
15. Other funding sources – None
16. Spending authority – Expense reimbursements and public notices

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 - Conducted 4 annual inspections of the Residence, identified items for corrective action and reviewed all corrective actions taken; conducted inventory of all of the mansion's contents to ensure all property is properly accounted for and recorded; continued a maintenance manual for proper care of furnishings, rugs, draperies, etc. within the mansion; viewed several Residence deferred repair projects include the East Roof and Structure Upgrade, and Emergency Power Upgrades.

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General Information

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

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

How many affectable: 2500+ grain sorghum producers

How many served: 2500+ grain sorghum producers

Year created: 1981

Year active: 1981

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Barbara Kliment, Executive Director

Mailing Address: Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board

P.O. Box 94982 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402/471-4276

Authorization

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

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Seven (7)

Who Appoints: 6 - Governor; 1 - Board Elected

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: a. Citizen of the State of Nebraska; b. at least 21 years of age; c. have been actually engaged in growing grain sorghum in Nebraska for a period of at least five years; d. derive a substantial 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: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 5

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 5

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or separate: N/A

FY 05-06 budget: \$37,379 (Admin, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)

FY 06-07 budget: \$33,509 (Admin, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)

FY 07-08 budget: \$34,497 (Admin, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)

Other funding sources: none
Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments: The Grain Sorghum Board continues to maintain its basic programs of market development, research, producer/consumer education and federal legislative affairs. The Board maintains its membership in the U.S. Grains Council, the international marketing arm of the industry. Council programs have kept international market demand for sorghum strong - accounting for nearly 50% of the sorghum produced in the United States. New on the market scene for sorghum is the European Union - largely due to the non- GMO status of grain sorghum and consumer preference for non-GMO products. Mexico and Japan remain primary markets for U.S. Sorghum.

The Grain Sorghum Board has provided added emphasis in the promotion of sorghum for food uses. Educational programs and the development and distribution of sorghum recipes are included in this effort. Sorghum is a gluten-free grain and has become a valuable dietary option for individuals who are intolerant of the glutenous protein found in wheat, oats, barley and rye.

Sorghum research efforts focus largely on improving the genetics of grain sorghum for production in Nebraska. In particular, improved traits for yield, cold tolerance, drought resistance and water use efficiency are important to producers. Research efforts at the national level includes development of herbicide tolerance in sorghum. The Board has also funded value-added applications for sorghum - in particular, the role of sorghum lipids in reducing cholesterol levels in the fight against disease and cancer prevention. The Board continues to work together with the National Sorghum Producers in securing additional Federal research appropriations for national sorghum research initiatives.

Program funds are invested in educational efforts to keep producers informed on their check-off investment. Producers can take advantage of education activities such as field tours, 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, Women in Agriculture, Urban Youth Farm Tour, Ag in the Classroom, Ag Day Promotions, and Ag Safety Camps.

Program funds have been invested in federal legislative issues primarily as they relate to the Farm Bill and the Crop Insurance Program. These efforts are conducted in collaboration with and through the National Sorghum Producers. Success has been achieved in getting the national sorghum loan rate equalized with corn in the 2002 Farm Bill. In 2004 and 2005, the Average Loan Rate Increase/Bushel in Nebraska was \$.24 and \$.21, respectively. This increase had an economic impact to Nebraska of \$12,588,350. Work continues in getting equity in the loan rate to translate to the local level. Work with the Risk Management Agency resulted in availability of GRP/GRIP crop insurance availability to sorghum producers.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. *Formal Name:* Nebraska Grape and Winery Board
2. *Purpose:* The purpose of the Board is to further the growth and economic development of the grape-growing and wine-making industry in the state of Nebraska to a maximum level as supported by the favorable soil and climatic conditions existing in Nebraska, and to satisfy the market demand for grapes and wine inside and outside of Nebraska. The end objective is to create an economically viable alternative farm crop and wine industry in Nebraska that will enhance the economic condition of the farm industry and the state of Nebraska.
3. *How many affectable:* All adult Nebraska citizens and out-of-state tourists.
How many served: Estimated 110,000 visitors to Nebraska wineries every year (Source: *Nebraska Winery and Grape Grower's Association's Strategic Plan*. Adopted July 22, 2007)
4. *Year created:* July 2000
Year active: November 17, 2000
Sunset date: N/A
5. *Contact person:* Eric Nelson, President
Phone: 402-783-9110
Administrative support: Casey Foster, Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Phone: (402) 471-4876.

Authorization

6. *Authorization citation:* §§53-301 through 53-305. On May 30, 2007, §§53-123.15 and 53-304 were amended and the original sections were repealed.
7. *Parent agency:* None

Memberships and Meetings

8. *Number of members:* Five members and two ex-officio members
Who appoints: Governor

9. *Legislative approval:* Not stated in the above cited law.
Qualifications: All Board members shall be (a) citizens of Nebraska, (b) at least twenty-one years of age, and (c) either engaged in or previously engaged in wine or grape production or research in this state. At least two Board members shall be members of the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association. In addition, the Director of Agriculture and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or their designees, shall be ex-officio members of the Board but shall have no vote in Board matters.
10. *Per diem:* None
Expense reimbursement: All voting Board members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses while attending meetings of the Board or while engaged in the performance of official responsibilities as determined by the Board.
11. *Term length:* Each Board member serves for a term of three years, upon completion of which he or she may, at the Governor's discretion, be reappointed.
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms expire at once.
12. *Number of meetings:*
Required in FY 04-05: 2 *Held:* 3 (Sept. 16, 2004; Nov. 6, 2004; March 4, 2005)
Required in FY 05-06: 2 *Held:* 2 (Nov. 5, 2005; March 3, 2006)
Required in FY 06-07: 2 *Held:* 3 (Nov. 11, 2006; March 3, 2007; June 29, 2007)
Required in FY 07-08: 2 *Held:* 2 (Nov. 2, 2007; March 1, 2008)

Operations

13. *Support staff:* No
Shared or separate: N/A
14. *FY 04-05 budget:* See attached sheet (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005)
FY 05-06 budget: See attached sheet (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006)
FY 06-07 budget: See attached sheet (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)
FY 07-08 budget: See attached sheet (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008)

15. *Other funding sources:*

There are three funding sources from which the Board collects their funds:

(1) Twenty dollars for every 160 gallons of juice produced or received by a facility is collected by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund;

(2) Shipping license fees are collected by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund; and

(3) The excise tax of one cent per pound levied upon all grapes sold through commercial channels in Nebraska or delivered in Nebraska is remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund.

16. *Spending authority:*

Yes. Authorize and approve the Department of Agriculture's expenditure of funds collected pursuant to §53-304.

Accomplishments

17. *July 1, 2005 –
June 30, 2008:*

Overview of Activities for 2005:

The Board of Directors met three times. Emphasis was placed on establishing marketing and promotional activities and to conduct research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraska's grape and wine industry. The Nebraska Grape and Winery Board approved \$3,900.50 from the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund to pay for the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers' Association's (NWGGA) marketing and promotional activities. This money was used to pay for the creation of a Nebraska Wine Trail Map brochure. The brochure is a marketing piece to promote Nebraska's vineyards and guide visitors to our state's wineries.

The Board also approved the allocation of \$3,000 to the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Viticulture Program to pay for two projects. The first was to begin an interdisciplinary project to monitor vineyards in several parts of the state for environmental and pest parameters, with a goal of garnering information that will enable the Viticulture Program to provide assistance to Nebraska's grape growers and ultimately help the wineries as they pursue identification of terriers and possible

establishment of American Viticulture Areas in Nebraska. The second was to begin conducting an experiment to compare the performance of important Nebraska-grown grape cultivars on different trellis systems.

The Board approved a budget. The Treasurer's report indicated an ending cash balance of \$261.11 as of June 30, 2005. It should also be noted that expenses from the previous year were not turned in before the end of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. As a result, these expenses, in the amount of \$3,954.50, were submitted and paid during the July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, fiscal year.

Overview of Activities for 2006:

The Board of Directors met twice. The Nebraska Grape and Winery Board approved \$4,309 from the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund to pay for the NWGGA's marketing and promotional activities conducted this year. This money was used to pay for the production cost of developing the Nebraska Wine Trail Map brochure.

The Board also approved the allocation of \$1,547 to the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Viticulture Program to partially pay for two projects. The first was to continue the interdisciplinary project to monitor vineyards in several parts of the state for environmental and pest parameters, with a goal of garnering information that will enable the Viticulture Program to provide assistance to Nebraska's grape growers and ultimately help the wineries as they pursue identification of terroirs and possible establishment of American Viticulture Areas in Nebraska. The second was to continue conducting an experiment to compare the performance of important Nebraska-grown grape cultivars on different trellis systems.

In March, the Board decided to allocate an additional \$300 to UNL's Viticulture Program to be spent during the 2005-06 fiscal year. However, by the time an amendment to the original agreement was signed by all parties involved, UNL's fiscal year had already closed and the money could not be transferred. The funds carried over into the next fiscal year.

The Board approved a budget. The Treasurer's report indicated an ending cash balance of \$1,401.54 as of June 30, 2006.

Overview of Activities for 2007:

The Board of Directors met three times. The Nebraska Grape and Winery Board approved \$9,200 from the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund to pay for the development of an NWGGA Display Booth and an Economic Impact Statement. The Economic Impact Statement measured the grape and wine industry's influence on Nebraska's economy. The Board also funded a Nebraska Grape Growers' Survey in an

effort to determine the number of grape vines planted in Nebraska and the harvested tonnage in 2006.

From the total allocation amount, \$2,700 was directed to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Viticulture Program to partially pay for three projects. The first was to continue an interdisciplinary project to monitor vineyards in several parts of the state for environmental and pest parameters. The second was to continue an experiment comparing the performance of important Nebraska-grown grape cultivars on different trellis systems. The third consisted of a study of the adaptation of Marquette grapevines on four different trellis systems.

The Board approved a budget for this fiscal year, but it was later adjusted in March to reflect the increase in revenue. The Board initially estimated revenue to be equivalent to \$8,480. However, the January balance sheet indicated revenue of \$10,033.02. The increased availability of funds enabled the Board to fund additional proposals. A total of four projects were approved for funding during the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Overview of Activities for 2008:

The Board met twice this year. Legislation enacted in 2007 amended §§53-123.15 and 53-304 to change the provisions relating to the shippers' license fees; to provide an excise tax on grapes; to define terms; to provide powers and duties; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. Until April 30, 2012, shipping license fees shall be collected by the Liquor Control Commission and remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund. Secondly, the excise tax of one cent per pound levied upon all grapes sold through commercial channels in Nebraska or delivered in Nebraska shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producer's Promotional Fund. This specific piece of legislation increased the Board's revenue from \$10,825.82 in 2007 to \$114,745.90 in 2008.

The Board initially projected a revenue amount of \$91,626 by the end of the 2007-08 fiscal year. Therefore, the Board allocated \$19,980 to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Viticulture Program; \$14,700 to the NWGGA; \$1,133 to a grape cluster thinning project sponsored by the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Extension Office in Hall County; \$1,710 to a Nebraska vineyard for a research project; and \$494 to conduct a Nebraska Grape Growers' Survey. Additional expenditures totaling \$8,450 was set aside to pay for costs associated with fee collection, Board expenses, printing, room rental, and Board meeting notices.

**NEBRASKA GRAPE AND WINERY BOARD
JULY 1, 2004 – JUNE 30, 2005**

DESCRIPTION	FY 2004-05 BUDGET	FY 2004-05 YEAR TO DATE	YTD AS % OF BUDGET
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 5,960.00	\$ 5,959.78	
REVENUE:			
Crushed Grape Fees	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 4,995.02	
Investment Interest	95.00	161.31	
Total Revenue	\$ 5,395.00	\$ 5,156.33	95.58%
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$11,355.00	\$11,116.11	
EXPENDITURES			
Printing	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Room Rental	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous Operating	0.00	0.00	
Promotion	0.00	0.00	
Contractual			
NWGGA	7,855.00**	7,855.00	
Quality Wine Assurance Prog	0.00	0.00	
UNL – Viticulture Dept	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Board Expense	0.00	0.00	
Total Expenditures	\$10,855.00	\$10,855.00	100%
Adjustment to Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 500.00	\$ 261.11	

*The ending cash balance is 100% invested in the short-term investment pool.

Percent of Fiscal Year elapsed: 100%

FY 03-04 Revenue to Date: \$5,424.82 FY03-04 Expenditures to Date: \$0

**Includes FY04 Carryover obligation of \$3,954.50

**WINE & GRAPE PRODUCTION PROMOTION BOARD
JULY 1, 2005 – JUNE 30, 2006**

DESCRIPTION	FY2004-05 BUDGET	JUNE 2006	FY2005-06 YR-TO-DATE	YTD AS % OF BUDGET
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 261.00	\$ 5,689.58	\$ 261.11	
REVENUE:				
Crushed Grape Fees	6,978.13		6,978.13	
Investment Interest	95.00	20.96	119.96	
Total Revenue	\$ 7,073.00	\$ 20.96	\$ 7,098.09	100.35
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$ 7,334.00	\$ 5,710.54	\$ 7,359.20	
EXPENDITURES:				
Printing			101.66	
Room Rental			0.00	
Misceellaneous Operating			0.00	
Promotion			0.00	
Contractual				
NWGGA	4,309.00	4,309.00	4,309.00	
Quality Wine Assurance Prog.	0		0.00	
UNL – Viticulture Dept.	1,847.00		1,547.00	
Board Expenses	\$ 6,756.00	\$ 4,309.00	\$ 5,957.66	88.18%
Adjustment to Fund Balance	0			
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 578.00	\$ 1,401.54	\$ 1,401.54	

*The ending cash balance is 100% invested in the short-term investment pool.

Percent of Fiscal Year Elapsed: 100%

FY04-05 Revenue to Date: \$5,156.33 FY04-05 Expenditures to Date: \$10,855.00

**WINE & GRAPE PRODUCTION PROMOTION BOARD
JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007**

DESCRIPTION	FY2006-07 BUDGET	JUNE, 2007	FY2006-07 YR-TO-DATE	YTD AS % OF BUDGET
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 1,402	\$ 10,188.72	\$ 1,401.54	
REVENUE:				
Crushed Grape Fees	6,978		9,195.98	
Investment Interest	100	37.10	228.05	
Donations			0.25	
Total Revenue	\$ 7,078	\$ 37.10	\$ 9,424.28	133.15%
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$ 8,480	\$ 10,225.82	\$ 10,825.82	
EXPENDITURES:				
Printing			0.00	
Room Rental			0.00	
Miscellaneous Operating			0.00	
Promotion			0.00	
Contractual				
NWGGA	6,200	4,000.00	4,000.00	
UNL – Vitaculture Dept.	300		600.00	
UNL – Year 1 of Trellis Study	2,100	2,100.00	2,100.00	
Grape Growers' Survey	600		0.00	
Board Expense			0.00	
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,200	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,700.00	72.73%
Adjustment to Fund Balance	0			
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ (720)	\$ 4,125.82	\$ 4,125.82	

*The ending cash balance is 100% invested in the short-term investment pool.

Percent of Fiscal Year Elapsed: 100%

FY05-06 Revenue To Date: \$7,098.09

FY of-06 Expenditures to Date: \$5,957.66

WINE & GRAPE PRODUCTION PROMOTION BOARD
JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008

DESCRIPTION	FY2007-08 BUDGET	JUNE, 2008	FY2007-08 YR-TO-DATE	YTD AS %OF BUDGET
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 4,126.00	\$ 97,225.00	\$ 4,125.82	
REVENUE:				
Shipper License Fees	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 96,000.00	
Check-Off Fee	7,000.00	0.00	2,587.03	
Crushed Grape Fees	10,000.00	0.00	9,705.14	
Investment Interest	500.00	389.61	1,316.64	
Donations	0.00	0.00	1,011.27	
Total Revenue	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 5,889.61	\$ 110,620.08	126%
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$ 91,626.00	\$ 103,114.61	\$ 114,745.90	
EXPENDITURES:				
Printing (Annual Report)	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Room Rental	100.00		0.00	
Board Meeting Notices	650.00		116.10	
Contractual	0.00		12.91	
NWGGA Contracts				
NWGGA - Booth	2,200.00		*	0.00
NWGGA - Passport Wine Tour	2,000.00		2,000.00	
NWGGA - Exec. Dir. & Marketing	10,500.00	9,410.92	9,410.92	
UNL Contracts				
UNL - Yr 2 Trellis Study	3,000.00	2,409.67	2,409.67	
UNL - Yr 1 Nutrient Deficiency Study	2,980.00	706.29	706.29	
UNL Extension - Grape Cluster	1,133.00		1,133.00	
UNL - Viticulture	14,000.00		7,000.00	
Contracts (Misc.)				
Grape Growers' Survey	494.00		*	493.99
Mac's Creek - Yr 1 Cold	1,710.00		0.00	
Hardiness Study				
Cuthills Vineyard	5,533.00		0.00	
NDA Fee Collection	5,000.00		659.10	
Board Expense	2,500.00	443.52	659.71	
Total Expenditures	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 12,970.40	\$ 24,601.69	47%
Adjustment to Fund Balance	0.00			
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 39,626.00	\$ 90,144.21	\$ 90,144.21	

*The ending cash balance is 100% invested in the short-term investment pool.

Percent of Fiscal Year Elapsed: 100%

FY06-07 Revenue to Date: \$9,424.28 FY06-07 Expenditures to Date: \$6,700.00

*Carryover expenditure from FY2006-07.

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2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board (GNCEOB)
2. Purpose: The GNCEOB is to establish a community-based public and private partnership to obtain and train a quality workforce for Greater Nebraska businesses
3. How many affectable: 101,200
How many served; 47,900
4. Year created: 1999 Year Active: 1999 Sunset date: NA
5. Contact Person: Fernando Lecuona III, Commissioner, Nebraska Workforce Development, Department of Labor, 550 S.16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68509

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and Nebraska Workforce Investment Act
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Workforce Investment Board

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 15
Who Appoints: The Governor of Nebraska
9. Legislative Approval: No
Qualifications: Three elected officials from each of the five regions, one of which must be a mayor
10. Per Diem: No Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 1 Held: 3
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 3
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 3

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared of separate: Shared – Department of Labor
14. FY 05-06 Budget: \$1,918,780
FY 06-07 Budget: \$2,020,008
FY 07-08 Budget: \$2,779,716
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2004: The GNCEOB, working with the GNWIB, updated the local area plan and budget and enhanced the One Stop Delivery System and performance accountability system with reporting and monitoring capabilities. The GNCEOB with the GNWIB continued to select eligible service and training providers. The GNCEOB continues to meet and exceed federal performance requirements.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (GNWIB)
2. Purpose: The GNWIB is to establish a community-based public and private partnership to obtain and train a quality workforce for Greater Nebraska businesses
3. How many affectable: 101,200
How many served; 47,900
4. Year created: 1999 Year Active: 1999 Sunset date: NA
5. Contact Person: Fernando Lecuona III, Commissioner, Nebraska Workforce Development, Department of Labor, 550 S.16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68509

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and Nebraska Workforce Investment Act
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Workforce Investment Board

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 48
Who Appoints: The Chief Elected Officials Board
9. Legislative Approval: No
Qualifications: Businesses, organizations, agencies or other entities with optimum policy making authority. A majority must represent business
10. Per Diem: No Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Tem length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 1 Held: 3
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 3
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 3

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared of separate: Shared – Department of Labor
14. FY 05-06 Budget: \$1,918,780
FY 06-07 Budget: \$2,020,008
FY 07-08 Budget: \$2,779,716
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2004: The GNWIB, working with the GNCEOB, updated the local area plan and budget and enhanced the One Stop Delivery System and performance accountability system with reporting and monitoring capabilities. The GNWIB with the GNCEOB continued to select eligible service and trining providers. . The GNWIB continues to meet and exceed federal performance requirements.

2007 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

- 1. Formal Name.....Greenbelt Advisory Committee
2. Purpose.....To assist and advise the Property Tax Administrator and the Legislature in developing uniform and proportionate special valuation of agricultural real property which is zoned for agricultural use and subject to land use controls provided for in sections 77-1343 to 77-1348.
3. How many affectable.....Not applicable
How many served.....Not applicable
4. Year Created.....2000.....Year active.....2000.....Sunset date.....none
5. Contact Person: Laz Flores
Tax Analyst
1033 "O" Street, Suite 600
Lincoln, NE 68506
Ph. # 402-471-5979
(will be at this address till August 2008. After that will be at the State Office Building, Second Floor, Dept. of Revenue)

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation.....section 77-1355
7. Parent Agency.....Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members.....7.....Who appoints.....Governor
9. Legislative approval.....No.....Qualifications.....2 Active Farmers; 1 Active Rancher; 1 Real Estate Appraiser of Agricultural land; 1 Professor of Agricultural Economics at UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; 1 elected County Assessor or designee by the Assessor; and, 1 elected County Commissioner or supervisor.
10. Per diem.....No
Expense reimbursement.....Yes
11. Term length.....4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once.....Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in FY 01-05.....1.....held.....2.....
FY 02-06.....1.....held.....1.....
FY 03-07.....1.....held.....1.....

Operations

- 13. Support staff.....Shared or separate.....Shared, "Parent Agency"
14. FY 01-02 budget.....0
FY 02-03 budget.....0
FY 03-04 budget.....0
15. Other funding sources.....None
16. Spending authority.....No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004...

The Committee, in 2005, held discussions of pending legislation that had direct bearing on greenbelt and special value valuation. The Committee provided testimony to the Revenue Committee of the Legislature pertaining to the following bills:

LB 407 – The Committee agreed with proposed definitional changes dealing with “parcels,” agricultural and horticultural “land” instead of “use”, and “applicant” instead of “taxpayer”. This would assist the assessor to more accurately identify and appropriately apply special valuation. The Committee also addressed the issue of “recapture” of greenbelt by asking for a study on this item and its impact.

LB 600 – Opposed this bill because it would exclude 1031 exchanges from the sales file because it would influence the value of agricultural land.

LB699 – The Committee expressed caution on this bill which would eliminate zoning as part of the requirements of greenbelt.

The Committee also in 2005 developed materials to increase awareness of the greenbelt process. They developed a power point presentation, a brochure and outreach programs by which they attended meetings in different counties to listen to taxpayer concerns.

During the 2006 calendar year, the Committee discussed and considered the use of a review process that involves regular inspection of greenbelt property to assure that proper use of the parcel is continuing. This was recommended to Property Tax and was implemented by most assessors.

The Committee also recommended a possible change in the make-up of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee from 9 to 7 members. This was adopted by the Legislature in 2007. The make-up eliminated the need for a Zoning and Planning Official and the need for a County Attorney.

The Committee in 2007 recommended to the Legislature to shift the focus of the Committee from not only Special Valuation/Greenbelt to calling it an ag land advisory board or possibly making it part of a larger state task force on land use.

The Committee held more discussions on narrowing the definition of agricultural or horticultural parcel. Discussions were also held and recommended an alternative method for establishing value as it pertains to agricultural or horticultural uses, and as a result determine primary use in terms of the “worth” of a property. The Committee also considered the impact that a change in a new method for valuing ag land may have on the local government tax base.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Hall of Fame

Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska Hall of Fame shall be to bring to public attention and to recognize officially those people who, in their lives, have achieved prominence and who were outstanding Nebraskans.

How many affectable: Nebraska population and all visitors

How many served: Annual visitation at the Capitol

Year created: 1961

Year active: currently active

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Michael J. Smith, Secretary

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68501-2554

Phone number:

Authorization

Authorization citation: 72-724-729

Parent agency: Nebraska State Historical Society

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission consists of seven members, six of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. The Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society shall be the seventh member of the commission and shall serve as secretary of the commission. The Governor shall appoint no more than three members of the commission from the same political party. The Governor shall consider gender and ethnic diversity and the person's appreciation for the history and culture of the state when making appointments. Commission appointments are for a term of six years.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 6-year term

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: Lincoln

FY 06-07: 0 Held: Lincoln

FY 07-08: 5,000 Held: across Neb

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Nebraska State Historical Society

FY 05-06 budget: \$0.

FY 06-07 budget: \$0.

FY 07-08 budget: \$5,000

Other funding sources: Nebraska Hall of Fame Trust

Spending authority: Yes-under the Nebraska State Historical Society

Accomplishments: During each five-year period beginning on and after January 1, 2005, the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission may select a finalist for induction to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. If a finalist is selected for induction, the commission shall name him or her to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during the final year of each five-year period. Professor Charles Bessey, of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been selected for induction in the Nebraska Hall of Fame for the period beginning January 1, 2005.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Health Benefit Plan Committee
2. Purpose: To develop the Basic and Standard Small Group Health Insurance Plans.
3. How many affectable: It is unclear how many small insurance policyholders there are in Nebraska but it is a significant number. The plans developed by this committee have been on the market as an option for potential purchasers of small group health insurance plans.
4. Year created: 1994 Year active: 1994 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: John Rink
Nebraska Department of Insurance
941 O Street, Suite 400
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2201
John.Rink@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-5263
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Indeterminate. Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-5262 only provides who shall be members; it does not state the cap on the number of members of the committee. The statute discusses representatives of carriers, small employers, employees, health care providers, agents, and brokers.

Who appoints: The Director of Insurance

9. Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: The committee shall be composed of carriers, small employers, employees, health care providers, agents, and brokers.

10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: None

11. Term length: The statute does not specify

12. Number of meetings required in FY05-06: None

FY06-07: None

FY07-08: None

Operations

13. Support staff: None

14. FY 05-06 budget: None

FY 06-07 budget: None

FY 07-08 budget: None

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: None. The committee was disbanded in late 1994.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004

The State Board of Health has:

- Approved 137 sets of rules and regulations governing health care professionals
- Reviewed 66 sets of regulations for health care facilities or environmental health programs
- Conducted 452 interviews (out of approximately 700 applicants) of applicants seeking appointment to a health care professional board
- Appointed 206 individuals to professional boards
- Hosted, at their own expense, three legislative luncheons to educate senators on HHS committee about programs and discuss how the Board of Health can support the senators on health related legislation
- Testified before the Legislature, and provided letters of support and technical expertise
- Attend professional board meetings to stay informed on issues important to the specific professions
- Served on several state Task Forces and Committees

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters**
 2. Purpose: (1) The board shall advise the department in all matters relating to sections 71-4701 to 71-4719, shall prepare the examinations required by such sections for the department, shall by a vote of four-fifths recommend licensure, and shall assist the department in carrying out the provisions of such sections.
(2) The department shall be guided by the recommendations of the board in all matters relating to such sections.
(3) The board shall establish continuing competency requirements for persons licensed under such sections. Continuing education is sufficient to meet continuing competency requirements. The requirements may also include, but not be limited to, one or more of the continuing competency activities listed in section 71-161.09 which a licensed person may select as an alternative to continuing education. The requirements shall be approved by the board and adopted and promulgated by the department in rules and regulations.
 3. How many affectable: N/A
 4. How many served: N/A
 5. Year created: 1969 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
- Contact person: Diane Hansmeyer

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-4715
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 6 Who appoints: Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-4715
10. Per diem: \$25.00/day
Expense reimbursement: Members of the board shall receive for each day actually engaged in the duties of the office a per diem amount of twenty-five dollars and reimbursement for actual and necessary travel and other expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2008; 1 term expires in 2009; 1 term expires in 2010; 2 terms expire in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 2
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 2
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$5,403
 FY 06-07 budget: \$4,445
 FY 07-08 budget: \$3,798
15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees.
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

- Recommendations for licensure on 77 applications
- Determined percentage of licensees to be audited.
- Provided recommendation on all disciplinary actions.
- Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions
- Adopted Conviction Guidelines for use with disciplinary recommendations
- Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.
- Developed a jurisprudence examination for disciplinary purposes.
- Served as examiners for Hearing Aid practical examination.



Dave Heineman
Governor

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Executive Secretary
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Dear Senator Aguilar:

As per the Neb.Rev.Stat. 50-1301, et.al., I submit the following information relevant to the various functions of the Nebraska State Highway Commission:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Formal NameNebraska State Highway Commission

PurposeThe Nebraska State Highway Commission reports directly to the Governor and is responsible for:

- acting in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Nebraska Department of Roads in the establishment of broad policies for the operation of the agency;
- conducting hearings, investigations, and studies relating to providing an adequate and safe highway system for the state;
- advising the Governor of the feasibility for abandonment of existing routes or portions of a route on the state highway system as may be proposed by the Department of Roads;
- maintaining a continuity of proceedings through a full-time Executive Secretary;
- advising the Governor, upon request, relative to the appointment of an Agency Director.

How many affectedThe entire population of the State of Nebraska.

How many servedThe driving public.
Year created1953
No sunset date.
Contact personShirley K. Schafer, Executive Secretary
Nebraska Department of Roads
1500 Highway 2
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 479-4530 – Telephone
(402) 479-3888 – Fax

AUTHORIZATION

Authorization citationNebraska Revised Statutes, Article 2,
Sections 39-1101 – 39-1111.
Parent agencyNebraska Department of Roads

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Number of membersEight (8)
Legislative Approval.....Yes, four Democrats and four Republicans
appointed by the Governor. The Chair of the
Commission must be affiliated with the same
political party as the elected Governor.
Pier diem\$20/per day when serving or representing the
Commission and not in excess of \$2,400 per
annum.
Expense reimbursement.....Yes, only when engaged in the business of the
Commission. A Commissioner is reimbursed for
meals, overnight accommodations and mileage as
per the state’s recommended allowance policy for
state employees.
Term lengthSix years – terms overlap.
Number of meetingsAs per Neb.Rev.Stat., Article 2, Sections 39-1101 –
39-1111. The Commission meets once a month
during the calendar year.

FY 05-06 12
FY 06-07 12
FY 07-08 12

OPERATIONS

Support staff Yes – the Executive Secretary
(Separate – as per Neb.Rev.Stat. Article 2,
Sections 39-1101 – 39-1111.)

Budget FY 05-06 \$115,871.00
FY 05-06 \$ 90,286.49
FY 07-08 \$ 92,278.03

Other funding sources.....None.

Spending authority.....No.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Nebraska State Highway Commission represents the citizens of the State of Nebraska on all issues and facets of transportation. The Commission insures public input in the planning, design, and operation of the state highway system. The Commission acts as the liaison between the public and personnel of the Nebraska Department of Roads regarding transportation concerns. Each Commissioner serves as the facilitator and moderator at public hearings in their respective district, as well as the annual district transportation meetings statewide.

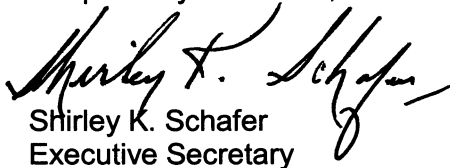
The Commission participates in the Legislative involvement of the Department; attends the National and Regional WASHTO and AASHTO conferences; and participates in the Department’s scheduled budget sessions for the respective districts.

The members of the Commission meet regularly with community leaders, elected officials, local, state and national, to share concerns relevant to the “wants and needs” of the state; establish policies pertaining to the criteria for state highway improvement, non-standard developments of roadway projects, and the naming of selected highways throughout the state.

The Commissioners of the Nebraska State Highway Commission are very prudent leaders representing the best interests of all Nebraskans.

If additional information is requested, I will be more than willing to comply.

Respectfully submitted,


Shirley K. Schafer
Executive Secretary

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2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska State Historical Society Board of Trustees

Purpose: Statute 82-101.02"(1) To establish a date, time, and location for an annual meeting of the society and promulgate same and to elect annually from among their number a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, and a treasurer; (2) To adopt bylaws not inconsistent with state statutes for their own governance and to administer the society in the interests of preserving the rich heritage of this state and its people; (3) to select a director or chief executive officer who shall also serve as secretary to the board of trustees, and to prescribe the director\'s duties and responsibilities; (4) To create a general membership class which shall be open to all persons interested in the accomplishment of the purposes of the society, and the active members of such class shall be eligible to vote and shall not be required to pay membership dues; (5) To create such other classes of membership in the society as the board deems desirable, to determine the qualifications for such classes of membership, and to set the fees to be paid for such memberships; (6) To create such committees as the board deems advisable and delegate to the committees those functions which aid in the efficient administration of the affairs of the society; (7) To, according to appropriate museum and archival standards, collect, assemble, preserve, classify, and exhibit, where appropriate, all books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs...(8) To ensure that the collections and properties of the society are maintained in good order and repair; (9) To accept, receive, and administer in the name of the society any gifts, donations, properties, securities, bequests, and legacies...(10) To contract and enter into agreements...(11) To sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of books, museum objects, or other property in the society's collections that are surplus, duplicate, outside the scope of the society's mission, or which lack research, educational, or exhibit value...(12) To disseminate and interpret the results of the society's research through publications, exhibitions, reports, public programs...(13) To adopt and promulgate all policies, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with law, that are necessary to implement the objects and purposes of the society."

How many affectable: Nebraska population, school children and visitors

How many served: same as affectable

Year created: 1878

Year active: currently active

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: Michael J. Smith, Director/CEO

Mailing Address: Nebraska State Historical Society

P.O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68501-2554

Phone number: 471-4745

Authorization

Authorization citation: 82-101 to 82-136

Parent agency: Nebraska State Historical Society

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 15

Who Appoints: NSHS Members and Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: The Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) Board of Trustees consists of fifteen members, twelve of whom are elected by the Nebraska State Historical Society membership, and three are appointed by the Governor. Board members are elected and appointed from Nebraska's three congressional districts. The NSHS Board of Trustees nominating and development committee files in writing its slate of nominees for election, no later than ninety days prior to the date of the NSHS annual meeting. Candidates for election shall file a written petition with signatures of not less than twenty-five active members of the NSHS.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: eligible for two, six-year terms

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 9*

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 5

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$25,601.59* (hired a Director)

FY 06-07 budget: \$10,756.47

FY 07-08 budget: \$14,223.11

Other funding sources: NSHS General/Cash Fund

Spending authority: under the NSHS

Accomplishments: 1) Expanded the Nebraska Institute for Teaching American History to include teachers in the Lincoln, Omaha and Millard Public School districts; 2) Received a regional Emmy award for a documentary Solomon Butcher: Frontier Photographer, with co-producer Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET); 3) Increased Nebraska resources (photographs, maps, marker text/locations, exhibits, historic building surveys and reports, school tour booking; 4) Coordinated work with the Legislature, leading to passage of important initiatives: creation of a state archeology office, development of a state cemetery registry, economic incentives for owners engaged in rehabbing historic buildings; 5) Entered into an agreement with Omaha Tribe to store tribal collection; 6) Assisted thousands of people conducting research, providing tours, visiting exhibits, and public requests, including Saving Nebraska's Treasures, a multi-media effort with NET and the Nebraska Library Commission; 7) Commissioned a study and produced a report on the major economic impact of historic preservation activity in Nebraska 8) Co-producer of Beef State, a documentary addressing the history

of the cattle industry in Nebraska up to the 1950s, with NET; 9) Put 89 properties on the National Register of Historic Places; 10) Replaced/repared 66 historical markers; 11) Granted c. \$400,000 to local governments for historic preservation.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness

Purpose: Make recommendations to the Department of Economic Development on the operation of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services on the operation of the Nebraska Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund; serve as an advisory body on housing and homelessness; assist with education, advocacy, coordination/cooperation and integration of the existing recommendations from Nebraska's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan with other statewide strategic planning initiatives involved with affordable housing, homelessness/near homelessness issues and other housing issues.

How many affectable: All Nebraskans

How many served: not applicable

Year created: 1998

Year active: 5/13/1998

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: Lara Huskey, Director, Community and Rural Development Division

Mailing Address: Nebraska Department of Economic Development

PO Box 94666

Lincoln, NE 68509-4666

Phone number: 402-471-.3759

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Statute 58-704

Parent agency: Economic Development

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 15

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Members represent a wide range of interests associated with housing and homelessness.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 6

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 3

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes
Shared or separate: Department of Economic Development
FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Coordination and recommendations on the implementation of housing assistance for persons with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness as a component of Behavioral Health Reform. Review and recommendations for changes in the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust fund rules and regulations. Recommendations and review of the collaboration effort needed to implement the consolidation of the applications for Low-income Housing Tax Credits with Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and HOME funds with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Recommendation that resulted in implementation of non-profit capacity building funding to non-profits that serve Nebraska tribes to have an ongoing resource to address housing needs for Native Americans in Nebraska.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)-Continuum of Care Committee**
2. Purpose: The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH) is charged with addressing unique aspects of housing and homelessness and near-homelessness. One of the four standing committees of the Commission, the Continuum of Care, serves as the advisory committee to the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP). Such an advisory committee for the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program is required by Nebraska Revised Statute 68-1605 (3) advising DHHS on housing needs for persons and families with special housing needs.
3. How many affectable--
4. How many served: During the last grant cycle (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007) 23,743 individuals who were homeless and 32,122 individuals who were near-homeless were assisted by 70 programs offered by agencies funded by the NHAP. The grant cycle July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 will provide a baseline data base for an unduplicated count of those served by agencies funded by the NHAP. This count does not include other agencies across the state not funded by NHAP.
5. Year created: In 1998, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee and the Nebraska Interagency Council on the Homeless were combined to form the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness.
In 2002, the Continuum of Care Committee of the NCHH was established as the advisory committee to HHS for special needs housing.
Year active: 1998 Sunset date: None
Contact person: Lara Huskey, Department of Economic Development provides support for the NCHH; Jean L. Chicoine, DHHS – Division of Children and Family Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 471-9644 provides support to the Continuum of Care Subcommittee.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Executive Order 98-4 (for the NCHH); Nebraska Revised Statute 68-1605 (3) for the advisory role fulfilled by the Continuum of Care Committee.
7. Parent agency: The Department of Economic Development (DED) is the parent agency for the NCHH; the Division of Children and Family Services (DHHS) is the parent agency for the NCHH Continuum of Care Committee, which is the Advisory Committee for Special Needs Housing.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: [21 for the NE Commission on Housing & Homelessness] 40 for the NCHH Continuum of Care Committee
Who appoints: [Governor for the NCHH]; A portion of the subcommittee members are Commission members appointed by the Governor, NHAP Administrator & Program Specialist for NCHH Continuum of Care add at-large members to meet the needs of diverse stakeholder representation of the advisory sub-committee.
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: Members must represent various segments of citizens, local, regional, and state officials, homeless and near-homeless providers, community-based organizations and corporations, advocates of low-income persons, professional housing planners and developers, realtors, bankers and housing builders and manufacturers, private business and industry and others with an emphasis on addressing housing needs of low-income persons and people who are homeless and near-homeless in Nebraska.

10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: The DED reimburses NCHH members; DHHS reimburses NCHH Continuum of Care Committee (Advisory Committee).
11. Term length: Members serve at the pleasure of the Governor. At-large NCHH Continuum of Care members serve as long as they represent the region, organization and/or population for which they were selected.
 Terms rotate or expire at once: Not applicable
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4
 FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4
 FY 07-08: 4 Held: 3 of 4

Operations

13. Support staff: 0 Shared or separate: The DED provides staff for minutes at NCHH meetings; DHHS – Division of Children & Family Services/NHAP provides staff for minutes at the NCHH Continuum of Care Committee meetings. Both departments provide staff time to process any reimbursements.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
 FY 06-07 budget: \$0
 FY 07-08 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: NHAP uses limited administrative funds to reimburse travel of members, or cover the costs of video conferencing to meet the requirement for quarterly meetings.
16. Spending authority: The NCHH has no spending authority.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004
- Served as review team members for recommendations on funding for the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program.
 - Served as members of a planning team for the conference on homelessness held concurrently with the NE Housing Developers Association Affordable Housing Conference in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Community training of RentWise and SSI/SSDI Outreach & Recovery has been implemented statewide as a result of conference breakout sessions.
 - Provided input on Special Project Grants that were offered to help improve facilities that assist people who are homeless across the state.
 - Participated in the revision and re-focusing of Nebraska’s 10-year plan on Ending Chronic Homelessness. Focus has been on discharge planning (from institutions).
 - Approved guidelines for Regional Continuums of Care.
 - Increased awareness on homeless issues through state and regional activities during Hunger & Homeless Week (week prior to Thanksgiving).
 - Provided input on statewide Homeless Management Inventory System and development of a survey for point-in-time counts (required by the Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. For the CoC Exhibit 1 grant application for supportive housing).

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

Purpose: To promote state and federal legislation beneficial to Tribes and the Indian community in Nebraska; coordinate existing programs relating to the Indian community; work with state and federal agencies to develop new programs relating to the Indian community; appraise the governor of the situation in the Indian community; provide the public with information and education relevant to Indian affairs; develop programs to encourage total involvement of Indian people in activities for the common benefit of the Indian community.

How many affectable: All citizens in Nebraska

How many served: 20,000 Native American citizens; 4 Tribal Govt.'s

Year created: 1971

Year active: 1971

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Judi M. gaiashkibos, Executive Director

Mailing Address: Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

State Capitol, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 94981

Lincoln, NE 68509-4981

Phone number: 402-471-3475

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-2501

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 14

Who Appoints: Governor/Tribes make appointee recommend.'s to Gov Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: None

Per Diem: \$50.00

Expense reimbursement: Yes (meals, mileage, etc.)

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotation

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 3+CSB/2008

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 3/4thOct08

Operations

Support Staff: 2

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: 182,089.00

FY 06-07 budget: 189,590.00
FY 07-08 budget: 198,763.00
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: Yes (see 81-2503)

Accomplishments: See the following:

Accomplishments of the NCIA & Nebraska Tribes

Iowa Commission on Native American Affairs Advisory

- Consultation with Iowa Governor's Office in the Formation of the Iowa Commission on Native American Affairs.

P16-Advisory Board Strategic Planning

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Academic Conferences Presentation April 2 2008

- Formally presented a workshop on Nebraska's State-Tribal Protocols at the Integrating Emerging Practices and Traditions: A Path to the Future conference hosted by Indian Health Services (IHS) for the Aberdeen Area which includes the Omaha, Winnebago, Santee Sioux and Ponca tribes of Nebraska.

Chief Standing Bear Consultative Forum Group/Children's Book Series

- Advising the University of Nebraska Press and the CSB Consultative Forum comprised of scholars and educators including Roger Welsch, Dr. Natalie Hahn, Dr. Jean Lukesh, Lynne Ireland, and Joe Starita on possible Native American Authors for the first book in the children's Series Chief Standing Bear. I will make recommendations on the overall project such as developing website and companion curriculum.

Appleseed Working Poor Families Project Advisory Board

- Serve with Senator Lathrop and others on the advisory board to address the challenges facing Nebraska's working poor which includes tribal members throughout Nebraska through a national grant. We are currently working on policy options and will finalize the first draft of the complete report to present to the national partners in September 2008.

TERC Workshop/Partner Regional Tribal Operations Committee 2008 (RTOC)

- Plan and facilitate one or more workshops on emergency response planning for tribes. Expected outcomes will be training, technical assistance, and information for the tribes and their stakeholders in planning and responding to an emergency.

Rockwell Chief Standing Bear Exhibit Sponsor May 2008

- Served as sponsor to the traveling exhibit of paintings created by Janice Rockwell depicting the delegation of Ponca Chiefs at the time of their trip to Washington D.C.

YES Network "Yesterdays" with Joba Chamberlain 2008

- Advised the Yankees Network with their program including research on the Winnebago tribe, speakers, gifts and presentation of an Admiralship on the actual program to Winnebago tribal member Joba Chamberlain.

Governors Interstate Indian Council Annual Conference 2008

- President of this organization and member of the planning committee for the October conference to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota October 12-16, 2008. The GIIC is made up of state Indian Affairs Offices and Commissions from across the country and has been in existence since 1949.

Accomplishments of the NCIA & Nebraska Tribes

“Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country” Partnership/UNL Library

- Planning committee member to identify the speakers for this exhibit which will be unveiled October 17-December 4, 2008 in partnership with the Newberry Library and the American Library Association Public Programs Office Grant to UNL Library.

DHHS/Omaha State Tribal Meeting July 24, 2008 (Regarding 2006 Audit)

- Represented NCIA and facilitated the government to government protocols between DHHS and the Omaha tribe concerning the issues surrounding the outcome of the 2006 Audit and advised on possible alternatives for delivery of funds per a third party.

Nebraska Teachers Institute Partner 2008

- Presented the Tribal Encounter Trunks to 40 elementary teachers who are a part of the Institute for the purpose of receiving their Masters in History Education. The tract we are presenting to is entitled Reading Places. The Institute coordinators were John Carter NSHS/Nebraska Wesleyan.

United States Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for Judge Thalken 2008

- Served with a panel this summer to review the public comments concerning the reappointment of Judge Thalken, met and interviewed Judge Thalken and made final recommendation based on the comments and evidence.

Creighton University Chief Standing Bear Naming Committee 2008

- Represented Creighton University to the Ponca Tribal Council for the purpose of naming and dedicating the Chief Standing Bear Center for Multi-Cultural Education Center and supporting the creation of an endowment for the formal opening Fall 2009.

Nebraska Partners in Prevention 2008

- Advisory member to the NePIP/SICA grants applications for community coalitions per the SAMSHA (SPF-SIG) funds for substance abuse prevention for tribal and other communities throughout Nebraska.

University of Nebraska Press Partnership/Native American Editor Fellowship 2008

- Advising UNL Press, a world leader in publishing native studies titles, on expanding their distinguished publishing program and honoring the large body of work by and about Native Americans by establishing a two year post graduate fellowship for native students.

Voices for Children Advisory Board/Racial and Ethnic Equity for Nebraska’s Children Report 2008

- As a member of the Board of Advisors, I will attend 1-2 meetings about the Report and provide input via email on drafts of the Report as they are prepared. I will provide the tribal contacts and information for the report similar to the Kids Count report, focusing on the eight areas of child well-being (child abuse and neglect, early childhood care and education, economic well-being, education, health, juvenile justice, nutrition, out of home care and adoption).

Accomplishments of the NCIA & Nebraska Tribes

Unlocking the Potential for Success (UPS) Advisory Board/Nebraska Children and Family Foundation 2008

- Providing support to the UPS which is dedicated to helping students of Native American decent and those in Foster Care in grades 10-12 to break down the barriers between them and post-secondary education. UPS exists out of a partnership between Nebraska's Children and Families Foundation and the Nebraska Independent College Foundation.

US Census 2010 Advisory/Denver Regional Census Center Partner 2008

- Assist with the collection of information as an important tool for tribal and federal government decision making. Census data is used to help direct the distribution of \$300 billion dollars annually in federal funding. Accurate census data leads to fairer allocation of funds that are vital to tribal programs to help meet community needs.

Chief Standing Bear Events (2008, Annual)

- Successfully completed the Fourth Annual Chief Standing Bear Commemoration Celebration in the State Capitol Rotunda and the Third Annual Chief Standing Bear Breakfast at Embassy Suites. Scholarships were once again presented to four Native students and both events were filled to capacity.

Independent Agency Presentation (2008)

- NCIA director Judi M. gaiashkibos was the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of Nebraska's independent agency directors in the lower level of the Governor's residence where she presented on NCIA's mission to advocate, educate, and legislate on behalf of Native people in the state of Nebraska. She also presented on topics ranging from tribal sovereignty to current legislation.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) workshop (2008)

- In partnership with the Nebraska State Historical Society, hosted a workshop with THPO expert Albert Lebeau at the Lincoln Ponca Tribal Office to facilitate a dialog between Nebraska's four headquartered tribes to achieve THPO designation by the federal government in order to apply for federal grants.

Advocacy Agencies Senator's Breakfast (2008)

- Co-hosted a senator's breakfast with the Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Equal Opportunity Commission, Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Mexican American Commission, and the Commission on the Status of Women. The meeting informed Nebraska senators about the status of Nebraska's advocacy agencies and the unique tasks and obstacles they face.

ICWA Meeting (2008)

- In conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, co-sponsored an Indian Child Welfare Act Meeting to provide an opportunity for collaboration between and among tribes, DHHS, NCIA, and Indian Center, Inc.

LB1120/Oglala Sioux Tribe (2008)

Accomplishments of the NCIA & Nebraska Tribes

- Assisted members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in opposing LB1120, a bill to eliminate an exemption for projects of federally recognized Indian tribes in relation to the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act.

LR234/Omaha Tribe (2008)

- Assisted Omaha Tribe with drafting legislation to fully retrocede criminal jurisdiction on the Omaha Reservation. NCIA assisted with testimony and support for the Omaha Tribe.

Tribal Roundtable Meeting with Governor Heineman (2007)

- In partnership with Governor's office, hosted a meeting between Governor Heineman and members of his executive staff and Tribal leaders from each of Nebraska's four headquartered tribes.

American Indian Heritage Month Read-In at Bonnet Martin Library (2007)

- Coordinated Read-In event at Bennett Martin Library where nine readers read from Native American literature as part of American Indian Month. The event was filmed and aired on Lincoln City Channel 5.

Omaha Meeting with Senator Johnson (2007)

- Facilitated meeting with Senator Johnson to discuss TANF issues with the Omaha Tribe. Senator Johnson is chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee.

Two Educational Summits (2007)

- Co-sponsored an educational summit in Chadron, NE as well as a summit in Wayne, NE, each of which focused on minority education in Nebraska including Native American Education topics

Santee Meetings with Nebraska Crime Commission (2007)

- Facilitated meetings between Santee Sioux Nation, Governor's Policy Research Office and Nebraska Crime Commission regarding sharing information through the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System to increase efficiency and safety for Santee Tribal Police

LB 537 and Ponca Tribe (2007)

- Worked extensively with members of the Ponca Tribe to pass LB 537, a bill which would allow the Ponca Tribe to collect and disseminate motor fuel tax on federal trust lands as they were the only headquartered tribe in Nebraska unable to engage in this process.

LB 34 (2007)

- Supported the creation of the State-Tribal Relation Committee in the State Legislature in order to foster better relationships between the state and the federally recognized Indian tribes within the state.

Chief Standing Bear Scholarships (2007, Annual)

Accomplishments of the NCIA & Nebraska Tribes

- As a result of the success of the Chief Standing Bear Breakfast, NCIA is able present four \$500 scholarships to Native students seeking higher education in Nebraska this year. The scholarships are intended to become annual

Opera Omaha's *Wakonda's Dream* (2007)

- Advised Opera Omaha in the creation of an opera based on Chief Standing Bear's legendary trial. Helped with corresponding "Wakonda's Dream Festival" which had many educational presentations and events including some in Lincoln and the State Capitol Building. *Wakonda's Dream* is scheduled to debut on March 7, 9, and 11 in Omaha.

Nebraska State Historical Society Meetings (2007)

- NCIA facilitated a meeting between Nebraska's four tribes and the Nebraska State Historical Society in regards to establishing Tribal Historic Preservation Offices/Officers with an expected outcome of applying for federal THPO grants for specific projects. James Bird, Chief of the National Park Service Tribal Preservation Program, attended a March meeting to assist tribes with this process.

Omaha Tribe/Congressional Delegation Meeting (2006)

- NCIA facilitated a meeting between Omaha Tribe and U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry and other representatives of Congressional delegates concerning the complete loss of funding for the tribe's Carl T. Curtis Health Center. The meeting resulted in keeping the health center open.

HHSS ICWA Position (2006)

- Assisted in process of creating the Indian Child Welfare Act consultant position and in the hiring process.

\$1.4 Million Grant (2006)

- Identified Indian Center, Inc. as a potential candidate for ANA \$1.4 million Healthy Marriage Initiative and Grants and helped facilitate the grants

Nebraska Partners in Prevention/SICA

- Served as member of grant review committee to help determine potential recipients of grants

Two Educational Summits (2006)

- Co-sponsored an educational summit in Chadron, NE as well as a summit in Wayne, NE, each of which focused on minority education in Nebraska including Native American Education topics

Chief Standing Bear Breakfast (2006, Annual)

- The initial Chief Standing Bear Breakfast had a guest list of more than 360 attendees. The event included the President of the National Congress of American Indians as keynote speaker and helped honor Chief Standing Bear's contributions to civil rights in America.

Accomplishments of the NCIA & Nebraska Tribes

- Funds raised from this event were used to establish Chief Standing Bear Scholarship fund. More than 500 attendees are expected to come to the 2007 Chief Standing Bear Breakfast

University of Nebraska Law Symposium (Annual)

- Work in conjunction with admissions staff to encourage attendance of Law School by Native American students

Chief Standing Bear Commemoration (Annual)

- Developed groundwork for annual event to commemorate the anniversaries of the Chief Standing Bear court decision. Coordinated event comprising of 75 active participants in the ceremony including speakers, honorees, and performers. Inaugural event attended by nearly 400 guests in the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building. Future commemorations to include a fellowship breakfast and scholarship endowment
- Drafted language for gubernatorial and mayoral proclamations and garnered support for the introduction and passage of a legislative resolution

Great Plains Indian Memorial Highway (2005)

- Supported work to rename Highway 25, which runs from Sutherland south to Kansas, as a means to publicly recognize the vast and varied contributions made by Nebraska's first citizens whose sacrifices made it possible for all Nebraskans to enjoy "the Good Life" we experience today.

Native American Journalist Association Annual Conference (2005)

- Worked on planning committee to bring national conference to Lincoln, Nebraska. Assisted with the coordination of events, staffing, fund raising and donation requesting, and other logistic matters relating to the weeklong event.

Nebraska Health & Human Services System Cultural Training (2005)

- Training conducted by the NCIA to advise relevant representatives and employees of the Nebraska Health & Human Services System about matters relevant to Native American citizens, and to familiarize them with resources available to them to better serve the Native American population in Nebraska in the course of their service

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Commission of Industrial Relations
2. 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.
3. How many affectable: Indirect affect on entire population of Nebraska
How many served: Indirect service to entire population of Nebraska
4. Year created: 1947 Year active: 1947 Sunset date: None
5. Annette Hord, Clerk/Administrator, P. O. Box 94864, 301 Centennial Mall
South, Lincoln, NE 68509 402-471-2935

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 48-803
7. Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Required
Qualifications: Must be representative of public, with experience and knowledge in legal, financial, labor and industrial matters
10. Per diem: \$475.00
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 6 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Three rotate, two expire at once
12. Number of meetings required in:

FY 05-06	None	Held	8
FY 06-07	None	Held	9
FY 07-08	None	Held	9

Operations

13. Support staff: 3 Shared or separate: Separate
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$254,041
FY 06-07 budget: \$261,010
FY 07-08 budget: \$282,770

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 48-804.02 and 48-806
and LB 407

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 the Commission has handled 47 representation cases, 33 wage cases, and 32 cases involving other types of labor disputes. Twenty-seven opinions have been published—12 wage disputes, three representation disputes, 11 unfair labor practice disputes, and one appeal of a Special Master decision under the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act. Thirty-one elections have been held, resulting in 27 certifications of labor unions, nine de-certifications of labor unions, and one failure to certify a labor union.

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.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Purpose: The vision of the NITC is to improve the quality of life of all Nebraskans by promoting the use of information technology in education, health care, economic development and all levels of government. To achieve this vision, the NITC has identified five goals: Support the development of a robust statewide telecommunications infrastructure that is scalable, reliable, and efficient; Support the use of information technology to enhance community and economic development; Promote the use of information technology to improve the efficiency and delivery of governmental and educational services, including homeland security; Ensure the security of the State's data and network resources and the continuity of business operations. Promote effective planning, management and accountability regarding the state's investments in information technology.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1998

Year active: 1998

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer

Mailing Address: Office of the CIO

PO Box 95045, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-3717

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-515

Parent agency: DAS-OCIO

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: 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. At any time that there is not a member of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council serving on the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the technical panel established pursuant to section 86-521, or any working groups established pursuant to sections 86-512 to 86-524 that establish, coordinate, or prioritize needs for education, the Governor shall appoint to the commission one member who serves on the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council.

Per Diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings
FY 05-06: 0 Held: 4
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 4
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes
Shared or separate: Office of the CIO
FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The NITC submits a biennial progress report to the Governor and Legislature documenting the activities and accomplishments of the Commission. The November 15, 2006 Progress Report is posted at: <http://nitc.ne.gov/reports/>. The next report will be posted by November 15, 2008.

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General Information

Formal name: Technical Panel of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Purpose: The technical panel shall review any technology project presented to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission including any recommendations by working groups established under sections 86-512 to 86-524. Upon the conclusion of the review of a technology project or request for additional funding, the technical panel shall provide its analysis to the commission. The technical panel may recommend technical standards and guidelines to be considered for adoption by the commission. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-521)

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1998

Year active: 1999

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer

Mailing Address: Office of the CIO

PO Box 95045, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-3717

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Â§ 86-521

Parent agency: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: One representative from the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission; one representative from the office of Chief Information Officer; one representative from the University of Nebraska Computing Services Network; one member with expertise in assistive technology; one member representing K-12 education.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Indefinite

Terms rotate or expire at once: Not Applicable

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 10

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 8

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 8

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Office of the CIO
FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The activities and accomplishments of the Technical Panel are contained in the biennial progress reports to the Governor and Legislature submitted by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission. The November 15, 2006 Progress Report is posted at: <http://nitc.ne.gov/reports/>. The next report will be posted by November 15, 2008.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission

Purpose: NIZC was created by LB 546 for the purpose of developing regional cooperation in which the communities, businesses, and educational entities within the I-80 corridor could work together to pursue common goals within the Commissions boundaries. The Commission shall advocate and recommend programs that encourage regional cooperation and foster community sustainability and economic development incentives. The Commission is charged with defining boundaries for the I-80 corridor, while focusing attention on and increase awareness of the opportunities and needs in a particular region of Nebraska.

How many affectable: several hundred thousand

How many served: six Nebraska Counties

Year created: May 31, 2005

Year active: Fall 2005

Sunset Date: May 31, 2010

Contact Person: Kathy McKillip

Mailing Address: Nebraska innovation Zone Commission

301 Centennial Mall South

PO BOx 94666

Lincoln, NE.68509-4666

website www.nizc.org

Phone number: 401-471-1558

Authorization

Authorization citation: Legislative Bill 546 ninety-ninth session-2005

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 19 appointed/elected officials

Who Appoints: county boards, local jurisdictions, University, etc. Legislative approval: Legislative approval no

Qualifications: Must represent the county boards of Lancaster, Sarpy, Douglas, Saunders, Cass and Washington, the University of Nebraska- Regents, the Nebraska Community College Association, and the Papio-Missouri NRD and the Lower-Platte South-NRD, as well as the Omaha and Lincoln City Council, Class I and Class II communities.

Per Diem: mileage reimbursement

Expense reimbursement: mileage only for meetings

Term length: open

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotation and replacement as local jurisdictions

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 12 Held: monthly

FY 06-07: 16 Held: monthly
FY 07-08: 14 Held: monthly

Operations

Support Staff: 1 staff member

Shared or separate: shared

FY 05-06 budget: 70,000

FY 06-07 budget: 70,000

FY 07-08 budget: 70,000

Other funding sources: federal and state grants

Spending authority: no-all funds go through NDED

Accomplishments: Please visit our website at www.nizc.org for a listing of all of our meetings and minutes, as well as the final report for our Phase I Study - regional Comprehensive Plan - completed May, 2008. This website also posts our annual reports, and other visioning session reports that the Commission has hosted and facilitated the past 2 1/2 years.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Invest Nebraska Board**
2. Purpose: The Invest Nebraska Board was created as part of the Invest Nebraska Act by the 2001 Legislature. The Act was created to encourage both new and existing businesses to relocate and to expand in the State of Nebraska. The Act also provides for the increased training for workers, quality jobs and the expansion of local economies. The Board's duties are to review the application of the company to determine whether the company qualifies under the Act for state benefits. Companies have to make investments, create jobs, and the jobs created have to pay above the average level of wages in the State of Nebraska.
3. How many affectable: N/A
How many served: N/A
4. Year created: 2001
Year active: 2001 Sunset date: No project applications can be filed on/after June 1, 2005
5. Contact person: Douglas A. Ewald, Tax Commissioner, Secretary of the Invest Nebraska Board, 301 Centennial Mall South, 2nd Floor, Nebraska State Office Building, PO box 94818, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509. Telephone number is (402)471-5604

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Section 77-5508 R.R.S. 2003
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 3, the Governor of Nebraska, State Treasurer and the Investment Council Chairperson.
Who appoints: none
9. Legislative approval: none
Qualifications of members: N/A
10. Per diem: N/A Expense reimbursement: N/A
11. Term length: all three are Ex Officio positions
Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 0 Held: 2
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 0
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 0

Operations

13. Support staff: Department of Revenue is the parent agency and provides all staff.
14. FY 05-06 budget: N/A
FY 06-07 budget: N/A
FY 07-08 budget: N/A
15. Other funding sources: \$5000 per application filed.

16. Spending authority: Section 77-5534(2)(j) R.R.S. 2003

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2005: The final 2 board meetings were held in FY 05-06 to approve applications filed by companies.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Investment Council

Purpose: The purpose of the Council is to formulate and establish such policies as it may deem necessary and proper which shall govern the methods, practices, and procedures followed by the State Investment Officer for the investment or reinvestment of state funds and funds described in section 83-133 and the purchase, sale, or exchange of securities as provided by the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: 269,111

Year created: 1969

Year active: 1969

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Kathy Dawes

Mailing Address: Nebraska Investment Council

941 "O" Street, Ste. 500 Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone number: 402.471.2043

Authorization

Authorization citation: § 72-1237

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5 appointed, 2 exofficio

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: (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

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 5 Year Term

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotated

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 5

FY 06-07: 0 Held: 7

FY 07-08: 0 Held: 9

Operations

Support Staff: 7

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$ 1,133,700

FY 06-07 budget: \$ 1,187,080

FY 07-08 budget: \$ 1,586,084

Other funding sources: Yes, CY07 \$ 24,926,000

Spending authority: § 72-1249.02

Accomplishments: On December 31, 2007, the Nebraska Investment Council managed assets totaling over \$15.3 billion. For the year 2007 investment earnings were over \$1.1 billion.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Purpose: The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) is an independent, nonprofit quasi-governmental instrumentality whose purpose is to facilitate the provision of safe, decent and affordable housing, to encourage economic and industrial development throughout the state, and to encourage private investments in blighted areas. NIFA accomplishes its mission by issuing tax-exempt bonds to provide low interest rate financing for first time homebuyers, certain agricultural operations, manufacturing facilities, health care facilities, and waste water treatment and safe drinking water facilities. NIFA also stimulates the development of affordable residential rental properties through the allocation of federal low income housing tax credits. To further its reach throughout the state, NIFA provides technical assistance and capacity building to local nonprofit community development entities.

How many affectable: All Nebraskans benefit from the impact

How many served: Difficult to quantify, see Accomplishments section

Year created: 1983

Year active: 1983

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Timothy R. Kenny, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 1230 O Street, Suite 200 Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone number: (402) 434-3900, (800) 204-6432

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes §58-201 to §58-272

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Requirements follow §58.226 of our Statute, 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: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 10

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 10

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 10

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$4,134,100

FY 06-07 budget: \$4,646,900

FY 07-08 budget: \$4,773,300

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes; spending authority follows statute

Accomplishments: 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 2004, NIFA has provided low-interest mortgage financing for over 11,800 low and moderate income Nebraska families to purchase their first home, financed by selling over \$1.1 billion in single family mortgage revenue bonds. In 2005, NIFA introduced a par (0%+0%) mortgage product that has significantly increased the use of NIFAs Single Family First Home Program.

***First Home Super Program**

The First Home Super Program was created in the form of a small pool of very low interest rate loans for lower income borrowers (60%-80% AMI). Refundings of

previously issued bonds and the use of various financing techniques created substantial interest rate savings for NIFA, which was passed on to these borrowers. \$57.6 million in loans have been provided to nearly 700 Nebraska low-income families since 2004, with loan rates varying from 2.67% - 3.67%. This program was recognized in 2006 by the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) with a 1st place award in the category, Homeownership: Empowering New Buyers.

*Homebuyer Assistance Program

Down payments and closing costs are viewed as the greatest impediments to homeownership for persons of low and moderate incomes. NIFA uses its general obligation bonding capacity to fund a homebuyer assistance loan product that provides down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers. This enables buyers to purchase their first home with as little as \$500 down. With this program NIFA has provided, since 2004, \$6.6 million of down payment and closing cost assistance to over 1,800 borrowers.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

*Housing Study Grants

The housing study grant program was created in 2005 for the purpose of stimulating ideas for comprehensive development plans encompassing housing, community, and economic development opportunities in Nebraska. Each grant awarded requires a 1:1 matching cash contribution. Since its inception, the program has awarded 20 grants totaling \$348,415 with matching funds of \$425,505. Housing Study Grants have been completed in numerous neighborhoods, villages, cities, and counties across the state of Nebraska.

*Outreach Partnership Program

The goal of the Outreach Partnership Program is to increase the supply of affordable housing by providing technical assistance and increasing the capacity of community housing advocates throughout the state. Financial support of \$25,000 per year for 3 years assists in furthering the endeavors and activities of housing entities. Annual board of director training is required for these program partners, as well as a 1:1 funding match. Since 2004, NIFA has funded a total of 14 organizations, 8 of which are program graduates and 6 who are active program partners. These partners provide affordable housing services to a total of 56 Nebraska counties.

*Affordable Housing Dealmakers Marketplace

In 2008 NIFA celebrated its 5th year of hosting the Dealmakers Marketplace, an annual housing conference aimed at stimulating the formation of affordable housing deals. The 2008 conference was attended by more than 220 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 47 affordable housing projects since 2004, allocating resources in 23 Nebraska counties to provide 1,302 additional units of affordable housing throughout the state. NIFA helps to fund these projects through the allocation of federal housing tax credits to private developers, who use these tax credits to assist in the financing of new rental housing or the rehabilitation of existing rental housing stock. Typically, 60-70% of a project's required capital may be provided through the utilization of the federal rental housing tax credits. In March of 2008, NIFAs Low Income Housing Tax Credit program received the Community Excellence Award for its role in providing innovative financing opportunities to create safe, affordable rental housing. The LIHTC program was nominated for the award by the City of Omaha and recognized by Governor Heineman during National Community Development Week.

***LIHTC / HOME Combined Application**

In 2006, NIFA and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED), created a combined application process for Low Income Housing Tax Credits and the NDED-administered HOME Fund program. This process provides a more streamlined and efficient way for applicants using these valuable resources to develop affordable housing in Nebraska.

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 NIFAs tax exempt agricultural revenue bonds with participating lenders throughout the state. Important changes in the recent Federal Farm Bill have raised the maximum loan amount from \$250,000 to \$450,000. Since 2004, this program has assisted 66 first-time farmers, with loans totaling \$10.8 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".

More information about homeownership and rental housing needs in the State can be found in NIFAs annual "Profile of Nebraska", also located at NIFAs website.

Jail Standards Board

General Information

1. Formal Name: Jail Standards Board
2. Purpose: To develop and implement minimum standards of construction, maintenance, and operation for criminal detention facilities and juvenile detention facilities in the state
3. How many affectable: N/A
How many served: N/A
4. Year created: 1978 Year active: 1978 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Denny Macomber, Chief
Jail Standards Division
P.O. Box 94946
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: § 83-4,124
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of members: 11 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No Qualifications: Profession, other
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in

FY 05/06	4	Held	4
FY 06/07	4	Held	4
FY 07/08	4	Held	4

Operations

13. Support Staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared
14. FY 05/06 budget \$261,302.00
FY 06/07 budget \$266,351.00
FY 07/08 budget \$278,425.00
15. Other funding source None
16. Spending authority No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 the Board and staff have:
 - reviewed 320 detention facility inspections
 - reviewed, approved, and monitored 39 detention facility corrective action plans
 - sponsored, along with the National Institute of Corrections and the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association, annual two day detention

administrator conferences, attended by an average of 180 administrators and staff

- revised three chapters of the Standards
- created Community Release Facility Standards
- reviewed and approved sixteen jail construction projects including reviews of needs assessments, program plans, schematics, and final construction plans
- approved completion of nine jail construction projects
- conducted sixteen quarterly Board meetings
- continued to provide technical support to all detention facilities in the State
- reviewed and granted approval to three Jail Officer Certification Programs
- provided four statewide, forty-hour Training for Trainers programs
- provided training for several professional agencies, such as NACO, the Nebraska Sheriffs Association, the Nebraska Corrections Association, the Heartland Juvenile Services Conference, and Nebraska County Attorney's Association

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General Information

Formal name: Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee

Purpose: The JBE Advisory Committee shall formulate rules and regulations regarding minimum requirements for judicial branch education for all Nebraska judges and judicial branch employees and may modify or amend the same subject to approval by the Supreme Court.

How many affectable: 600+

How many served: 600+

Year created: 2001

Year active: 2001

Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: Justice John Gerrard or Carole McMahon-Boies

Mailing Address: 1213 State Capitol

P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, NE 68509-8910

Phone number: 402-471-3730

Authorization

Authorization citation: Consultation of the Nebraska Supreme Court

Parent agency: Supreme Court

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 12

Who Appoints: Chief Justice w/recommend. of individual ed cmtes

Legislative approval: n/a

Qualifications: Committee consists of:

Chief Justice, or his/her delegate (ex officio)

Court of Appeals Judge

District Court Judge

County Court Judge

Separate Juvenile Court Judge

Clerk Magistrate

Clerk of the District Court

Probation Officer

Court Reporter

State Court Administrator (ex officio)

State Probation Administrator (ex officio)

Director of Judicial Branch Education (ex officio)

Per Diem: n/a

Expense reimbursement: actual and necessary expenses

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: staggered, renewable

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 2 Held: 2

FY 06-07: 2 Held: 2

FY 07-08: 2 Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: 1

Shared or separate: shared

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: n/a

Spending authority: no

Accomplishments: Judges and court employees are attending conferences and trainings for required credits per rule.

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General Information

Formal name: Judicial Nominating Commission

Purpose: There are 33 individual Judicial Nominating Commissions.

Commission members consider the qualifications of individuals who apply to be judges in the State of Nebraska.

How many affectable: statewide

How many served: statewide

Year created: 1962

Year active: 1962

Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: Janice Walker

Mailing Address: 1213 State Capitol

P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-3730

Authorization

Authorization citation: §§ 24 801 - 24 808; Onst. V-21

Parent agency: Supreme Court

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9 on each of the 33 commissions

Who Appoints: Governor, NSBA, Supreme Court

Legislative approval: NE Constitution V-21

Qualifications: The Governor appoints four nonlawyers, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party, and the Nebraska State Bar Association elects four attorneys, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party. The Chief Justice or a justice of the Supreme Court chairs each commission. Alternate members are available for commission members who may need to resign.

Per Diem: 0

Expense reimbursement: necessary expenses only

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: staggered

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 9 Held: 9

FY 06-07: 7 Held: 7

FY 07-08: 7 Held: 7

Operations

Support Staff: 1

Shared or separate: shared

FY 05-06 budget: \$3,494

FY 06-07 budget: \$9,474
FY 07-08 budget: \$1,922
Other funding sources: no
Spending authority: no

Accomplishments: Nominated 116 individuals for judicial vacancies and forwarded the names and qualifications to the Governor.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Commission on Judicial Qualifications

Purpose: The Nebraska Commission on Judicial Qualifications reviews complaints submitted by any citizen concerning the ethical conduct of state judges in Nebraska.

How many affectable: n/a

How many served: n/a

Year created: 1966

Year active: 1967

Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: Janice Walker

Mailing Address: 1213 State Capitol

P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, NE 68509-8910

Phone number: 402-471-3730

Authorization

Authorization citation: Constitution, Art V, Sec 28 and §24-722

Parent agency: Nebraska Supreme Court

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: Chief Justice, NSBA Exec Council, Governor

Legislative approval: §24-715

Qualifications: Judge Members -- must be active judges

Attorney Members -- have practiced law in Nebraska for at least 10 years

Citizen Members -- are not and have never been a judge or lawyer

Per Diem: 0

Expense reimbursement: mileage

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 6 Held: 6

FY 06-07: 6 Held: 6

FY 07-08: 6 Held: 6

Operations

Support Staff: 1

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: 56,758.13

FY 06-07 budget: 41,571.05

FY 07-08 budget: 22,119.32

Other funding sources: 0

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: All work of the Commission is confidential.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Judicial Resources Commission

Purpose: The Judicial Resources Commission determines if/when judicial vacancies exist. The Commission may also make the determination to create or move a judicial vacancy.

How many affectable: n/a

How many served: n/a

Year created: 1992

Year active: 1993

Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: Hon. Michael McCormack

Mailing Address: 1213 State Capitol, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, NE

Phone number: 402-471-4345

Authorization

Authorization citation: §24-1201

Parent agency: Nebraska Supreme Court

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 17

Who Appoints: Sup. Ct., NSBA Exec Council, Governor

Legislative approval: §24-1201

Qualifications: (1) Four judges, including one district court judge, one county court judge, one separate juvenile court judge, and one Justice or judge of the Supreme Court, all of whom shall be appointed by the Supreme Court; (2) one member of the Nebraska State Bar Association from each of the six judicial districts prescribed in Article V, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska who shall have practiced law in this state for at least ten years and who shall be appointed by the Executive Council of the Nebraska State Bar Association; and (3) one citizen from each of the six judicial districts prescribed in Article V, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska appointed by the Governor and one additional citizen who shall be appointed at large, none of whom shall be (a) a justice or judge of the Supreme Court or a judge of any other court, active or retired, (b) a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, or (c) an immediate family member of any person listed in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subdivision. The Justice or judge of the Supreme Court serving on the commission shall also serve as chairperson of the commission. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The commission shall act by a vote of the majority of its members.

Per Diem: 0

Expense reimbursement: actual and necessary expenses

Term length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: staggered

Number of required meetings
FY 05-06: 1 Held: 5
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 4
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 5

Operations

Support Staff: 2
Shared or separate: shared
FY 05-06 budget: 16,769.24
FY 06-07 budget: 69,213.96
FY 07-08 budget: 4,737.06
Other funding sources: 0
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Has recommended that several vacancies existed due to judges retiring, passing away, or resigning. Has also recommended that new judgeships be created due to rising caseloads.

General Information

- 1. Formal Name:...Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 2. Purpose: Serves as federal mandated advisory body to Juvenile Grant Administrator, guides juvenile state planning and funding decisions.....
- 3. How many affectable: This group has the potential to affect every Nebraska youth and family: 1.7 million (2000 Census).....
 How many served: Unable to determine number served as state planning and youth and family programs reach statewide
- 4. Year created: 1982 Year active: 1982 Sunset date:.....
- 5. Contact person: Audra Cook, Nebraska Crime Commission.....

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute 43-2411.....
- 7. Parent agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: 15 to 33 members.....
 Who appoints: Governor.....
- 9. Legislative approval: No.....
 Qualifications of members: Positions written into statute—members represent each juvenile justice system point as well as service providers and youth.....
- 10. Per diem: No.....Expense reimbursement: Yes.....
- 11. Term length: 3 Years.....
 Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.....
- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 4.....Held: 4.....
 FY 06-07: 4.....Held: 4.....
 FY 07-08: 4.....Held: 4.....

Operations

- 13. Support staff: Yes.....Shared or separate: Shared- Nebraska Crime Commission
- 14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0.....
 FY 06-07 budget: \$0.....
 FY 07-08 budget: \$0.....
- 15. Other funding sources: Yes, \$30,000 yearly from Federal grant funds
- 16. Spending authority: Yes, the Coalition approves all juvenile justice grants that the Nebraska Crime Commission administers for Juvenile Justice programs.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The Nebraska Coalition sub-grants 3 federal grants and two state funding sources yearly to juvenile justice programs and initiatives. The Coalition is continually involved in juvenile justice state planning initiatives. The Coalition oversees continued compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act—Nebraska has remained in compliance for said period of time. The Coalition develops and maintains Nebraska’s juvenile justice statewide 3 year plan.

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General Information

- 1. Formal Name: Governor's Council to Keep Nebraska Beautiful
- 2. Purpose: To engage Nebraskans to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments.
- 3. How many affectable: statewide
How many served: All Nebraskans
- 4. Year created: 1964 Year active: 1964 Sunset date:
- 5. Contact person: Jane Polson, Executive Director 402.486.4562
3201 Pioneers Blvd, Ste 118, Lincoln, NE 68502

Authorization

- 6. Authorization citation: Revised Statute 81-1504, 81-1174-81-1177
- 7. Parent agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: 24
Who appoints: Governor
- 9. Legislative approval: no
Qualifications of members:
- 10. Per diem: no Expense reimbursement: no
- 11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate
- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 3 Held: 3
FY 06-07: 3 Held: 3
FY 07-08: 3 Held: 3

Operations

- 13. Support staff: 6 Shared or separate: separate
- 14. FY 05-06 budget: 210,000
FY 06-07 budget: 222,000
FY 07-08 budget: 223,000
- 15. Other funding sources: grants, fundraisers
- 16. Spending authority:

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2004: See attached

An Overview of the Governor's Council to Keep Nebraska Beautiful

Major Programs and Accomplishments:

❖ School Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3)

Received 2-year \$150,000 grant -- the only SC3 grant awarded by the U.S. EPA to develop the program. Working with numerous partners including HazMat Fire Depts. and other emergency planning agencies. Outdated and unneeded chemicals will be cleaned out of schools and a full education program will be developed for pre-service and in-service for teachers and other school staff.

❖ Nebraska Household Hazardous Waste Program

Continued development of this program. Two new HHW facilities are under construction and should be operational in next few months (North Platte and Holdrege). One will serve a 4-county area with a mobile HHW unit. Three permanent collection facilities are in full operation (Omaha, McCook & Kearney)

❖ Latex Paint Research Study

Continued field tests using latex paint in a fiber mixture sprayed with a hydroseeder on landfills as alternative daily cover at 4 additional landfills. Several landfills are pursuing this ADC method which should take care of most, if not all, unused latex paint in Nebraska.

❖ Litter Hotline

Kicked off pilot program in May, 2007 for Douglas and Lancaster County. Partnering with those County Sheriff Offices to send out the letters. Gage County will be added this spring. We will expand to the entire state in the spring, 2009. We're averaging about 30 calls/week.

❖ Nebraska Materials Exchange Program

Diverted 29,693,960 lbs of materials in past year saving \$1,619,654 in landfill fees & purchase costs

❖ Nebraska Used Oil Collection Program

67 collection sites collected 236,307 gallons of oil; cities now getting 60 cents/gallon for oil collected

❖ Litter-Free School Zones Program

145 schools now participating; 8,990 students did 636 cleanups and picked up 1341 bags of trash

❖ Great America Cleanup

147 communities participated in 2008; 10,785 volunteers; 31,505 vol. hrs; 1,448,946 lbs of litter/debris collected

❖ Meth Lab Litter Awareness Project

Continuing to distribute brochures, DVDs & videos to educate cleanup volunteers on meth lab litter

❖ Keep Nebraska Beautiful Environmental Awards Program -honors communities, schools & youth groups, nonprofit/civic organizations, businesses, Great American Cleanup efforts, Keep America Beautiful affiliates

❖ Keep Nebraska Beautiful Conference - This environmental education conference is held annually

❖ International Coastal Cleanup - State Coordinator for cleanup of all waterways in Nebraska

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors

Purpose: To enforce and administer the laws relating to regulation of land surveying through licensing in Nebraska and to ensure the quality of land surveying in Nebraska for the protection of the public.

How many affectable: NA

How many served: NA

Year created: 1957

Year active: 1658

Sunset Date: NA

Contact Person: Steven C. Cobb, Secy.,

Mailing Address: 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lower Level, Lincoln, NE 68505

Phone number: 402-471-2566

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-8,108 - 81-8,127

Parent agency: NA

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 4 registered land surveyors and 1 lay member

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 5 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 5

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: State Surveyor's Office

FY 05-06 budget: 32,370

FY 06-07 budget: 32,995

FY 07-08 budget: 33,336

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes, the board has one program

Accomplishments: The Board maintains a roster of 290 active and 11 inactive registrants. The Board administered 118 examinations, issued 67 new registrations and removed 30 people from the registry.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects

Purpose: The Board protects the life, health, and property of the citizens of Nebraska by ensuring the registration 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 Statute 81-8,184 to 81-8,208, the Professional Landscape Architects Act and Title 231 Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 1-12, Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Landscape Architects.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1967

Year active: 1967

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Karen Schamp

Mailing Address: PO Box 95165, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402-471-2407

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb.Stat, Section 81-8,186

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Governor of Nebraska

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: Six licensed professional Landscape Architects, one of which is a public member.

Per Diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Five years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 5

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: 10,482.43

FY 06-07 budget: 12,435.43

FY 07-08 budget: 18,554.88

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: Yes, NSBLA allocates funds

Accomplishments: Title 231 - Rules and Regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects and are effective from October 8, 2007, until revoked or amended. To download or view a PDF document of the rules and regulations, click on the link below.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

- 1) Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- 2) This eighteen member commission (1) coordinates activities relating to the administration of criminal justice among state and local government agencies, (2) plans improvements in the administration of criminal justice, and (3) accepts federal and state grants for carrying out any of its functions.
- 3) Not applicable
- 4) Year created - 1969
No sunset date
- 5) Michael Behm
Executive Director
P.O. Box 94946
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2194
- 6) 81-1415 to 81-1429.01
- 7) Parent Agency - Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (e.g. Crime Commission)
- 8) 18 members, appointed by the Governor.
- 9) Legislative approval is required.
Membership requirements are listed in 81-1417. Members include the Governor, the Attorney General, two police chiefs, the Director of Correctional Services, the Superintendent of the State Patrol, a county sheriff, a county attorney, a county commissioner, a mayor, a person involved with the control or prevention of juvenile delinquency, the chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council, and six members from the public at large.
- 10) No per diem, members are reimbursed for their expenses.
- 11) Term length is six years.
Terms rotate.
- 12) No meetings required.
FY 05-06 - Four meetings held
FY 06-07 - Four meetings held
FY 07-08 - Four meetings held
- 13) Support staff - Yes
Shared

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- 14) FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: 0
- 15) None
- 16) No
- 17) Accomplishments: The Commission makes funding decisions on millions of dollars of state and federal grants that are subgranted to local, state, and non-profit agencies. It also provides advice and oversight for the Executive Director and the Law Enforcement Training Center, and hears appeals from law enforcement officers who have been decertified by the Police Standards Advisory Council.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Library Commission

Purpose: The mission of the Nebraska Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services. As the state library agency, the Commission advocates for the library and information service needs of all Nebraskans.

How many affectable: 1,768,331

How many served: 1,768,331

Year created: 1901

Year active: 1901

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Rod Wagner, Director, Nebraska Library Commission

Mailing Address: Nebraska Library Commission

1200 N Street, Suite 120

Lincoln, NE 68508

Telephone: 402-471-2045

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 51-401

Parent agency: Nebraska Library Commission

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Not specified in statute.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years (two term maximum)

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 6 Held: 6

FY 06-07: 6 Held: 6

FY 07-08: 6 Held: 6

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: \$0 shared budget

FY 06-07 budget: \$0 shared budget

FY 07-08 budget: \$0 shared budget

Other funding sources: Yes, \$1,832,220 from the federal government Spending authority: Yes, the Commission has overall budget approval

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2004, the Nebraska Library Commission has continued to provide programs and services supporting the nearly one thousand libraries (public, school, academic, and special) in Nebraska. These include training, consulting, library grant projects (state and federal funds), interlibrary loan/reference, computer products and services (online catalogs, online subscription databases), publications, government information services, and direct library services through the Talking Book and Braille Service to some 4,500 Nebraskans who are not able to read regular print materials. Newer initiatives include creation of the Nebraska Memories digital library, and scholarships and financial aid to support library science education. The Library Commission provides direct services to the public (for example - responding to information requests and providing access to online informational databases through NebraskAccess and downloadable eBooks).

For further information about the Nebraska Library Commission and its programs, projects, services and activities: www.nlc.state.ne.us

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Purpose: To regulate and control the alcoholic beverage industry and beverages within and into the State of Nebraska in an efficient, effective manner in order to promote public health, safety and welfare.

How many affectable: Statewide

How many served: Statewide

Year created: 1935

Year active: 1935

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Hobert B. Rupe, Executive Director

Mailing Address: Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95046

Lincoln, NE 68509-5046

Phone number: (402) 471-2571

Authorization

Authorization citation: Ne. Rev. Stat Section 53-101 et. sec

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: There are three members one from each congressional district and no more than two shall be from the same political party.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: One term expires every two years

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 12 Held: 12

FY 06-07: 12 Held: 12

FY 07-08: 12 Held: 12

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$804,251

FY 06-07 budget: \$922,159

FY 07-08 budget: \$925,952

Other funding sources: No

Spending authority: Cash fund for education and printing cost.

Accomplishments: The Commission has continued its standard licensing, enforcement and revenue collecting duties but has strived to make those duties more efficient. The Commission has created programs for online license renewals, online tax reporting of the state excise tax and electronic payment of those taxes. The expected tax collection is projected to be in excess of \$27 million.

2008 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SURVEY ANSWER SHEET

General Information

1. Formal Name: Livestock Auction Market Board;
2. Purpose:
 - a. Administer the Livestock Auction Market Act concerning licenses;
 - b. Prescribe and adopt forms such as applications for market licensure;
 - c. Adopt and promulgate rules governing hearings; and
 - d. Administer termination of market licenses and hearings regarding the same.
3. How many affectable: Forty Five (45) Auction Markets;
How many served: All livestock market owners, sellers, and buyers;
4. Year created: 1963;
Year active: 1963;
Sunset date: None;
5. Contact person: Dr. Dennis Hughes, State Veterinarian
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 94787
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2351

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Livestock Auction Market Act, §54-1160;
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Agriculture;

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Three (3);
Who appoints: Governor appoints one livestock market operator representative;
Qualifications: Livestock auction market operator;
9. Legislative approval: This Act is silent;
10. Per diem: \$ 50 per day or \$ 25 per half day;
Expense reimbursement: Yes, actual expenses;
11. Term length: Four (4) years;
Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once
12. Number of meetings required in:
FY 04-05: 0 / Held: 0
FY 05-06: 0 / Held: 0
FY 06-07: 0 / Held: 0
FY 07-08: 0 / Held: 0

Operations

13. Support staff: none
14. FY 04-05 Budget: \$ 0
FY 05-06 Budget: \$ 0

FY 06-07 Budget: \$ 0

FY 07-08 Budget: \$ 0

15. Other funding sources: none

16. Spending authority: none, part of the Department of Agriculture

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

The Agency provided oversight to the transfer of ownership of eleven (11) auction markets since 2004. There were no hearings scheduled for consideration of a new market license request, however, two (2) Auction Markets have closed their business since the designated date.

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General Information

1. Formal name: **Board of Massage Therapy**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1955 Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative Approval: No
Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114.
10. Per diem: \$30.00 per day
Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2008; 1 term expires in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 1 Held: 11
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 11
FY 07-08 1 Held: 13

Operations

13. Support staff: 2 Shared or separate: A portion of 2 staff share the work of this board.
14. Expenditures: FY 05-06 budget: \$5,811
FY 06-07 budget: \$4,921
FY 07-08 budget: \$14,956
15. Other funding sources: Cash funded by licensing fees.
16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

- Promulgated and adopted regulations in compliance with LB 242 (2003) relating to massage therapists, establishments and schools, effective 1-05. These regulations also changed the continuing education requirements, revised the sanitation requirements and further delineated the inspection procedures.
- Sponsored a continuing education program to licensees relating to 'ethics'.
- Created a jurisprudence examination (take-home) for licensees to complete and earn continuing education.
- Issued the following licenses from July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2008:

Massage Therapists:	574
Establishments:	467
Schools:	5
Temporary Massage Therapists:	278

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General Information

Formal name: Medicaid Reform Council

Purpose: The purpose of the Medicaid Reform Council is to oversee and support implementation of reforms to the medical assistance program, conduct at least two public meetings annually and provide comments and recommendations to the department regarding the administration of the medical assistance program and any proposed changes to such program.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 2006

Year active: 2006

Sunset Date: June 30, 2010

Contact Person: Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee

Mailing Address: Room 1402, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402.471.2726

Authorization

Authorization citation: 68-948

Parent agency: Nebraska Legislature

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: Chairperson of the Health Committee

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: One representative from each of the following: providers, recipients of medical assistance, advocates for such recipients, business representatives, insurers, and elected officials.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: N/A

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: N/A Held: N/A

FY 06-07: 2 Held: 3

FY 07-08: 2 Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Parent Agency

FY 05-06 budget: N/A

FY 06-07 budget: N/A

FY 07-08 budget: N/A
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments: Pursuant to LB 1248(2006) the Medicaid Reform Council has fulfilled its statutory requirements by providing oversight and support of the implementation of reforms to the medical assistance program, conducted at least two meetings per year and provided comments and recommendations to the department regarding the administration of the medical assistance program and proposed changes to the program.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Medical Radiographer Advisory Committee**
2. Purpose: The advisory committee shall advise the department on all matters pertaining to the licensure and regulation of medical radiographers, including, but not limited to, the practice of medical radiography, the assurance of continuing competency, and the disciplining of medical radiographers found to have violated rules and regulations relating to the practice of medical radiography adopted and promulgated pursuant to the Radiation Control Act.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 2005 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
Contact Person: Becky Wisell

Authorization

6. Authorization Citation: 71-3512
7. Parent Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5
Who appoints: State Board of Health (1 member is the head of the division of the department responsible for credentialing).....
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-3512
10. Per diem: \$0
Expense reimbursement: The members shall serve without compensation for such service other than reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses of attending the meetings of the advisory committee as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term Length: 4 years
Term Rotation: 2 terms expire in 2009; 2 terms expire in 2011. (The head of the division of the department responsible for credentialing has a non-expiring term)
12. Number of Meetings required in : FY 05-06: 1 Held: 1
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 2
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 2
13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$9,793.06
FY 06-07 budget: \$10,226.97
FY 07-08 budget: \$9,057.52
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees.
16. Spending Authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1,2004: provided recommendations for issuing the following licenses:

Medical Radiographers	814	
Limited Radiographers	284	
Temporary Medical Radiographers		465

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Medical Review Panels.
2. Purpose: Medical review panels may be established under the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2840 to review all malpractice claims against health care providers to review all malpractice claims against health care providers covered by the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act in advance of filing such actions.
3. How many affectable: In theory every claimant may have such a panel convened. Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2840(4), claimants may waive this right. No such panel has been convened since the last board and commission review.
4. Year created: 1976 Year active: 1976 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Bev Anderson
Nebraska Department of Insurance
941 O Street, Suite 400
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2201
Bev.Anderson@nebraska.gov

or

Eric Dunning
Nebraska Department of Insurance
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Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2201
Eric.Dunning@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2840
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: No permanent members. Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2841 specifies that each such panel consist of one attorney and three physicians who hold unlimited licenses to practice medicine.

Who appoints: Each party has the right to select one physician, and the two physicians select the third.

9. Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications of members: Each such panel consist of one attorney and three physicians who hold unlimited licenses to practice medicine. All physicians engaged in the active practice of medicine in this state, whether in the teaching profession or otherwise, who hold a license to practice medicine shall be available for selection.

10. Per diem: Fifty dollars per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2845 Expense Reimbursement: Reasonable expenses incurred, per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-2845.

11. Term length: N/A

12. Number of meetings required in FY05-06 None
FY06-07 None
FY07-08 None

Operations

13. Support staff: None

14. FY 05-06 budget: None
FY 06-07 budget: None
FY 07-08 budge: None

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 provided recommendations for issuing the following licenses:

Physicians	1,801
Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons	220
Physician Assistants	251
Temporary Physician Assistants	97
Physician Assistant Supervisors	786
Physician Locum Tenens	415
Temporary Visiting Faculty Permits	8
Temporary Educational Permits	799
Acupuncturists	16
Perfusionists	0

Published a newsletter in September 2006

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

- Sponsored 9 continuing education programs presented to mental health practitioner licensees (regarding clinical records and dual relationships). These programs were offered in 6 locations across Nebraska.
- Revised, promulgated and adopted regulations in compliance with LB 242 (2003), effective 07/28/2004.
- Implemented LB 247 (2007), which is the licensing of Independent Mental Health Practitioners. As of July 1, 2008, 423 licenses have been issued.
- Revised regulations in compliance with LB463 and LB1108 (12/08), public hearing was held July 3, 2008.
- Offered on-line renewal, which allowed licensees to submit their renewal payment by credit card.
- Published a board newsletter (volume 2)

Issued the following licenses from July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2008:

Independent Mental Health Practitioner:	423
Marriage & Family Therapists:	14
Master Social Workers:	167
Master Social Worker (CMSWonly):	16
Mental Health Practitioner	652
Professional Counselor:	265
Provisional Master Social Worker:	226
Provisional Mental Health Practitioner:	1,076
Social Worker:	271

Operations

13. Support staff: 1 Shared or separate: Other Behavioral Health support staff.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$7,080
 FY 06-07 budget: \$7,500
 FY 07-08 budget: \$7,800
15. Other funding sources: Mental health Block Grant.
16. Spending authority: State General Funds

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

Membership requirements and some duties are set by federal requirements in the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG). Committee reviews the Annual MHBG and continuously advises and makes recommendations to the Division of Behavioral Health (BH). The committee's comments are reflected in the annual MHBG report. They have reviewed and commented on the BH Regulations, Service Definition and Housing Program Policies. BH is doing more than ever on Consumer and Family Involvement in many areas. A final Peer Support Definition is in progress. Nebraska is committed to the transformation of the mental health system

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General Information

Formal name: MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION

Purpose: The Mexican American Commission 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: 140.000

How many served: 20.000

Year created: 1972

Year active: 1972

Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: CECILIA HUERTA

Mailing Address: PO BOX 94965,LINCOLN NE 68509

Phone number: 402-4712791

Authorization

Authorization citation: LB 1081,1972; CHAPTER 81,SEC 8.262-8.271

Parent agency: MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 10

Who Appoints: GOVERNOR

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: Must be a good civic citizen/steward with an awareness of local issues, and a strong desire to get involved with issues involving Mexican- Americans within the state of Nebraska.

Requirements:

Meet on a quarterly basis.

Participate in general discussions.

Meet with State Legislators concerning Legislation affecting Hispanics/Latinos.

Per Diem: \$ 35.00

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 expire each year

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: 3

Shared or separate: Separate

- § Worked with Crime Commission gathering information regarding racial profiling problems
- § Contributed immensely to the passing of LB239.
- § Provides valuable in-kind support to the Nebraska P-16 Steering Committee
- § Worked with the Norfolk City Fire Manager, Scott Cordes, regarding resources for persons affected by the condemnation of trailers at the Maple Court trailer park.
- § Created the position of Public Information Officer, which substituted the former position of Administrative Assistant II. (2007)
- § Designed and Implemented MACs Media Agenda (2007). The media agenda consisted in five (5) components: electronic media, Radio, TV, Press and Public Relations.
- § Created the 2007 Essay Contest Embracing Diversity for high school students in Nebraska. The winners received savings bonds. 170 participated in the contest.
- § Created (2007) the Latino Outreach Consortium with the objective of bringing together a group of agencies and organizations to meet a common goal: to improve access to information and services to the Latino community in Nebraska. The participating entities are: Mexican-American Commission, Appleseed, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Insurance, Legal Aid of Nebraska, Attorney Generals office (Latino Outreach office) and the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission.
- § Coordinated and Hosted the First Annual Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration (2007). Over 300 people attended the event. The event also recognized the work of individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact on the quality of life of Nebraskans. The awards given were: Humanitarian Award, Organization Award, Individual Award, and La Familia Award.
- § Worked with community groups and organizations to promote the passing of LB266.
- § Testified (2007) on the following legal proposals: LB 326,267,205,266.
- § Organized the Binational Teachers Program in conjunction with the Dept. of Education (2004-2008)
- § Co-sponsored the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference Latino (2004-2007)
- § Co-sponsored The Annual Latino Educational Summit (2004-2007). In 2007, over 600 people attended the event.
- § Created Diversity TV (2008), a bilingual/weekly TV Show. The show airs on channel 13 in the cities of Crete, Seward, Lincoln and Columbus.
- § Exposed and denounced at a national level (2007), a multi-state fraud committed by a fake Indian Tribe called Kaweah. The tribe sold over 14000 fake tribal citizenship papers to Hispanics.
- § Worked (2008) with community groups and organizations to prevent the passing of the following proposals: LB693, 871, 1124, LR224 and LR233CA.
- § Programed and Executed Outreach Program in Sioux City,IA/ South Sioux City,NE (2008)
- § Latino Outreach Meeting with new Mexican Consul Jorge Espejel (Event was covered and broadcast by TUVISION-Channel 57) (2008)
- § Participated in the Pro-Immigration Coalition led by Sen. Dianna Schimek (Participation of NCLR)(2008)
- § Partnership (2008) with Education Qwest (Knowhow2go Latino campaign)

FY 05-06 budget: 204,476
FY 06-07 budget: 198,997
FY 07-08 budget: 224,418.06
Other funding sources: none
Spending authority: yes

Accomplishments: Accomplishments of Mexican American Commission 2004 - 2008

The Mexican American Commission held four quarterly meetings per year. The Mexican American Commission web Page was developed and is located at www.mex-amer.state.ne.us

§ 1-877-220-1250, a toll free number was implemented.

§ MAC Newsletters are printed and distributed through post office delivery, MAC commissioners in communities, conferences, festival events.

§ Proclamation signing and introduction of Legislative Resolution LR 393 recognizing March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day in celebration of his birthday.

§ Proclamation signing recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 - October 15 .

§ First Annual Summit Educating Hispanic/Latino students December, 2003, and Ad Hoc Committee which formulated recommendations from the Summit.

§ Contracted with UNO and Dr. Lourdes Geuveia to complete an educational Data Study. Educational Achievement and the Successful Integration of Latinos in Nebraska: A Statistical Profile to Inform Policies and Programs.

§ Collaborate with the Mexican Fiesta Committee in North Platte for the Hispanic Man/Woman of the Year Award and Recognition.

§ MAC together with Guadalupe Center in Scottsbluff, cosponsored an Immigration Outreach and Naturalization ceremony 2004 worked together to prepare the location, program, and outreach. Fourteen new citizens were naturalized.(2005)

§ Serves on the subcommittee for The Vote Nebraska Initiative for special audiences.

§ Participated in the NCLR Latino Leadership Literacy Institute in Washington D.C. to serve as trainers for schools and to others who wish to participate in the literacy program.

§ Serves as member of sub committees making recommendations dealing with jury selection, interpreters, training, and probation with the Minority and Justice Implementation Committee

§ MAC participates in the planning and presentation of Teachers from Mexico Program and Co-sponsored together with the Department of Ed Migrant Education Program

§ USHLI Conference

§ Worked with the National Hispanic Leadership Institute to promote a program and participated as panel member (2005)

§ Co-organized with the Indian Commission and the Volunteer Commission an open House for the Senators and their staff. The event was a huge success (2006)

§ Participated in a panel for students attending the UNICAM Camp (2006).

§ Produced (2008) Diversity TV show (Interview with Sen. Danielle Nantkes-Affirmative Action Initiative)

§ Coordinated with other state agencies the 2008 Senators Breakfast.

§ Participated in the Benefit Concert for Diana Castillo, a community leader battling leukemia. We event helped collect over \$4000 in donations.

Mexican American Commission sponsors and supports a variety of community events throughout the year. Examples are:

§ NEOC New Immigrant Orientation Day.

§ Noche de Charro for the Omaha Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

§ Latino Expo in Omaha for Hispanic Heritage Month

§ Multicultural Youth Educational, Health and Leadership Conference Gering

§ El Grito del Pueblo, award recipient, Omaha

§ UNL extension Division Program Communicating with Hispanics

§ MASA (Mexican American Student Association)

§ UNL Campus annual Student Recognition and Awards Program.

§ MAC serves as Advisory Committee with the Department of Education and Co-sponsor the Hispanic Education Summit. Over 400 participants attend this summit.

§ MAC advocates to discuss new immigration reform bill introduced by Senators Hagel and Dashle

§ Worked with the National Hispanic Leadership Institute to promote a program and participated as panel member (2005)

§ Unity Conference - UNK

§ Latina Women's symposium (2005)

§ Central Community College

Letters of Support

§ NE Attorney General grant application for consumer protection brochures in Spanish

§ Banking Opportunities within the Hispanic Community Conference, Omaha

§ NE Folklife Network Project grant application.

§ Equity in Nebraska Immigration Law Clinic grant application.

§ Legal Aid of Nebraska for a grant to assist Elderly Hispanics/Latinos resolve legal problems

§ Dr. Lourdes Gouveia for the University of NE Chancellors Strategic Planning Awards

§ Folk and Traditional Arts Infrastructure Initiative Panel for the NE Arts application for the Nebraska Folklife Network and its educational activities

§ Work with Senator Schimek regarding LB239

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: In March 2006, the Motor Fuels Cash Bond Oversight Committee approved the transfer of \$2,992 from the Cash Bond Fund to the Highway Trust Fund to satisfy two uncollectible motor fuel tax balances. At the same time, \$10,000 was deposited into the Cash Bond Fund. This amount was received from a bond company for a tax balance previously paid by the Cash Bond Fund. These two transactions resulted in a net \$7,008 being deposited into the Cash Bond Fund. In July 2008, the Motor Fuels Division received \$1,461.14 from the bankruptcy court related to another tax balance which had previously been paid by the Cash Bond Fund. The committee members were notified of the transaction. However, a meeting was not held, as there were no liabilities which required funds to be moved out of the Cash Bond Fund to the Highway Trust Fund.

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General Information

Formal Name:

Purpose:

How many affectable:

How many served:

Year Created:

Year Active:

Sunset Date:

Contact Person:

Authorization

Authorization citation:

Parent agency:

Memberships and Meetings

Number of members:

Who Appoints:

Legislative Approval:

Qualifications:

Per Diem:

Expense reimbursement:

Term Length:

Terms rotate or expire at once:

Number of Meetings required in:

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FY 06-07	<input type="text" value=""/>	Held	<input type="text" value="3"/>

FY 07-08

Held

Operation

Support Staff:

Shared or Separate:

FY 05-06 budget:

FY 06-07 budget:

FY 07-08 budget:

Other funding sources:

Spending authority:

Accomplishments Since July 1, 2004

2005 - 1,796 dealers, 268 Manufactuers/Distributors licensed and regulated and 137 formal complaints resolved.
2006 - 1,797 dealers, 297 manufacturers/distributors licensed and regulated and 166 formal complaints resolved.
2007 - 1,794 dealers, 299 manufacturers/distributors licensed and regulated and 193 formal complaints resolved.
2008 (as of April 2008) - 1,756 dealers, 305 manufacturers/distributors licensed and regulated and 90 formal complaints resolved or in process.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles Health Advisory Board
Purpose: The Health Advisory Board was created to provide advice to the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles when requested so a determination can be made whether or not applicants are medically and visually qualified to obtain or retain an operator's license in Nebraska.
How many affectable: 1,363,094
How many served: 17
Year created: 1995
Year active: 1995
Sunset Date: N/A
Contact Person: Sara O'Rourke

Mailing Address:

Phone number:

Authorization

Authorization citation: 60-4,118 thru 60-4,118.04
Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6
Who Appoints: Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles
Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: The members of the board shall consist of 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. Each member of the board shall be licensed to practice his or her profession pursuant to the Uniform Licensing Law.
Per Diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
Term length: Two, Three and Four Years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: None Held: None

FY 06-07: None Held: None

FY 07-08: None Held: None

Operations

Support Staff: None
Shared or separate: Shared - DMV staff with other duties
FY 05-06 budget: \$400
FY 06-07 budget: \$400

FY 07-08 budget: \$400
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2004, there have been no Health Advisory Board meetings held. However, as per the authority given in the Health Advisory Board Rules and Regulations, 17 times the Administrator of the Driver Licensing Division has contacted the physicians on the board for guidance or to clarify medical information received by the DMV. Although this board is infrequently called up, it is important that we have experts in the medical area to assist us when needed.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Purpose: The Natural Resources Commission's primary responsibilities deal with the management of funding programs for water and soil resources conservation programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Three of the 16 members are appointed by the Governor to represent the specific interests of: municipal water users, surface water irrigators, and groundwater irrigators. The remaining thirteen members are selected for four-year terms at caucuses of the Natural Resources Districts directors in Nebraska's river basins.

The Commission is responsible for program decisions relating to six funds: the Soil and Water Conservation Fund, the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund, the Resources Development Fund, the Water Well Decommissioning Fund, the Water Quality Fund, and the Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Fund.

The Resources Development Fund provides financial assistance to local units of government (primarily NRDs) for various water and related land resources projects.

The Soil and Water Conservation Fund provides cost-share assistance to private landowners for various soil and water conservation practices. Individual NRDs administer the Soil and Water Conservation Program at the local level.

The Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund provides financial assistance to the sponsor of flood control projects for the acquisition of necessary land rights.

The Water Well Decommissioning Fund provides cost-share dollars for the plugging and sealing of abandoned wells.

The Water Quality Fund provides state dollars to NRDs to help support their water quality programs.

The Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Fund provides state dollars to help offset the cost of activities arising under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act.

How many affectable: All Nebraska citizens and visitors

How many served: All Nebraska citizens and visitors

Year created: 1937

Year active: 1937

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Rex Gittins

Mailing Address: Department of Natural Resources
301 Centennial Mall South
4th Floor, State Office Building
P. O. Box 94676
Lincoln, NE 68509-4676
Phone number: 402-471-2363

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 2-1504
Parent agency: Department of Natural Resources

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 16

Who Appoints: 13 selected by NRD boards; 3 appointed by Governor Legislative approval: Appointees only

Qualifications: The only eligibility requirement for selection to the Commission are that the candidate be a resident of the basin and of the age of majority (19).

Per Diem: \$50 per day in performance of Commission duties

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Four year terms for non-appointed members

Terms rotate or expire at once: Staggered - approx. half selected every two years

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 7

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 8

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 7

Operations

Support Staff: Aprox. 2 FTEs across 7-8 staff

Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Nebraska Resources Development Fund:

Approved over \$19 million in cost-share funding for four projects sponsored by local governments to provide flood damage reduction, recreation, and other natural resources conservation benefits. Sponsors have projected benefit returns of over \$500 million over the first 50 years of the project's useful lives.

Soil and Water Conservation Fund:

Approved cost-share distributions of over \$10 million to Nebraska landowners for installation of approved soil and water conservation measures that improve water quality, conserve water, and help control erosion and sedimentation. Funds are allocated among the 23 Natural Resources Districts (NRDs). NRDs are responsible for administration of

the program at the local level. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance for planning and installing conservation measures.

Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund:

Approved over \$700,000 to assist local sponsors with the acquisition of rights on three tracts including both easements and fee title for flood control projects. Property acquired by fee title must be resold within 10 years with proceeds being returned to the fund and then made available for new projects.

Water Well Decommissioning Fund:

Approved cost-share funding to NRDs for reimbursements to landowners for costs of decommissioning 4,031 wells. This action eliminates the potential for these unused wells to become direct sources of ground water contamination and safety hazards to humans and animals.

Water Quality Fund:

Approved distributions of nearly \$4 million to Natural Resources Districts (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:

Approved 44 cost-share contracts totaling \$7.416 million since July 2006 related to 20 NRD-sponsored interrelated surface & ground water planning Research management projects. Sponsors contribute at least 20 percent of total project costs.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Niobrara Council

Purpose: The purpose of the Niobrara Scenic River Act is to effectuate changes in the council necessary to ensure the continuation of the cooperative management relationship between the Niobrara Council and the National Park Service so that local participation and control over this valuable natural resource can be maintained.

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 2000

Year active: 2000

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Contact Person: Kalli J. Kieborz, Executive Director

Mailing Address: Niobrara Council

280 North Main Street

POB 206

Valentine NE 69201

Phone number: 4023762793

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat 72-2007

Parent agency: NG&PC

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 16

Who Appoints: Governor (9); Other (7)

Legislative approval: Not Applicable

Qualifications: Not Applicable

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes (necessary/actual)

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: expire at once

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 6 Held: 11

FY 06-07: 6 Held: 11

FY 07-08: 6 Held: 12

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: 584,436.89

FY 06-07 budget: 1,058,396.27

FY 07-08 budget: 1,091,156.24

Other funding sources: Federal, Grants & Donations

Spending authority: 50,000 Annual Appropriation

Accomplishments: (NOTE: This is not meant to be an "all-inclusive" list, just some highlights taken from the minutes of the Niobrara Council board meetings)

July 2004 - December 2004

- designated council member representatives to the Middle Niobrara Weed Awareness Group (MNWAG)
- Completed permanent free public restroom facility at Brewer Bridge Landing
- endorsed out-state board meeting to be held in Lincoln (for encouraging Senator participation and attendance at board meetings)
- designed and endorsed \"River Code of Ethics\" to be utilized by the Council, Outfitters and general public
- Entered into an agreement with USGS to cost-share on the gaging station located at Berry Bridge on the Niobrara River
- voted to continue support of the Nebraska Adopt-a-Highway Program
- Hired Kieborz in the Executive Director position
- Utilized Outfitter Shadowing program (spend a day with an river outfitter)
- Received notification from Senator Hagel regarding earmarked funding to be available for conservation easements
- Received notification from the Friends of the Niobrara regarding fund raising efforts they have regarding final payment to the Graham Family Conservation Easement
- Endorsed the need for an EIS regarding the Merritt Dam title transfer project
- requested legislative support for council conservation easement program
- report from attendees to National Land Trust Alliance Rally (conservation easement training)

January 2005 - December 2005

- verification of non-profit status (governmental entity)
- placed order for two additional free public restroom facilities for use along the Niobrara River per appropriate agreements
- contributed funding towards the NCDC mini-foundation grant library
- Entered into an agreement with the Middle Niobrara Natural Resource District to partner regarding management of the Brewer Bridge Public Landing area
- Endorsed a budget for the summer youth educational programs
- Endorsed financial support of the PFD Coupon Program (personal floatation device / pretty fun day)
- recommended Egelhoffs Rapid and Berry Falls to the Board of Geographic Names for approval/acceptance
- Spring River Cleanup 2005
- endorsement through public hearing process of the Niobrara Council

Conservation Easement Policy

- reception of NPS General Management Plan
- approved bank restoration project at Smith Falls State Park
- hosted canoe trip for Natural Resources Committee
- board endorsed moving forward with two conservation easement projects in the corridor
- contributed funding towards MNWAG for use within the river corridor
- voted to sponsor tote bags / break for the 2006 River Management Society Symposium to be held in South Sioux City, Nebraska
- report from members attending LTA Conference (conservation easement training)
- completed junk car removal project along Niobrara National Scenic River
- supported public access point along the river at highway 183

January 2006 - December 2006

- support Valentine Recreational Trails Coalition
- support staff participation on project WILD Training
- developed scholarship program for conservation easement appraisal course
- held eastern Nebraska Niobrara Council meeting (encouraged Senator attendance/participation)
- approved NPS Cooperative Agreement
- Added Education Committee to the list of standing Committees for the Council
- approved budget for upcoming summer youth outdoor education camps
- endorsed National Park Service sign program
- received Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant for Conservation Easement Projects
- participated in River Management Society as a presenter regarding river management issues on the Niobrara National Scenic River
- appealed to the Geographic Board of names regarding Osburn Overlook
- organized a fishing day for area youth at the river
- participated in the Nebraska Highway cleanup program on Highway 7 north of Bassett in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Roads annual trash-off
- adopted the Niobrara Council Sanitation Policy
- supported the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's efforts to study the need for instream flow regarding the Niobrara River
- Osburn overlook naming approved/final
- sponsored a landowner meet and great BBQ
- Spring River Cleanup 2006
- conducted a river summer daycamp for area 2nd-5th graders
- conducted a fishing day for downriver youth
- approved placement of a permanent restroom facility at the Meadville Park
- contributed funding for the purchase of mesh trash bags to be used on the Niobrara River
- contributed funding in cooperation with the USGS for the gauging

station at Berry Bridge

- attended the Land Trust Alliance Rally in Nashville
- endorsed the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Teaming with Wildlife project

January 2007 - December 2007

- Niobrara Watershed Review-Tyler Cole (Feb evening mtg)?
- attended the 2007 Land Trust Alliance National Land Conservation Conference in Denver
- supported letter to the Governor stating concern about the Department of Natural Resources failure to act and protect the river
- Spring River Cleanup 2007
- participated in the visitor counts at Smith Falls State Park
- participated in the Pretty Fun Day/Personal Flotation Device Coupons Project
- contributed funding to MNWAG for assistance towards its weed control goals
- attended the Stewards of the Range: Nebraska Regional Training
- participated in an inspection canoe trip from scenic river mile 19.2, Brewer Bridge, to scenic river mile 27.0, Rock Ford Camp/Rapids
- attended a Niobrara Basin Planning Group meeting
- received an environmental education grant from the EPA
- attended Niobrara meeting with Governor Heineman and Senator Fischer
- sponsored a landowner meet and greet BBQ
- approved the resolution to adopt the Niobrara Council Land Policy

January 2008 - June 2008

- attended the Formulating Policies for Future Water Use in the Great Plains seminar
- attended Nebraska Game and Parks Commission presentation by Confluence, Research and Consulting
- endorsed and provided funding for an area "Leave No Trace" presentation
- participated in 2008 Niobrara Adventure Race
- participated in 18th Annual Great Nebraska Trash Off
- contributed funding to MNWAG
- contributed funding towards landowner fuel load reduction workshop
- agreed to partner with Region 24 EMA regarding a Niobrara Valley mitigation plan

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Noxious Weed Advisory Committee
2. Purpose: Advise the Director of Agriculture concerning his or her responsibilities under the Noxious Weed Control Program
3. How many affectable: All landowners in Nebraska
How many served: All landowners in Nebraska
Year created: 1989 Year active: 1990 Sunset date: None specified in the statute
Contact person: Mitch Coffin, Program Manager
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 94756
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2394

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §2-965.01
7. Parent agency: none

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 17 Who appoints: Director of Agriculture
9. Legislative approval: Not stated in the Act
Qualifications: State and federal agencies and local agricultural organizations
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: No
11. Term length: Two years (not in statute)
Terms rotate or expire at once: Overlap
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 0 Held: 2
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 2
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 2

Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared or separate: N/A
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The Nebraska Noxious Weed Advisory Committee:
- Updated in 2004 and 2006 a watch list to identify plants that have a potential to be invasive in Nebraska;
 - Made recommendations to the Director of Agriculture to add saltcedar and phragmites to the statewide noxious weed list.
 - Made recommendations to the Director of Agriculture in awarding a total of \$225,000.00 in Environmental Trust grants in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Center for Nursing Board**
2. Purpose: The purpose of the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board is to address issues of supply and demand for nurses, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurses. The primary goals for the center are:
 - (1) To develop a strategic statewide plan to alleviate the nursing shortage in Nebraska by:
 - (a) Establishing and maintaining a data base on nursing supply and demand in Nebraska, including current supply and demand and future projections; and
 - (b) Selecting priorities from the plan to be addressed;
 - (2) To convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to:
 - (a) Review and comment on data analysis prepared for the center;
 - (b) Recommend systemic changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and
 - (c) Evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the Legislature and the public; and
 - (3) To enhance and promote recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses by:
 - (a) Proposing and creating recognition, reward, and renewal activities; and
 - (b) Promoting media and positive image-building efforts for nursing.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 2000 Year active: 2000 Sunset date: 2010
Contact person Karen Bowen, Nursing Practice Consultant, Nebraska Board of Nursing, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402)471-6443.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-1799
7. Parent agency: NE Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 16 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: no
Qualifications: 71-1799

The 16 members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- (a) Ten members, at least three of whom shall be registered nurses, one of whom shall be a licensed practical nurse, one of whom shall be a representative of the hospital industry, and one of whom shall be a representative of the long-term care industry;
 - (b) One nurse educator recommended by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska;
 - (c) One nurse educator recommended by the Nebraska Community College Association;
 - (d) One nurse educator recommended by the Nebraska Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; and
 - (e) Three members recommended by the State Board of Health.
- (2) The initial terms of the members of the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board shall be:
 - (a) Five of the ten members appointed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall serve for one year and five shall serve for two years;
 - (b) The member recommended by the Board of Regents shall serve for three years;
 - (c) The member recommended by the Nebraska Community College Association shall serve for two years;
 - (d) The member recommended by the Nebraska Association of Independent Colleges and Universities shall serve for one year; and
 - (e) The members recommended by the State Board of Health shall serve for three years.

10. Per diem: \$0

Expense reimbursement: Each Board, Council, or Committee Member is paid for travel costs (mileage is paid from home/office to the meeting and return trip). Additional expenses may include reimbursement of motel and food depending on whether overnight accommodations are necessary in order to attend meetings and are in accordance with the State expense policies.

11. Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: 6 terms expire in 2008; 4 terms expire in 2009; 6 terms expire in 2010.

12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 0	Held: 6
FY 06-07: 0	Held: 6
FY 06-08: 0	Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Shared or separate:

14. FY 05-06 budget: \$92,247

FY 06-07 budget: \$97,540

FY 07-08 budget: \$75,562

15. Other funding sources: cash donations

16. Spending authority: no

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004, Some of the accomplishments of the Center for Nursing include:

- On-going media campaign, including television advertisements
- Presentations at various conferences, workshops, career fairs, etc.
- Sponsored workshops on nursing recruitment and retention
- Maintained a comprehensive web site with available resources such as brochures and power point presentations
- Co-sponsored nursing expo with KM3News
- Are currently participating in a taskforce of various nursing organizations to address Transition to Practice for new nurses entering the workforce
- Sponsored "Nurses Who Make a Difference" campaign the last two years to provide an opportunity for nurses to be recognized by others for their work and commitment
- Collected data on the workforce supply from RNs and LPNs – prepared reports and have available on web site
- Collected data on the workforce demand from employers, prepared a report and have available on web site
- Have held stakeholder meetings on the Centers' work to date and sought input on future strategies
- Have prepared annual reports of the Centers' activities and data collection reports
- Have developed strategic plan and identified four priority goals that guide the work of the Center:
 - Recruitment into the profession, including men and minorities,
 - Increasing capacity in our nursing education programs by increasing the number of qualified faculty and fostering efficient and creative use of clinical resources for student education,
 - Retaining our existing nurses and stemming the outmigration of new graduates from our state, and
 - Collection and analysis of workforce data to measure outcomes for each of these goals.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Nursing**
2. Purpose: The purposes of the board are to (1) provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, (2) insure that nurses meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency, (3) insure that programs of nursing meet the educational needs of the student and qualify students to serve the public safely, and (4) regulate the field of nursing in the interest of consumer protection in the state.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1909 Year active: 1909 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Karen Bowen, Nursing Practice Consultant, Nebraska Board of Nursing, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402)471-6443.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-1,132.07
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-1,132.07 and 71-1,132.08 Qualifications: The board shall consist of eight registered nurse members, two licensed practical nurse members, and two consumer members, all of whom shall be appointed by the State Board of Health. The registered nurses on the Board of Nursing shall be from the following areas: (a) One practical nurse educator; (b) one associate degree or diploma nurse educator; (c) one baccalaureate nurse educator; (d) two nursing service administrators; (e) two staff nurses; and (f) one advanced practice registered nurse (nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife or clinical nurse specialist). The nursing service administrators, the staff nurses, and the licensed practical nurses shall be equally representative of acute care, long-term care, and community-based care. All congressional districts shall be equally represented on the board, and each member shall have been a bona fide resident of the congressional district from which he or she is appointed for a period of at least one year prior to the time of the appointment of such member.
(1) Each licensed practical nurse educator on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have graduated with a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a related field of study, (c) have had a minimum of three years' experience in administration, teaching, or consultation in practical nurse education, and (d) be currently employed as a practical nurse educator.
(2) Each associate degree or diploma nurse educator on the board and the baccalaureate nurse educator on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have graduated with a master's degree in nursing, (c) have had a minimum of five years' experience in administration, teaching, or consultation in nursing education, and (d) be currently employed in the field being represented.
(3) Each staff nurse on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have had a minimum of five years' experience in nursing, and (c) be currently employed as a staff nurse in the provision of patient care services.
(4) Each nursing service administrator on the board shall (a) be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state, (b) have had a minimum of five years' experience in nursing service administration, and (c) be currently employed in such field.
(5) Each licensed practical nurse member shall (a) have completed at least four years of high school study, (b) be licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state, (c) have obtained a certificate or diploma from a state-approved practical nursing program, (d) have been actively

engaged in practical nursing for at least five years, and (e) be currently employed in the provision of patient care services as a licensed practical nurse in the state.

(6) Each consumer member shall (a) not have been involved in providing health care services in this state for at least three years prior to his or her appointment, (b) be of voting age, and (c) be a resident of the state.

(7) The advanced practice registered nurse on the board shall (a) have a minimum of five years' experience as, (b) be currently employed as, and (c) be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse according to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act.

(8) Current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the two years preceding appointment.

10. Per diem: \$30

Expense reimbursement: Each appointed member of the board is paid for travel costs (mileage is paid from home/office to the meeting and return trip). Additional expenses may include reimbursement of motel and food, depending on whether overnight accommodations are necessary in order to attend meetings and are in accordance with the State expense policies.

11. Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2008; 3 terms expire in 2009; 3 terms expire in 2010; 3 terms expire in 2011.

12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1	Held: 12
FY 06-07: 1	Held: 12
FY 07-08: 1	Held: 12

Operations

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

14. FY 05-06 budget: \$118,732

FY 06-07 budget: \$166,025

FY 07-08 budget: \$110,477

15. Other funding sources: Cash funded by licensing fees.

16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004

- Published quarterly issues of *Nursing News*.
- Continued monthly meetings to the manage complaint and initial licensure investigations.
- Conducted site visits and evaluated nursing education programs for ongoing approval.
- Developed goals and objectives to identify priorities and guide work of the board for each year 2004-2008. Meetings continue to be framed around these goals and objectives. Goals and objectives were also reviewed regularly for status toward achievement.
- Held quarterly Issues Forums on various topics of interest.
- Reviewed annual reports from all nursing education programs and analyzed enrollment and graduation data.
- Staff provided administrative support for the Center for Nursing Board and administered the Nursing Student Loan Act.
- Updated and expanded the nursing web site. (www.dhhs.ne.gov/crl/nursing/nursingindex.htm)
- Participated in committees and meetings of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing including attendance at the 2007 Annual Meetings (2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007) and Midyear Meetings (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008). Staff and members have served on National Council committees.
- Tracked and submitted testimony on bills impacting on nursing regulation.
- Provided numerous presentations at workshops, meetings, classes, seminars, retreats, etc.
- Completed RN and LPN license renewals and the subsequent audit.

- Participated as a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact. Dr. Charlene Kelly serves as the compact administrator and attends the national meetings of the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators.
- Hold two meetings a year outside of Lincoln to allow attendance in other parts of Nebraska.
- Issued written responses to several inquiries related to nursing scope of practice.
- Issued and published various advisory opinions regarding the practice of nursing in Nebraska.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal name: **Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration**
2. Purpose: The board shall:
 - (1) Develop, impose, and enforce standards which shall be met by individuals in order to receive a license, which standards shall be designed to insure that such administrators will be individuals who are of good character and are otherwise suitable and who, by training or experience in the field of institutional administration, are qualified to serve as administrators;
 - (2) Develop and apply appropriate techniques, including examinations, for determining whether an individual meets such standards;
 - (3) Issue licenses to individuals determined, after the application of such techniques, to meet such standards and recommend to revoke or suspend licenses previously issued by the board in any case in which the individual holding any such license failed to conform to such standards;
 - (4) Establish and carry out procedures designed to insure that individuals licensed as administrators will, during any period that they serve as such, comply with the requirements of such standards;
 - (5) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing continuing competency requirements and renewal and reinstatement procedures for licensure. Continuing education is sufficient to meet continuing competency requirements. Continuing competency requirements established by the board may also include, but not be limited to, one or more of the continuing competency activities listed in section 71-161.09 which a licensed individual may select as an alternative to continuing education;
 - (6) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing administrator-in-training and mentoring programs, including, but not limited to, matters such as (a) qualifications for administrators-in-training and persons in mentoring programs, (b) qualifications and evaluation standards for certified preceptors, (c) methods of instruction and supervision, (d) methods of documentation, and (e) reporting requirements;
 - (7) Conduct a continuing study and investigation of homes for the aged or infirm and nursing homes and administrators of such facilities within the state with a view to the improvement of the standards imposed for the licensing of such administrators and of procedures and methods for the enforcement of such standards; and
 - (8) Conduct or cause to be conducted by making use of the resources available one or more courses of instruction and training sufficient to meet the requirements of sections 71-6053 to 71-6068 and make provisions for such courses and their accessibility to residents of this state unless it finds that there are a sufficient number of approved courses which are taught by others in this state. In lieu thereof, the board may approve courses taught in and outside this state as sufficient to meet the education and training requirements of such sections. For purposes of this subdivision, the board shall have the authority to receive and disburse federal funds received pursuant to section 1908(e)(1) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1972 Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Kris Chiles

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-6065
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

- 8. Number of members: 10 Who appoints: Board of Health
- 9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-6065.
- 10. Per diem: \$20.00 per day
Expense reimbursement: The members of the board who are not officers or employees of the State of Nebraska shall, in addition to necessary travel and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of their duties. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be reimbursed as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- 11. Term length: 3 years -
Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2008; 3 terms expire in 2009; 3 terms expire in 2010. (The DHHS representative has a non-expiring term)

- 12. Number of meetings required in

FY 05-06:	1	Held: 4
FY 06-07:	1	Held: 4
FY 07-08:	1	Held: 5

*also the board held some additional work sessions during this time period

Operations

- 13. Support staff: 2 Shared or separate: A portion of 2 staff share the work of this board.
- 14. FY 05-06 budget: \$13,871
FY 06-07 budget: \$14,405
FY 07-08 budget: \$10,163
- 15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees.
- 16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2004:
 - Revised, promulgated and adopted regulations in compliance with LB 242 and 1062 (2003), effective 10/2004.
 - Revised, promulgated and adopted regulations in compliance with LB 242 (2005) , effective 5/2006.
 - Revised regulations in compliance with LB463, public hearing scheduled for July 24, 2008. These regulations also include criteria for preceptor training and additional continuing education options.
 - Completed a study relating to examination statistics in relationship to the type of supervision, level of education, and AIT versus mentoring experience gained by the licensee prior to licensure.
 - Issued 13 approvals for an administrator to oversee more than 1 facility, as of today, only 3 remain in effect.
 - Discussed and formulated ideas for recruiting preceptors.
 - Issued the following number of licenses from 7-1-04 to 7-1-08:

Administrator-in-Training:	14	
Mentor training:	62	
Nursing Home Administrators:		132
Preceptors:	35	
Provisionals:	161	

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

The board reviews issues in LTC facilities and gives feedback to the staff of the Office of LTC Facilities related to those issues and potential regulatory changes needed. This included assistance with the regulation changes that were instituted in 2007 and the Dining Assistant regulations in 2005.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Occupational Therapy Practice**
2. Purpose: In order to (1) safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare, (2) protect the public from being misled by incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons, (3) assure the highest degree of professional conduct on the part of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants, and (4) assure the availability of occupational therapy services of high quality to persons in need of such services, it is the purpose of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act to provide for the regulation of occupational therapists.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1984 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
 Contact person: Diane Hansmeyer

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-6115
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
 Qualifications: 71-6115
10. Per diem: \$0
 Expense reimbursement: The members shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties in the same manner as state employees pursuant to sections 81-1174 to 81-1177
11. Term length: 5 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2008; 1 term expires in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011; 1 term expires in 2012.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 4
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 6
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$3,160
 FY 06-07 budget: \$5,664
 FY 07-08 budget: \$13,743
15. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees.
16. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:
 - Recommendations for licensure and certification on 1,213 applications
 - Determined percentage of licensees to be audited.
 - Provided recommendation on all disciplinary actions.
 - Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions – Addition of Physical Agent Modality Certification.
 - Developed consumer brochure
 - Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.
 - Developed a jurisprudence examination for disciplinary purposes.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal Name: Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Purpose:

Our mission is to foster, encourage and promote the development, production and utilization of natural resources of oil and gas in the state. The mission will be accomplished in such a manner as will prevent waste, protect correlative rights of all owners, and encourage and authorize secondary recovery, pressure maintenance, cycling, or recycling, in order that the greatest ultimate recovery of oil and gas may be obtained within the state while protecting the environment.

How many affectable: Unknown

How many served: All Nebraska Residents

Year Created: 1959

Year Active: 1959

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Contact Person: Bill Sydow, Director, PO Box 399, Sidney, NE 69162
308.254.6919

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes 57-901 through 923

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of members: Three

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative Approval: Yes

Qualifications:

All Commissioners must be Nebraska residents. At least one must have experience in the production of oil and gas. Each Commissioner is appointed to a four-year term.

Per Diem: \$50 per Day

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term Length: Four Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Two

Number of Meetings required in:

FY 05-06	4	Held	5
FY 06-07	4	Held	5
FY 07-08	4	Held	4

Operation

Support Staff:	Yes
Shared or Separate:	Separate
FY 05-06 budget:	\$607,790
FY 06-07 budget:	\$607,516
FY 07-08 budget:	\$648,151
Other funding sources:	Yes. Federal, US EPA, \$87,200 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, 2004***

The Commission has made great strides in the electronic delivery of oil and gas information to the public. Our web-site, nogcc.ne.gov, has been upgraded several times to allow for data mining via the internet. A full-text search page, followed by a Google searchable companion page, was initiated. A Geographic Information System (GIS) using the Google search engine was developed with the aid of the US Department of Energy, the Ground Water Protection Council, and Coordinate Solutions. The GIS system was updated to allow our users to access well information, in the neighboring states of Colorado, Kansas, South Dakota, and Wyoming, from our web-site. This web-site is a very powerful tool for all users and web-site "hits" have increased from about 10,000 per month to over 220,000 per month.

In August 2007, the Commission released a LANDSAT-based geomorphic study of the entire state of Nebraska and northeastern Colorado. The study was conducted to identify and map surface lineaments, curvi-linears, tonal anomalies, and fracture patterns throughout the state. This study was conducted for a minimal cost with the intent of stimulating oil and gas exploration in Nebraska. Prospect leads are shown on the interpretation. Available aeromagnetics and gravity data were incorporated into the study. The study could be used for the prospecting of ground water and other minerals.

Information for all federal and state water monitoring wells in Nebraska was also made available on the GIS portion of our site. We have coordinated this development with the ground water section of our Department of Environmental Quality.

Electronic filing of monthly reports by operators was initiated. Production and injection reports are now submitted by a number of companies and individuals resulting in savings both to the companies and our Commission.

Information from every well file continues to be scanned into our database and is available to the public at our web-site. Information contained in approximately 9,100 well files has now been scanned. There have been nearly 20,000 oil and gas tests drilled in Nebraska so much work remains to be accomplished. New drilling permits are

scanned and presented for the public with daily updates. Well information has been scanned for all but six counties in our state since 2004. All documents were originally scanned as .tif images and have also been reprocessed into .pdf images allowing for ease of viewing and using the images.

All well data has been incorporated into two down-loadable ACCESS files. One file contains basic information while the other contains the basic information plus all formation tops. These data sets are being used by industry, and academia, to populate electronic data-bases for the purpose of conducting geological mapping using various computer programs.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Optometry**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1927 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
 Contact person: Becky Wisell

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
 Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114
10. Per diem: \$30/day
 Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2009; 1 term expires in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 4
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 4
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$7,001.37
 FY 06-07 budget: \$6,948.41
 FY 07-08 budget: \$13,451.78
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees.
16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 provided recommendations for issuing the following licenses:

Optometrists	92
Certification for Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents	11
Certification for Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents	92

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: NEBRASKA BOARD OF PARDONS

Purpose: The Nebraska Board of Pardons was created through Article IV, Section 13, of the Nebraska Constitution. The Board is comprised of the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General. The Board is not governed by the Nebraska Administrative Procedures Act, and its constitutional powers cannot be limited or modified by any act of the legislature or the Nebraska courts. The Board has the power to remit fines, and forfeitures, grant respites, grant reprieves, grant pardons, and grant commutations in all cases of conviction for offenses against the laws of the State of Nebraska, except for treason and cases of impeachment

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1920

Year active: 1920

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Ms. Sonya Fauver - Administrative Assistant

Mailing Address: Nebraska Board of Pardons

PO Box 94754, Lincoln, NE 68509-4754

Phone number: 402-479-5726

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Constitution Article IV, Sections 13

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Three

Who Appoints: Elected Officials

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Board Members are elected officials of Nebraska: Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General

Per Diem: N/A

Expense reimbursement: N/A

Term length: 4 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms expire if not re-elected.

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 8

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 8

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 7

Operations

Support Staff: One

Shared or separate: Shared with the Nebraska Parole Board

FY 05-06 budget: N/A
FY 06-07 budget: N/A
FY 07-08 budget: N/A
Other funding sources: N/A
Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments: FY July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005 267 Cases Heard and Considered
 Pardons Granted - 100
 Reprieves Granted - 23
 Commutations Granted - 1

FY July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006 244 Cases Heard and Considered
 Pardons Granted - 72
 Reprieves Granted - 23
 Commutations Granted - 4

FY July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007 204 Cases Heard and Considered
 Pardons Granted - 89
 Reprieves Granted - 13
 Commutations Granted - 0

FY July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 184 Cases Heard and Considered
 Pardons Granted - 89
 Reprieves Granted - 8
 Commutations Granted - 1

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Board of Parole

Purpose: The Nebraska Board of Parole reviews the status of committed offenders; determines when committed offenders are released on parole; fixes parole conditions; may revoke parole and issue warrants to arrest parole violators; and discharges paroled offenders.

How many affectable: Not applicable

How many served: Not applicable

Year created: 1968

Year active: 1969

Sunset Date: Not applicable

Contact Person: Trudy A. Clark, Adm. Asst.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94754, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: (402) 471-2156

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Constitution & NE State Statutes

Parent agency: Not applicable

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Five (5)

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: Per Nebraska State Statute 83-188, the members of the Nebraska Board of Parole shall be of good character and judicious temperament. At least one member shall be of an ethnic minority group. At least one member shall be female. At least one member shall have a professional background in corrections.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Training expenses are reimbursed.

Term length: Six (6) years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms are staggered.

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 5,487 Held: 5,487

FY 06-07: 5,578 Held: 5,578

FY 07-08: Not avail Held: Not avail

Operations

Support Staff: Four (4)

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: 757,130

FY 06-07 budget: 767,746

FY 07-08 budget: 800,540

Other funding sources: None - eligible for grants

Spending authority: Has authority to spend PSL and operation allotment

Accomplishments: The increased number of paroles are a clear reflection of this Board's attempt to address the alarming and continual growth of Nebraska's prison population. The Board is currently involved with the Department of Corrections in implementing a community furlough program, with a target date of August 2008.

The Board has involved itself in extensive training, specifically in the areas of mental health and substance abuse.

The Board has united with the Department of Corrections in an effort to increase the number of inmates placed at the Work Ethic Camp.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Dept of Correctional Svcs Internal Peer Review Committee
Purpose: Review professional practice according to acceptable community practice standards and the American Medical Association Code of Ethics.
How many affectable: 230 healthcare staff
How many served: 4500 inmate patients
Year created: 2003
Year active: 2004
Sunset Date: None
Contact Person: Randy T. Kohl, MD, Dept of Correctional Svcs Medical Director

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94661
Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone number: 402-479-5931

Authorization

Authorization citation: NE Correctional Health Care Services Act; 83-4,153
Parent agency: State of NE Dept of Correctional Svcs

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6
Who Appoints: NDCS Deputy Director for Health Services
Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: Medical Director, MD, PA or APRN, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, Director of Nursing and Quality
Per Diem: No
Expense reimbursement: No
Term length: 18 months to permanent
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate with overlap

Number of required meetings
FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4
FY 06-07: 4 Held: 5
FY 07-08: 4 Held: 6

Operations

Support Staff: No
Shared or separate: N/A
FY 05-06 budget: \$0.
FY 06-07 budget: \$0.
FY 07-08 budget: \$0.
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The committee has reviewed all deaths and quality concerns; reviewed all findings from the annual healthcare audit of all facilities; reviewed and addressed all external review findings as part of ACA requirements; addressed quality practice issues discovered during the peer review/quality process; reviewed/revised applicable protocols annually.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

1. **Formal Name:** State Personnel Board
2. **Purpose:** The State Personnel Board shall ensure the fair and equitable administration of the State Personnel System by:
 - a. Operating as prescribed by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the personnel division of the Department of Administrative Services;
 - b. Reviewing and approving, by majority vote, rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the personnel division;
 - c. Determining the grievability of issues or doing so through the designation of a board member. Issues determined to be not grievable shall be subject to summary dismissal;
 - d. Adjudicating grievance appeals and rendering final binding decisions;
 - e. Rendering decisions consistent with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the personnel division;
 - f. Reviewing and providing counsel regarding any matter affecting the State Personnel System; and
 - g. Performing the actions required pursuant to the State Government Effectiveness Act.¹
3. **How many affectable/served:** The State Personnel Board is responsible for the promulgation of State Personnel Rules. This affects and serves over 14,000 State employees.
4. **Year created:** 1967. **Year active:** 1967 **Sunset date:** n/a
5. **Contact person:** Cindy DeCoster, Administrative Assistant, Administrative Services State Personnel Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905.
6. **Authorization Citation:** Nebraska Revised Statutes #81-1318.
7. **Parent Agency:** Administrative Services
8. **Number of members:** 5 **Who appoints:** Governor
9. **Legislative Approval:** N/A. **Qualifications:** "Not more than three of the members shall be members of the same political party... At least three appointees to the board shall have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations, or law. "²
10. **Per Diem:** n/a. **Expense reimbursement:** Yes.

¹ Excerpt is taken from statute #81-1318.01. (Source: Laws 1987 LB 491 §15; Laws 1992, Third Spec. Sess., LB 14 § 19; Laws 1993, LB 44, § 14)

² Excerpt is taken from statute #81-1318. (Source: Laws 1969, c. 802, § 9, p. 3026; Laws 1979, LB 322, § 54; Laws 1981, LB 545, § 35; Laws 1987, LB 491, § 14; Laws 1992, Third Spec. Sess., LB 14, § 18; Laws 1997, LB 314, § 17)

11. **Term length:** 5 years

a. **Terms rotate or expire at once:** rotate

12. **Number of meetings required in**

a. FY 05-06: n/a Held: 5

b. FY 06-07: n/a Held: 2

c. FY 07-08: n/a Held: 3

13. **Support staff:** no **Shared or separate:** Administrative Services provides support services to the board.

14. **Budget for:**

a. **FY 05-06** \$0

b. **FY 06-07:** \$0

c. **FY 07-08:** \$0

15. **Other funding sources:** n/a

16. **Spending Authority:** No.

17. **Accomplishments since July 1, 2004:** The State Personnel rules were approved by the Board March 23, 2006 and became effective October 30, 2006. State Personnel Board grievance appeal decisions rendered (by fiscal year):

a. 2004-2005 11

b. 2005-2006 17

c. 2006-2007 14

d. 2007-2008 7

e. 2008-2009 2 (thus far)

Published newsletters in November 2005, July 2006, and January 2007

Participated in the development and review of examination questions for the Nebraska Jurisprudence Examination

Contributed toward a survey of the pharmacist manpower shortage in Nebraska in FY06, FY07, and FY08

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Board of Physical Therapy**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1957 Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person: Diane Hansmeyer

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 4 Who appoints: State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114.
10. Per diem: \$30.00
Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: 2 terms expire in 2009; 1 term expires in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 10
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 5
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 10

Operations

- Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
13. FY 05-06 budget: \$12,296
FY 06-07 budget: \$12,146
FY 07-08 budget: \$16,224
 14. Other funding sources: Totally funded by licensing fees.
 15. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

16. Since July 1, 2004:
Recommendations for licensure or certification on 1,645 applications
Determined percentage of licensees to be audited.
Provided recommendation on all disciplinary actions.
Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions –Rewrite of Physical Therapy Practice Act.
Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.
Developed a computer based jurisprudence examination for licensure purposes.
Adopted Conviction Guidelines for consistency with disciplinary recommendations.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Physician Assistant Committee**
2. Purpose : There is hereby created the Physician Assistant Committee which shall review and make recommendations to the board regarding all matters relating to physician assistants that come before the board. Such matters shall include, but not be limited to, (1) applications for licensure, (2) physician assistant education, (3) scope of practice, (4) proceedings arising pursuant to section 71-1,107.23, (5) physician assistant licensure and supervising physician requirements, and (6) continuing competency. The committee shall be directly responsible to the Board of Medicine and Surgery.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1973 Year active: Sunset date:
Contact person Becky Wisell

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-1,107.25
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5 Who appoints State Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-1, 107.25
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: he committee shall meet on a regular basis and committee members shall receive reimbursement for time and travel expenditures on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 terms expire in 2009; 2 terms expire in 2011.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 5
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 8
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 5

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees through the Board of Medicine and Surgery budget.
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004 provided recommendations for issuing the following licenses:

Physician Assistants 251
Temporary Physician Assistants 97
Physician Assistant Supervisors 786
Provided recommendations on investigation cases
Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency
Formulated recommendations on legislation

2008 Boards and Commissions Online Survey

Survey submitted

Your Completed Survey is shown below

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council

Purpose: Standing committee of the Nebraska Crime Commission to oversee all law

enforcement officer hiring and training standards for the State of Nebraska. The Council approves the mandated training curriculum for the state and certifies other Nebraska police training academies ensuring that all rules, regulations and policies are followed with respect to minimum hiring and training qualifications. Also approves other mandated courses and continuing education. Council also hears cases for revocation of law enforcement certification.

How many affectable: 4,000 certified officers, 88 reserves

How many served: 4,000

Year created: 1969

Year active: 1969

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: William J. Muldoon, Director

Mailing Address: Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center

3600 North Academy Road

Grand Island, NE 68801

Phone number: 308-385-6030

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-1406

Parent agency: Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9, 7 voting and 2 public at large

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 9 total members with 6 full time law enforcement

professionals and 1 citizen at large or a member of the Jail Standards. 1 each from a metropolitan or primary class city, 1 from 1st class city, 1 from 2nd class or village, 1 from a sheriff's office of county with population over 40,000, 1 from a sheriff's office with county population under 40,000, a member from the Nebraska State Patrol. The FBI SAC is an ex-official non-voting member.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 4 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4

Held: 11

FY 06-07: 4

Held: 10

FY 07-08: 4

Held: 11

Operations

Support Staff: 3

Shared or separate: Shared- Law Enforcement Training Center

FY 05-06 budget: \$3,000

FY 06-07 budget: \$3,000

FY 07-08 budget: \$3,000

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: 1) Revamped all 16 chapters of Title 79 of the Nebraska Administrative Code governing peace officer standards and training (Police Standards Advisory Council). All chapters have been implemented with the exception of Chapter 9, which is in its final stages of review. The purpose of the revisions was to update the chapters in order to increase professionalism and accountability in the law enforcement profession; 2) Issued 454 new Nebraska Law Enforcement peace office certifications (as of this date); 3) Revoked law enforcement certificates of 11 Nebraska law enforcement officers;

- 4) Conducted 26 administrative hearings of appeals of the director's decisions to discipline or not admit students to certification training;
- 5) Accepted 45 tuition-paying "diploma" students into the basic certification program resulting in 28 new hires as law enforcement officers;
- 6) Hired new training center director in 2006;
- 7) Director conducted 17 regional meetings across the State in 2007 concerning operation of the training center, rules and standards, on behalf of the Council;
- 8) Approved new mission statement of the Training Center;
- 9) Consulted and passed revised rules on student curfews, tuition payments, retired officer qualification procedures, firearms range safety rules and new organizational structure of the Center;
- 10) Consulted and annually reviewed tuition and other fees charged by the training center;
- 11) Carried out all other responsibilities as mandated in Title 79 and by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Potato Development Committee
2. 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 state's potato industry.
3. How many affectable: 16 licensed potato growers and shippers
How many served: Not quantifiable
Year created: 1945
Year active: 1945
Sunset date: None
Contact person: Gary Leever
Department of Agriculture
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2341

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Section 2-1803
7. Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9
Who appoints: Governor appoints seven non ex-officio members
9. Legislative approval: Act is silent
Qualifications: Committee shall be composed of three shippers and four growers from the industry as well as the Director of Agriculture as the Chairperson, and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources as an ex-officio member.
10. Per diem: None
Expense reimbursement: Yes - actual and necessary expenses incurred while on official business
11. Term length: 2 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 0 Held: 1
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 1
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 1

Operations

13. Support staff: None
Shared or separate: N/A
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0 (part of Department of Agriculture budget (#18))
FY 06-07 budget: \$0 (part of Department of Agriculture budget (#18))
FY 07-08 budget: \$0 (part of Department of Agriculture budget (#18))

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

The Nebraska Potato Development Committee continues to advise the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on potato research, promotion, and development programs that the industry deems relevant. For the last 60 years, this program has met the needs of the Nebraska potato industry.

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14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0 Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18
FY 06-07 budget: \$0 Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18
FY 07-08 budget: \$0 Part of Nebraska Department of Agriculture #18
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization, and Marketing Committee has advised the division in implementing the following egg and turkey activities: Given 56 public promotion/nutrition demonstrations/workshops; 47 TV and 42 radio interviews; conducted 110 print media recipe releases and consumer advertisements; attended 30 trade shows; distributed more than 28,500 promotion/nutrition brochures/materials to consumers and professionals; developed and implemented annual White House Easter Egg Artistry contest; conducted extensive American Egg Board and Norbest turkey (Nebraska Grown) radio advertising; scheduled visit by national egg promotion and egg nutrition specialist for live programs to health professionals and radio/television interviews; coordinated exterior and interior public bus signs on Lincoln and Omaha city buses; contributed financial assistance to University of Nebraska poultry researchers and appropriate youth programs; and obtained outside promotional funding. We had considerable activity on the web site with consumers accessing nutritional information, food safety, and egg and turkey recipes.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Power Review Board.
2. Purpose: The Power Review Board's overall purpose is to oversee Nebraska's electric power suppliers in order to ensure that the state's residents receive adequate, reliable and low-cost electric service. This is accomplished by trying to avoid and eliminate conflict and competition between public power suppliers, avoid duplication of facilities and resources, and facilitate the settlement of rate disputes between power suppliers.
3. How many affectable: Not applicable.
How many served: Not applicable.
4. Year created: 1963. Year active: 1963 Sunset date: Not applicable.
5. Contact person: Tim Texel, Executive Director and General Counsel, P.O. Box 94713, Lincoln, NE 68509. Telephone: (402) 471-2301

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes section 70-1003.
7. Parent agency: Not applicable.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Five
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Yes.
Qualifications of members: One member must be an engineer, one an attorney, one an accountant, and two laypersons. Members may not be serving or have served within the four years preceding the appointment either as director, officer, or employee of any electric utility or as an elective state officer. No more than three members may be registered members of the Governor's political party.
10. Per diem: \$60 per day. Expense Reimbursement: Yes.
11. Term length: Four years Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: No set number Held: 10
FY 06-07: No set number Held: 12
FY 07-08: No set number Held: 11

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes. Shared or separate: Separate.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$ 355,224
FY 06-07 budget: \$ 372,140
FY 07-08 budget: \$ 378,109
15. Other funding sources: Yes, the agency's budget is entirely cash funded by assessments on Nebraska's electric power suppliers.
16. Spending authority: Yes, the Power Review Board has authority to allocate its resources for its operations pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes sections 70-1003 and 70-1020.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: Among other activities, during the past four fiscal years the Power Review Board has reviewed and acted on numerous applications for the construction or acquisition of transmission lines and generation facilities. During that time, the Board held hearings on and approved generation facilities totaling approximately 363 megawatts capacity. The Board also reviewed and acted on 18 Petitions to Amend public power district charters and 40 applications to amend service area agreements between power suppliers. During this period the Board retained a consulting firm to prepare electronic maps of each electric power supplier's retail service area, as well as a comprehensive map showing all retail service areas of substantial size in the State of Nebraska. Currently all maps are only retained in their original paper form, and each map shows only the adjoining border separating two suppliers – not an individual supplier's entire boundary. The Board has each fall issued its annual "Conditions Certain" report to the Governor and Legislature reviewing the conditions that indicate whether retail competition may benefit Nebraska's ratepayers. In the summer of 2006, the Board issued its required Biennial Report to the Governor listing all the Board's activities for fiscal years 04-05 and 05-06. The Biennial Report for fiscal years 06-07 and 07-08 is being prepared and will be issued in summer 2008.

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General Information

Formal name: Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council

Purpose: 85-1607 Advisory council; members; appointment; term; duties The advisory council shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) To advise the department in its administration of the Private Postsecondary Career School Act; and

(2) To review the rules and regulations adopted or proposed for adoption by the department and make recommendations with respect thereto.

How many affectable: NA

How many served: NA

Year created: 1977

Year active: 1977

Sunset Date: NA

Contact Person: Harold Briley

Mailing Address: 301 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

Phone number: 402-471-4825

Authorization

Authorization citation: 85-1607

Parent agency: Dept of Ed

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: State Board of Ed

Legislative approval: NO

Qualifications: The board shall appoint an advisory council of six representatives of private postsecondary career schools. 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. Members of the council shall serve staggered terms of three years each as established by the board at the time of initial appointment. If a vacancy occurs on the council, the board shall appoint a successor in the same category as the predecessor.

Per Diem: NO

Expense reimbursement: YES

Term length: 3 YEARS

Terms rotate or expire at once: ROTATE

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: NONE Held: 0

FY 06-07: NONE Held: 2

FY 07-08: NONE Held: 1

Operations

Support Staff: NONE

Shared or separate: NA

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: NONE

Spending authority: PPCS CASH FUND

Accomplishments: Advised Board on rule changes. Title 92 NAC CHAPTER 41 & 42

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **State Committee on Problem Gambling**
2. Purpose: Develop and recommend guidelines and standards for the distribution and disbursement of money in the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Funds. Such guidelines and standards shall be based on nationally recognized standards for compulsive gamblers assistance programs.
3. How many affectable: 1000-1500
4. How many served: 432 directly over FY06-07
5. Year created: 1993 Year active: 1993 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Eric Hunsberger, Gamblers Assistance Program Manager and/or Nancy Heller Gamblers Assistance Treatment Coordinator – 471-7822/7823

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-817 The Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
7. Parent agency: DHHS – Division of Behavioral Health

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 12 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Not required, DHHS recommended
Qualifications: Shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of problem gambling and addiction services in the State of Nebraska.
10. Per diem: n/a Expense reimbursement: Authorized
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms may be reappointed, elected positions every two years.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: N/A Held: 4
FY 06-07: N/A Held: 4
FY 07-08: N/A Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: 1.5 Shared or separate: Shared reserved for GAP Operations.
Administrative support provided by the Div of Behavioral Health.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$1,071,018
FY 06-07 budget: \$1,110,118
FY 07-08 budget: \$1,257,325
15. Other funding sources: Lottery Revenue, Health Care Cash, Educational Funds from Lottery.
16. Spending authority: 1,132,000 for FY09

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004
In 2005 the passing of LB 332 appropriated \$250,000 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. Creating funds for prevention programs addressing the risk and protective factors of problem gambling among Nebraska's youth.

Prevention programs are currently being implemented in four Nebraska counties: Lancaster, Garfield, Loop and Wheeler. Pilot prevention outcomes included a bilingual curriculum produced by Lancaster County Health and Human Services, and a youth problem gambling poster/essay scholarship contest sponsored by Garfield, Loop, and Wheeler County Public Schools.

Evaluation services were also created to assess program services statewide. The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (PPC) conducted a program evaluation of the GAP. This evaluation assessed the internal structure and data collection system being implemented by the Division of Behavioral Health, all funded treatment services and educational services offered to the public. Consumers, providers and stakeholders were all involved in the evaluation through surveys, interviews and focus groups.

- According to the Consumer Survey data analysis, nearly 90% of consumers ranked GAP services as “Excellent.” Only 1% of the consumers ranked the services as “Poor.” Figure 4. Additionally, nearly two-thirds of consumers found that all GAP services received were useful. Data shows that this relationship increases for consumers who stay in treatment for a longer period of time.

Evaluation report can be accessed at <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/beh/gam/gam.htm> on the Behavioral Health website.

January of 2006, Dr. Dennis McNeilly, current Secretary for the State Committee on Problem Gambling, was elected as the President for the National Council on Problem Gambling.

In September of 2006, legislation (LB 1039) created the Public Awareness Campaign (PAC) on Responsible Gambling. PAC aims to increase understanding of responsible gambling and accessibility to problem gambling services. A direct result of the PAC’s efforts opened up the Iowa’s 1-800-BETSOFF helpline to Nebraskans. This process increased multi-state collaboration in the Midwest and gave states a nationwide solution to increase accessibility to helpline services. The focus of the PAC over the next service year will be to ensure that all GAP providers are supporting their individual communities and regions, particularly in rural areas.

June of 2007, during the National Conference on Problem Gambling, Nebraska representative was elected as the Vice-President for the Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators consisting of over thirty state health and/or gaming departments.

On January 17, 2008 the Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program was one of fifteen states that participated in the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment data meeting in Seattle, Washington. A result of this event has put Nebraska at the forefront for determining National Outcome Measures for problem/pathological gambling services.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Professional Practices Commission

Purpose: The Commission, upon receipt of Petitions alleging a violation of standards or ethics from the Commissioner of Education, holds hearings and receives evidence and testimony. The Commissioners may then issue an admonishment or reprimand or make a recommendation to the State Board of Education regarding educators' certificates. The Commission is charged with advising the State Board of Education regarding rules and regulations for the standards of ethics and competency for Nebraska public schools educators. Other services provided by the Commission include the publishing of pamphlets on the code of ethics, standards of competency, and teacher aides. The Clerk of the Commission is responsible for all record-keeping of Commission business, all functions of the office, and responds to all requests to provide information to college classes in teacher and administrator training, she provides workshops and seminars for lay and professional groups, and informs educational entities and the public of the activities of the Commission.

How many affectable: The Commission serves the entire state.

How many served: Varies.

Year created: Created by the Legislature in 1967.

Year active: 1970.

Sunset Date: None.

Contact Person: Kathi Vontz, Clerk of the Commission

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94941, Lincoln, NE 68509

email: kathi.vontz@nebraska.gov

Phone number: 402-471-2943

Authorization

Authorization citation: Sec. 79-859 through 79-871.

Parent agency: None.

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 12

Who Appoints: Commissioners are appointed by the governor. Legislative approval: Not required.

Qualifications: They must be representative of elementary classroom teachers, secondary classroom teachers, school administrators, and postsecondary education.

Per Diem: No.

Expense reimbursement: Yes.

Term length: Three years.

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 5

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: Yes.

Shared or separate: Separate.

FY 05-06 budget: \$103,521

FY 06-07 budget: \$107,512

FY 07-08 budget: \$128,745

Other funding sources: Totally cash funded.

Spending authority: Commission approves proposed budgets.

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2004 there have been sixty-two Petitions filed with the Commission resulting in the following recommendations: 34 certificate revocations, 10 of which were permanent; 6 certificate suspensions; 3 public reprimands; 2 voluntary surrenders; 2 dismissals; 13 reinstatements; and we currently have 2 cases pending. Additionally, training has been offered in the form of administrative law judge courses by the National Judicial College. The Commission has been working during this past year on a major project, a training video that is currently under production in association with Nebraska Educational Television. This project is scheduled for completion in August 2008. A significant number of inquiries have been addressed from members of the public and the teaching profession. Many presentations have been made to groups regarding the activities of the Commission. Numerous pamphlets have been requested and disseminated.

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General Information

1. Formal Name Nebraska Propane Education & Research Council
2. Purpose Purposes of the Act are: 1) to authorize the creation of an industry-financed entity which will enable the Nebraska propane industry to educate the public and industry employees about proper safety and procedures in the storage, handling, transportation, and use of propane in any of its traditional residential, commercial, recreational, or agricultural applications and 2) to support efforts to increase the efficiency and value of propane energy service to the industry and its customers.
3. How many affectable Propane retailers in Nebraska: 110 headquarters (does not include branches); propane consumers in Nebraska according to the State Energy Office: 65,000
How many served Programs are available to all Nebraska retail marketers
4. Year created 1998 Year active 1999 Sunset date N/A
5. Contact person Michelle Swertzic, Executive Director, 1320 Lincoln Mall, Ste. 100c, Lincoln, NE 68508

Authorization

6. Authorization citation 66-1601-66-1627
7. Parent agency N/A

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members 9 Who appoints Governor
9. Legislative approval Yes Qualifications 1 public member; 1 academic member; 1 member from the State Fire Marshal Office; 1 wholesale member; 4 retail marketer members; 1 equipment/manufacture member
10. Per diem No
Expense reimbursement public member eligible for travel expenses to Council meetings.
11. Term length 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once every year 3 members terms expire.
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06 regular basis Held 4
FY 06-07 regular basis Held 3
FY 07-08 regular basis Held 3

Operations

13. Support staff 2 Shared or separate shared
14. FY 05-06 budget \$53,000
FY 06-07 budget \$52,000
FY 07-08 budget \$52,000
15. Other funding sources National Propane Education and Research Council
Spending authority Yes, the Council allocates funding between safety training and consumer awareness to carry out the purpose of the statute.

Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2004

Conducted 166 employee training courses throughout the state on job specific, propane-related subjects on the safety procedures, codes and regulations.

Held 38 District Safety Meetings throughout the state for industry employees on current safety issues in the industry.

Mailed out consumer awareness safety packets in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to all Nebraska propane marketers to help marketers inform their customers of the safe handling of propane and propane equipment.

With the passage of Nebraska State Statute §57-517 in 2007, NPERC provided container shut-off valve warning labels for marketers to place on consumer tanks. These labels provide the safety warning that required a qualified technician to conduct a leak check prior to a tank being turned on after an interruption of service.

Retrofitted a 500-gallon propane tank called the Propane Tank Simulator. The simulator was donated to the State Fire Training Division to be used for hand-on training exercises for fire departments across the state. In conjunction with the simulator, marketers who provide the propane for trainings can apply for reimbursement for their wholesale cost of gallons used. Since the inception of this program, 1,513 fire fighters have been trained in Nebraska.

NPERC is co-sponsoring with National PERC an irrigation engine study. Phase 1 of this project included the purchase of irrigation engines that were tested in the UNL Tractor Test Lab. Based on the results of the lab test a second phase of this project was approved to NPERC in April from National PERC. NPERC will also cost share 10% of this project. The goal of the second phase of this project was to place 3 irrigation engines in the field and monitor the fuel consumption and efficiency throughout the growing season.

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General Information

1. Formal name: **Board of Psychologists**
2. Purpose: The purpose of each professional board is to: (1) Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; (2) insure that licensees or certificate holders serving the public meet minimum standards of proficiency and competency; and (3) control the profession in the interest of consumer protection.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1967 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
 Contact person: Kris Chiles

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-112
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7 Who appoints: Board of Health
9. Legislative approval: No
 Qualifications: 71-113 and 71-114
10. Per diem: \$30.00 per day
 Expense reimbursement: Each member of a professional 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 the examination, and, with the exception of board members who are public members, for a reasonable number of days for the preparation of examination questions and the reading of the answer papers, in addition to the time actually spent in conducting the examination. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
11. Term length: 5 years
 Terms rotate or expire at once: 1 term expires in 2008; 3 terms expire in 2009; 1 term expires in 2010; 1 term expires in 2011; 1 term expires in 2012.
12. Number of meetings required in
 FY 05-06: 1 Held: 6
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 6
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 7

Operations

13. Support staff: 3 Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$17,968
 FY 06-07 budget: \$16,261
 FY 07-08 budget: \$7,004
15. Other funding sources: Cash Funded by licensing fees.
16. Spending authority: Yes.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

- Sponsored a continuing education program presented to psychology licensees (regarding supervision).
- Revised, promulgated and adopted regulations in compliance with LB 242 (2003), effective 10/30/2004.
- Implemented a 106 multiple choice question 'take-home' jurisprudence examination as part of the required examination for licensure.

Issues the following licenses from July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2008:

30-day temporary license:		9
Provisional License:		108
Psychological Assistant:	53	
Psychologist Associate:	0	
Psychologist:		87
Temporary Psychologist:	10	

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General Information

Formal name: The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy/ Educational Advisory Committee (EAC)

Purpose: The Purpose of the Board's Educational Advisory Committee (EAC) is outlined in the Public Accountancy Act (PAA) within Section 1-113. It indicates the EAC will meet at least annually and shall advise the Board upon the rules and regulations for Section 1-116, the Board's 150 hours of education requirement to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination.

How many affectable: 300 (est) annually that sit for the examination

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1991

Year active: 1991

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Dan Sweetwood, Executive Director

Mailing Address: Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy
The Apothecary Building
140 N. 8th Street, Suite 290
P.O. Box 94725
Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone number: (402) 471-3595

Authorization

Authorization citation: Public Accountancy Act/ Sec. 1-113

Parent agency: Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 16

Who Appoints: Board

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: A majority of the members shall be appointed as representatives of a post-secondary educational institutions of Nebraska engaged in the instruction of accounting and auditing, including the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state colleges, and private universities and colleges. One member of the advisory committee shall be a certified public accountant who is a member of the Board.

Per Diem: NO

Expense reimbursement: NO

Term length: Unlimited

Terms rotate or expire at once: NO

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 1

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 1

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support Staff: 1

Shared or separate: Shared among Board staff

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: 0

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments: The EAC Committee continues to provide feedback to the Board on the 150 hour requirement to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination. The Board's Education and Examination Committee holds the meeting in October of each year to listen and update the EAC on any current issues with the 150 hour requirement. The Board has appointed additional members from educational institutions and CPAs to assist in providing a broad perspective.

The EAC is currently studying the recently revised Uniform Accountancy Act Rules on educational requirements to sit for the examination as compared to the Board's current requirements within Title 288/ Chapter 9 rules. The goal is for the EAC to provide feedback before the Board makes any decisions to amend the regulations.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy

Purpose: The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy (Board) purpose is indicated within provisions of the Public Accountancy Act (PAA) within Section 1-105.01. The Board assures the competency of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) through the following functions:

- (1) the examination of prospective candidates with the Uniform CPA Examination
- (2) the certification, licensing, and registration of individuals who have successfully passed the Uniform CPA Examination
- (3) the establishment of continuing education requirements for CPAs and the monitoring of compliance with those requirements
- (4) enforcing standards of competence and monitoring with the Quality Enhancement Program; and
- (5) investigating and disciplining licensees who have failed to comply with the Board's requirements in the enforcement of technical standards and ethical provisions of the profession.

How many affectable: Citizens of the State of Nebraska who rely on CPAs

How many served: FY07/ CPAs-2153/ IR- 1515/ CH- 6500 (est.)

Year created: 1957

Year active: 1957

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Dan Sweetwood, Executive Director

Mailing Address: The Apothecary Building

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P.O. Box 94725

Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: (402) 471-3595

Authorization

Authorization citation: The Public Accountancy Act

Parent agency: Non Code Agency/ Independent

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Six members must be Active Permit Holders (CPAs) with two from each Congressional District. Two members are selected from the public with no requirements.

Per Diem: \$100 per day spent of Board matters

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Four Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Can only be re-appointed to second four-year term

Number of required meetings
FY 05-06: 0 Held: 7
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 6
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 6

Operations

Support Staff: 3

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$346,831

FY 06-07 budget: \$390, 671

FY 07-08 budget: \$380, 849

Other funding sources: Cash funded only by Board fees to permit holders Spending authority: Public Accountancy Act/ Sec. 1-111

Accomplishments: - The Board in 2004 instituted regulations that required four-hour of ethics education within the 80 hour continuing education requirement every two years for CPAs in response to the national accounting scandals (Enron, World Com, etc.)

- The Board, after extensive review, instituted regulations so CPA firms owned by other entities could relocate and operate in Nebraska.

- The Public Accountancy Act was amended to allow CPAs from other states to relocate into Nebraska after having four years of experience as a CPA in that state and not require extensive review of the CPAs completed education requiring delays in receiving their CPA credentials.

- The Board instituted regulations to require initial candidates that sit for the CPA examination and initial CPA applicants to meet Character and Fitness standards. The standards assist in protecting Nebraska citizens utilizing CPA services.

- The Board continues to strongly defend the Public Accountancy Act and its regulations before the Nebraska courts that only an individual that posses an active permit to practice can hold out as a CPA. An individual registered as an inactive registrant (has not completed the 80 hour education requirement) appealed to the courts that he should be allowed to hold out to the public as a CPA.

- The Board currently allows temporary practice for CPAs from other states to enter Nebraska and practice public accountancy under PAA/Sec. 1-163. Review and drafting of legislation has begun to possibly adopt \"CPA Mobility\" provisions as supported within the Uniform Accountancy Act, NASBA, and the AICPA. CPA Mobility would allow CPAs from other states to enter Nebraska without fee, notice, or licensure (the drivers license model), but would still allow the Board to discipline the mobile CPA if necessary.

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General Information

1. **Formal Name:** Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy.
2. **Purpose:** To effectively represent indigent individuals charged with first degree murder and serious violent or drug-related felonies, including juvenile cases, at trial and appeal; To provide legal assistance to public defenders and court-appointed attorneys; To provide property tax relief to counties by billing nothing for such legal services and associated costs of such defense; To administer the Legal Aid and Services Fund, awarding grants to qualifying certified providers of civil legal services to the indigent from collected docket funds; To represent indigent individuals granted DNA testing and to pay for such testing; To carry out duties designated under the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Fund per LB 1014.
3. **How many affectable/served:** FY 05-06: Commission attorneys handled: 18 first degree murder cases, including trials, appeals, and post-conviction cases; 145 violent and/or drug-related felonies; 6 DNA cases; and responded to 42 requests for research and assistance. The Commission granted awards to 14 certified indigent civil legal service providers totaling \$1,850,112.
FY 06-07: Commission attorneys handled 15 first degree murder cases, including trials, appeals, and post-conviction cases; 215 violent and/or drug related felonies; 4 DNA cases and responded to 56 requests for research and assistance. The Commission granted awards to 15 certified indigent civil legal service providers totaling \$2,151,729.
FY 07-08: Commission attorneys handled 21 first degree murder cases, including trials, appeals, and post-conviction cases; 260 violent and/or drug related felonies; 6 DNA cases and responded to 59 requests for research and assistance. The Commission granted awards to 16 certified indigent civil legal service providers totaling \$2,395,251.
4. **Year created:** 1995. **Year active:** 1996. **Sunset date:** N/A.
5. **Contact person(s):** James R. Mowbray, Chief Counsel; Rita Wesely, Admin Asst/Fiscal Officer, 140 North 8th Street, Suite 270, P. O. Box 98932, Lincoln, Nebr., 68509-8932; (402) 471-8088.

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 7-201-209; 29-3919-3933; 4116-4125; 25-3001-3004.

7. **Parent agency:** N/A.

Memberships and Meetings

8. **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.

9. **Legislative approval:** N/A. **Qualifications of members:** Must be a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association who has substantial experience in criminal defense work and substantial experience in civil legal matters that commonly affect low income persons and shall not be a prosecutor, law enforcement officer or judge.

10. **Per diem:** No. **Expense reimbursement:** Yes, if they choose to.

11. **Term length:** Six years. **Terms rotate or expire at once:** Terms may overlap.

12. **Number of meetings required in FY 05-06:** N/A. **Held:** 3
FY 06-07: N/A. **Held:** 2
FY 07-08: N/A. **Held:** 2

Operations

13. **Support staff:** Yes. **Shared or separate:** Separate.

14. **FY 05-06 budget:** \$3.2 million, \$2,247,144 of which was disbursed as pass-through funds under the Legal Aid and Services Fund, none of which was spent on Commission operations.

FY 06-07 budget: \$3.7 million, \$2,642,371 of which is disbursed as pass-through funds under the Legal Aid and Services Fund, none of which was spent on Commission operations.

FY 07-08 budget: \$3.5 million, \$2,424,000 of which is disbursed as pass-through funds under the Legal Aid and Services Fund, none of which was spent on Commission operations.

15. **Other funding sources:** None.

16. **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 DNA Testing Act and will do so under the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Fund.

Accomplishments

17. **Since July 1, 2004**, the Commission continued to represent indigent Nebraska citizens in first degree murder cases, serious violent or drug-related felonies and DNA cases. It also provided legal assistance to public defenders and court-appointed attorneys. Awards were granted to civil legal service providers in accordance with the statutes governing the Legal Aid and Services Fund, allowing such entities to continue to provide such civil legal services. Since 2003, the Commission has been entirely cash funded, ending its reliance upon the State general fund and in turn, allowing all attorney services to be provided as no cost to any Nebraska county. Duties regarding the Indigent Defense Standards Advisory Council have been suspended due to an end to its associated funding. Duties set out under LB 1014 regarding the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Fund have begun and will continue.

Cases handled by commission attorneys continue to save counties hundreds of thousands of dollars, while providing effective assistance of counsel. With the changes in the sentencing procedure on death penalty cases, the number of these cases has increased. Not only has the number of death penalty cases increased but so has the attorney time and expenses. The new procedure in death penalty cases has almost doubled from the costs of the old sentencing procedure. In effect, there are now two trials: the guilt/innocence phase and the sentencing phase, doubling the costs. Generally, over 1500 hours of attorney time is spent on a murder case where the death penalty is not being sought. Therefore, if the death penalty is a possibility, over 3,000 hours of attorney time will be spent. We now estimate that when the Commission is appointed on a death penalty case, it saves counties over \$300,000 in fees and expenses. For fiscal year 07-08 just completed, 21 first degree murder cases were handled and many of those were death penalty cases. Overall, we estimate that translates into over \$5,300,000 in tax savings to local taxpayers. In addition, based on an average cost of \$4,000 per case, the 260 cases involving serious violent and/or drug related felonies handled saved taxpayers over \$1,000,000 in fees and thousands more in expenses.

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General Information

1. **Formal Name:** Public Employees Retirement Board
2. **Purpose:** The PERB administers five state-wide public retirement systems – for School employees, State employees, County employees, Judges, and the State Patrol, as well as administering a Deferred Compensation Program for State and some County employees
3. **How many affectable:** The plan affects the retirements and beneficiaries of all plan members (see next answer for the number of members).
How many served: As of 12/31/07, counting all plans, the PERB serves 104,599 active, inactive and retired public employees in Nebraska.
4. **Year created:** 1971 **Year active:** 1971 **Sunset date:** N/A
5. **Contact person:** Phyllis G. Chambers, Director; 1221 N Street, Suite 325; P.O. Box 94816, Lincoln, NE 68509-4816, 402-471-2053

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Nebraska Revised Statutes section 84-1501
7. **Parent agency:** N/A

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** 8 (revised from 7 members per the passage of LB 1097)
Who appoints: Governor
9. **Legislative approval:** Yes
Qualifications of members: Two members are participants of the School System (one active administrator; one active teacher), one active or retired member each from the Judges System and State Patrol System, one active member from the County and from the State Retirement Systems, and two public members. All members must be citizens of the State of Nebraska. PERB members who are not plan members must not be employees of the State of Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions.
10. **Per diem:** \$50 per day for PERB meetings and committee meetings. **Expense reimbursement:** Yes
11. **Term length:** Five-year terms, staggered. One expires 1/1/2009, 3 expire 2010, 2 expire 2011, 1 expires in 2012, and 1 expires in 2013.
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate.
12. **Number of meetings required in** **FY 05-06:** 12 **Held:** 13
FY 06-07: 12 **Held:** 15
FY 07-08: 12 **Held:** 13

Operations

13. **Support staff:** No.....Shared or separate: Separate. NPERS (50 employees)
14. **FY 05-06 budget:** Program 042 \$36,144
FY 06-07 budget: Program 042 \$36,434
FY 07-08 budget: Program 042 \$36,434
15. **Other funding sources:** Funding source for Operations are funded by pension assets.
16. **Spending authority:** Yes. The PERB approves the budget request prior to submission.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

2004 Accomplishments

1. NPERS completed the second major phase of our PIONEER technology system with the rollout of the Benefit Payment function. The automation of our payment system allowed us to improve member service levels and to process retirement benefits within 30-60 days.
2. We combined the Member Services and the Benefits area under one manager and cross-trained employees to process work for all plans instead of being specialized.
3. NPERS received a favorable ruling from the IRS for the re-qualification of our State Employees Retirement Plan. All of our pension plans are now re-qualified.
4. We continued our comprehensive school employer training statewide. We also expanded employer training for County Clerks.
5. Continued working with member groups and invited each group to meet with the Retirement Board to outline their particular goals and objectives.
6. Implemented 2004 Legislation:

LB 1097 Increased Judges' benefits and contribution rates. Expanded State and County defined contribution employer investment options and other clean-up items

LB 960 Added one new PERB member (Patrol) and changed a public position to a school administrator position on the PERB

LB 961 Eliminated "certified mailing" requirement for School Annual Statements

LB 514 Raised Patrol contribution rates for one year

2005 Accomplishments

1. Work on the PIONEER technology system this year included implementation of the legislative changes per LB 503 and the changes due to LB 216, involving state income tax withholding for pension payments.
2. A focus this year in our Benefits and Data Purification areas was to address questions on "compensation" for members in the School plan well ahead of a member's request to retire. This has streamlined the benefit application and processing schedule and improved our turnaround time for issuing the first check to a retiree.
3. We addressed the various audit issues which included meetings with key senators and the Governor to clarify and answer questions. Our internal audit area began the testing of employer payroll data used to determine retirement eligibility, compensation and contributions to the various retirement systems.
4. We continued our expansion of member education with "Retirement 101" sessions for new and active members of the State and County plans.
5. Our agency website was updated to include video streaming of the investment options for members of the State and County defined contribution portion of our plans and for Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) members.

6. Implemented 2005 Legislation:

LB 503 School Compensation Cap of 7%; employer testing; PERB per diems, added State/County investment options, the Investor Select Fund; increased contribution rates for School and Patrol Plans; internal auditor and legal counsel provisions

LB 144 Change provisions for school statements

LB 364 Technical changes, fees for late reporting by employers, PERB active or retired members

LB 348 Additional courts and filings now include retirement fees; judges salary increase

2006 Accomplishments

1. Membership in all of the retirement plans increased to 99,677 plan members with total assets of \$7.9 billion. The Benefits Department processed 1269 new retirements during the year.
2. NPERS distributed a total of \$317 million in refunds and retirement payments to plan members. An IT Manager was hired through a contract with the Office of the CIO. His duties include evaluating the system and making recommendations to the PERB.
3. NPERS was featured in the Public Broadcasting Systems "Frontline" special entitled "Can You Afford to Retire?" The documentary explored the national defined benefit vs. defined contribution issue and features Nebraska's adoption of a cash balance/defined benefit hybrid plan.
4. NPERS was the subject of a Performance Audit by the Legislature that resulted in eleven findings and eight recommendations. PERB was in compliance with all of its substantive statutory and regulatory requirements.
5. The Director resigned in August and the PERB appointed an Interim Director for the remainder of the calendar year. A search committee of the PERB interviewed and hired a new Director beginning January 2, 2007. A Director Succession Plan was adopted by the PERB and a Deputy Director position was created.

6. 2006 Legislation adopted:

LB 366 Provided that full-time, permanent State and County employees begin participation immediately upon employment; provides that State Plan members contribute 4.8% of compensation.

LB 1019 Changed annuity end dates, terms of Investment Council members, amortization periods for unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities from 25 to 30 years, clarified the definition of compensation in School Plan, and fiduciary duty of PERB members; allowed the PERB to credit State and County cash balance dividends.

2007 Accomplishments

1. The total number of plan members grew to a record 104,599 with total assets of \$9.2 billion.
2. The call center answered approximately 38,000 phone calls and met with over 700 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. The Benefits Department processed 1300 teacher

retirements, 600 estimates for purchase of service, 45 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) and 169 death claims. We had 339,000 hits on our NPERS website.

3. NPERS distributed over \$366 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits were in the form of monthly annuity payments, refunds, rollovers, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions.
4. The Data Services Department completed the conversion of all member history on microfilm and roll film to electronic images. We also sent forms to the Judges and School plan members with their statements to update beneficiary information. Data Services processed over 49,000 pieces of incoming mail, 385,000 pieces of outgoing mail, and scanned 429,000 documents.
5. Our Education Services staff traveled Nebraska providing retirement seminars for members, training for employers, and special presentations for agencies and organizations. Over 3,400 individuals participated in 75 different venues.
6. NPERS issued a request for proposal (RFP) for the Information Technology system conversion and selected Saber as the vendor. Conversion of the new system officially began on August 6, 2007, and is scheduled to be completed in 24 months. A Steering Committee was formed and a formal charter was adopted. Oversight of the project is being provided by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC). A quality assurance team from the University of Nebraska is also involved in the project. NPERS staff and the project team began Phase I and Phase II activities in the fall.
7. NPERS issued an RFP for consulting actuarial services and again selected Buck Consultants for a three-year contract. Buck Consultants has been our actuary since 1998.
8. State and County plan members were given another opportunity to transfer from their Defined Contribution plan to the Cash Balance plan under the provisions of LB 665. There were 1,574 members who elected to transfer effective January 1, 2008.
9. 2007 Legislation adopted:
 - LB 324 Continues the State Patrol contribution rates at 13% of monthly compensation by the member and 15% of monthly compensation by the employer and adds a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP).
 - LB 328 Creates the County Employees Cash Balance Expense Fund and the State Employees Cash Balance Expense Fund and removes the 60-day period during which to re-enroll County and State plan members who return to permanent, full-time employment.
 - LB 370 Requires NPERS to conduct a survey of all law enforcement retirement systems in the state and file a report with the Retirement Committee of the Legislature.
 - LB 508 Changes the period in which surviving spouses of members of the Judges Plan and the School Plan may make application for death benefits to 12 months.
 - LB 596 Provides a one-time cost-of-living adjustment of 85% to the annuities of School and Class V School Plan members.
 - LB 665 Allows a new election period in which County Plan and State Plan members may join the cash balance option.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee**
2. Purpose: (1) Upon recommendation of the Board of Pharmacy, the director of the Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services shall approve a formulary to be used by individuals dispensing pursuant to a delegated dispensing permit. A formulary shall consist of a list of drugs or devices appropriate to delegated dispensing activities authorized by the delegated dispensing permit. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if the board finds that a formulary would be unnecessary to protect the public health and welfare and promote public convenience and necessity, the board shall recommend that no formulary be approved. (2)(a) Upon the recommendation of the board, which shall be based on the recommendations of the Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee, the director shall approve the formulary to be used by public health clinics dispensing pursuant to a delegated dispensing permit. (b) The formulary for a public health clinic shall consist of a list of drugs and devices for contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, and vaginal infections which may be dispensed and stored, patient instruction requirements which shall include directions on the use of drugs and devices, potential side effects and drug interactions, criteria for contacting the on-call pharmacist, and accompanying written patient information. (c) In no event shall the director approve for inclusion in the formulary any drug or device not approved by the committee or exclude any of the provisions for patient instruction approved by the board. (d) Drugs and devices with the following characteristics shall not be eligible to be included in the formulary:
 - (i) Controlled substances;
 - (ii) Drugs with significant dietary interactions;
 - (iii) Drugs with significant drug-drug interactions; and
 - (iv) Drugs or devices with complex counseling profiles.
3. How many affectable: N/A
4. How many served: N/A
5. Year created: 1994 Year active: Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Becky Wisell

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 71-1,147.59
7. Parent agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 8 Who appoints: Director of Public Health, DHHS
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: 71-1, 147.59
10. Per diem: \$0
Expense reimbursement: No Expense
11. Term length : 2 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: 5 terms expired in 2007; 3 terms expired in 2008
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 1 Held: 0
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 0
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 0

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: A portion of staff share the work of this board.
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
 FY 06-07 budget: \$0
 FY 07-08 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: Funded in total by licensing fees through the Board of Pharmacy budget.
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004
 This Committee has not met during the last three fiscal years because there have been no requests for changes in the Public Health Clinic Formulary.

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General Information

1. Formal Name Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
2. 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.
3. How many affectable Affects all highways, roads and streets; all local governments and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR); and, by extension, all residents and visitors (as drivers, passengers and/or consumers of goods and services dependent of vehicular transportation).
How many served All those affectable were served. Furthermore, the board annually corresponds with, and receives One- and Six-year Plans and Annual Operations Financial Reports from, the NDOR, all 93 counties and all 530 municipalities.
4. Year created 1969..Year active 1969 .Sunset date None.
5. Contact person LeMoyné D. Schulz, Secretary for the Board and Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, Liaison Services Unit, Local Projects Section, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509, (402) 479-4436

Authorization

6. Authorization citation Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 39-2106
7. Parent agency Nebraska Department of Roads (provides administrative support but does not oversee the board's regulatory activities.)

Memberships and Meetings

8. 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").
9. Legislative approval Yes..... Qualifications Two (2) representing NDOR. Three (3) representing counties; one of whom must be a licensed county highway superintendent and two of whom must be county board members; also, one must be from a class 1 or 2 (small) county, one from a class 3 or 4 (medium) county and one from a class 5, 6, or 7 (large) county. Three (3) representing municipalities; must be either public works directors or licensed city street superintendents; also, one must be from a municipality of less than 2,500, one from a municipality of 2,500 to 50,000, and one from a municipality over 50,000. Three (3) laypersons representing the state's three Congressional Districts..
10. Per diem \$20 per day, for the three laymembers only.
Expense reimbursement Yes.
11. Term length Four (4) years
Terms rotate or expire at once. Partial rotation (every two years either four [4] or seven [7] members' terms expire).

- 12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06 * Held Nine (9)
- FY 06-07 * Held Nine (9)
- FY 07-08 * Held Ten (10)

*No set number, but the statutes require the board to act on reports and other submissions within set time frames, and to prioritize State Aid Bridge Fund requests twice a year.

Operations

- 13. Support staff Yes..... Shared or separate Shared--Nebraska Department of Roads
- 14. FY 05-06 budget \$19,664.17
- FY 06-07 budget \$20,409.76
- FY 07-08 budget \$27,475.90
- Cash-flow Allotment, Board of Classifications & Standards, including board member expense reimbursements, photocopying, per diems and other direct cost activities under NDOR Activity 1113. "Personal Services," while not budgeted separately for the board, is reflected in the Activity 1101 budget of the Liaison Services Unit, Local Projects Section, NDOR. Central system overhead (including accounting) also is absorbed by NDOR.
- 15. Other funding sources None.
- 16. Spending authority No. However, the board expects NDOR to expend funds as reasonably necessary in supporting the board's functions as required by Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 39-2107. Also, the board prioritizes county bridge replacement project applications for the State Aid Bridge Fund administered by NDOR (Section 39-847).

Accomplishments

- 17. Since July 1, 2004 Acted on numerous requests from counties, cities and NDOR for Relaxations of Minimum Design Standards at specified locations due to peculiar circumstances and hardships. Reviewed four series of annual One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement plans and Highway, Road and Street Operations Financial Reports from NDOR, the 93 counties and the 530 municipalities. Considered numerous requests for modifications of One-Year Plans from counties and municipalities. Prioritized numerous county applications for State Aid Bridge Funds. Initiated Highway Allocation Fund suspension proceedings for four municipalities for failure to submit Annual Operations Financial Reports, resulting in a permanent loss of six months of funds by the village of Magnet. Initiated Highway Allocation Fund suspension proceedings for two municipalities for failure to submit improvement plans. Held four meetings outside Lincoln: Gering (October 2004), Valentine (2005), Beatrice (2006) and Kearney (2007). Adopted an interim procedure for implementing Sections (2) and (3) of LB 904 (2006), reporting of local Sales Tax on motor vehicles by counties and municipalities, and accepted Omaha's filing of a "Letter of Audit Opinion from an Independent auditor" in lieu of filing Material and Supply Inventory and Equipment Cost Reports, until such time as the board revises its 428 NAC 4 regulations. Adopted a interim procedure for implementing Sections (2), (3) and (4) of LB 277 (2007), filing of One- and Six- Year plans by MPO counties and municipalities, until such time as the board revises its 428 NAC 3 regulations. Initiated a process for developing Rules and Regulations for implementation of sections (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) of LB 1068 (2008), Remote Residential rural (county) roads. Updated the board's 428 NAC 2, Section 001

Minimum Design Standards regulations for county roads, municipal streets and state highways, to comply with the federal HL93 Bridge Design requirement, and adjusted the state highway standards to meet or exceed the national standards of design (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials), impacting all Nebraskans in that this change allows the Nebraska Department of Roads to maintain the existing state highway system and build appropriate safety and capacity improvements where warranted. Initiated the development of computer programming to provide for electronic filing of reports by counties and municipalities. Received two formal complaints against two Counties that resulted in two staff reviews, two investigations by two members of the Board, and a ten percent reduction of CY 2008 Highway Allocation Funds by Dawes County and compliance with Minimum Design Standards on one segment of road by Greeley County.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Public Service Commission
2. Purpose: Quasi-Judicial Regulatory Agency
3. How many affectable: All Nebraskans
How many served: All Nebraskans
4. Year created: 1906 Year active: 1906 Sunset date: None
5. Contact person: Mike Hybl, Executive Director, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927.
Phone: (402) 471-0211

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Article IV, Section 20 of the Nebraska Constitution
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 5
Who appoints: Elected Commissioners
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of Members: Resident of Nebraska; Registered Voter; and, if a member of or practitioners in any profession, in good standing according to the established standards of such profession. See Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 75-101.
10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 6 Years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06 0 Held 45
FY 06-07 0 Held 50
FY 07-08 0 Held 48

Operations

13. Support staff: 46 Shared or separate: Separate
14. FY 05-06 budget: 89.5 Million Actual
FY 06-07 budget: 89.5 Million Actual
FY 07-08 budget: 71.6 Million Actual
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: Yes. The PSC allocates funds between all departments based on program objectives.

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2004: Commissioner Anne Boyle was appointed to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors where she also serves on the Rural Health and High Cost Committees. In addition, she was recently appointed as Chair of the Committee on Consumer Affairs of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where she currently serves on the Committee on Telecommunications and the Board of Directors.

Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department: Previously known as the Universal Service Fund, this department was renamed the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department (NTIPS). The Wireless E-911 Department, previously a separate department with its own director and staff, was merged into this department and staff and services were consolidated. Other divisions of this department now include the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) and Nebraska Tele-Health Network.

Wireless E-911: Nebraska has implemented Phase II in 63 counties with at least one wireless carrier. Ten additional counties have implemented Phase I and will proceed to Phase II as soon as equipment upgrades are made to their PSAP. Nine counties have implemented landline E911. Eight of those counties will implement Phase II in the near future. All PSAP's in the state must achieve landline E911 by July, 2010. The Commission has opened a docket to investigate and establish procedures for the designation of public safety answering points for the receipt and dispatch of wireless 911 service calls from counties without enhanced 911 service in the event that all PSAP's have not achieved landline E911 at that time. The advisory board advises the Commission on many aspects of the wireless E911 program. The board will play an instrumental role in the selection and recommendation of vendors of choice for phase II implementation.

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.

The Commission previously reported on the significance of the deployment of Voice over the Internet Protocol ("VoIP") services in Nebraska. In 2006, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order which required Interconnected VoIP service providers to contribute to the federal universal service fund. In April of 2007, the Commission found that consistent universal service remittance standards should be applied to all voice communications providers utilizing the public switched telephone network and entered an order requiring interconnected VoIP providers as defined by the FCC to contribute the intrastate portion of revenues to the Nebraska universal service fund (NUSF). A number of Interconnected VoIP providers were contributing to the NUSF. However, Vonage Holdings Corp. (Vonage) was not in compliance with the Commission's order. In November of 2007, the Director of the Department filed a complaint against Vonage seeking an order compelling Vonage to remit to the NUSF. Vonage challenged the Commission's requirements in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska by filing a request for a preliminary injunction. On March 3, 2008, the federal court enjoined the Commission from requiring Vonage to remit to the NUSF. The Commission appealed that decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. A few other states with universal service programs also began imposing requirements on VoIP providers to contribute to their state universal service fund programs. The Commission and the Kansas Corporation Commission have jointly filed a Petition with the FCC seeking a Declaratory Ruling to clarify that states are not preempted from requiring interconnected VoIP service providers to contribute to state universal service funds.

In May of 2007, the Commission adopted an expense cap model in docket NUSF-64. The expense caps will apply to all Nebraska Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (NETCs) receiving high-cost program support. This mechanism is designed in part to make sure that high-cost program support is being used for the maintenance, upgrading and provisioning of facilities and services. The Commission is seeking further comment on the frequency of model updates and whether the model should be adjusted for inflation. The expense cap model will commence with the 2008 earnings calculations which will be filed in 2009. The Commission recently modified its yearly certification requirements as well in Docket NUSF-25/66 to require companies receiving state and federal high-cost support to report on or before June 1 of each year detailed information on how the state and federal high-cost support was used in the previous reporting year and to project how high-cost support will be used in the following year.

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: In September, 2004, the Commission approved funding for the Nebraska Statewide Tele-Health Network. This network connects 68 rural and critical access hospitals across the state to hub hospitals in Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, and Scottsbluff. The Commission has reserved \$900,000 a year for this purpose. These monies will be distributed only to eligible telecommunication companies that provide the connections for this network.

Communications Department: The department continues to provide the Annual Report on Telecommunications to the Legislature. The reports can be accessed on the Commission's website at www.psc.state.ne.us, under the Communications heading, then go to 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:

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 in 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. Beginning July 1, 2008 the relay service surcharge will be reduced from five to four 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, Grand Application Guidelines, a Pre-Application, an Application, a Scoring Sheet and Progress Report

Form. A Pre-Application period is expected to commence August 1, 2008, with all Pre-Applications due by September 2, 2008. Full applications are due no later than November 15, 2008. The Commission hopes to award grants in January, 2009.

Natural Gas Department: The Natural Gas Department, which has been in existence since the passage of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act in 2003, developed initial rules carrying out the Act and is in the process of further refining those rules in an open rule and regulation docket. Major activities include handling three rate increase proceedings, which are typically a seven- to nine-month process, and three acquisition approvals for the regulated natural gas utilities. The Commission made one loan under the Municipal Natural Gas Rate Negotiations Revolving Loan Fund for affected cities to use in a rate case. Additionally, with respect to the Commission's authority to resolve disputes over natural gas pipeline extensions, no disputes have required a hearing since the passage of LB 1249 in 2006.

Housing and Recreational Vehicles, Transportation, Grain Ware-house 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.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

The Council reviewed and accepted a report, from the BUROS Center for Testing, which dealt with the psychometric evaluation of the "Nebraska Water Operator Examination Program." Specifically, the evaluation was a review of the exam items for water operator licensure exams. The review looked at Grades 1 through 4 and 6 water operator licensing exam questions; Grade 5 was excluded. There were a total of 1,106 items (test questions) included in the evaluation.

The Department developed and the Council reviewed and approved a policy that deals with intradepartmental processes for receiving requests for and approving continuing education hours for licensed water system operator workshops presented by training providers.

Under §71-5310 of the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act, the Director, with the approval of the Council, may authorize exemptions (extension of time) to the drinking water standards. Nebraska uses the exemption as a tool to provide Nebraska's public water systems flexibility in complying with new rules promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. From February 2005 to April 2007, the Council reviewed and recommended the Department grant exemptions to 16 community water systems from the Arsenic Rule. Those systems include: Village of Anselmo, City of Alliance, Village of Bartley, Village of Broadwater, City of Cambridge, City of Gering, Village of Haigler, Village of Holbrook, City of Indianola, Village of Lyman, Village of Morrill, City of Osceola, Village of Shelby, Village of Stratton, City of Stromsburg, and the Village of Wauneta.

Metropolitan Utilities District petitioned the Department to review the protocol for the determination of ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI). The Department and the Council researched and reviewed the information available and decided that one method the Department had in its regulations was not reliable in making the determination of GWUDI. The Department removed that method and made other modifications to the protocol based on the available information.

Chapter 7 regulations (dealing with public water system design and construction) are currently under review by the Council. It is anticipated this review will culminate in approved regulatory revisions early in 2009. The revisions will update standards for water system construction, modify current provisions for plans and specifications, and move the design and construction regulations from Title 179 NAC 2-007 to 179 NAC 7.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska State Racing Commission

Purpose: The purpose of the State Racing Commission is to provide statewide regulation of horseracing in order to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby maintain a high level of integrity and honesty in the horseracing industry of Nebraska and to insure that all funds received by the commission are properly distributed.

How many affectable: All patrons attending races

How many served: 275,000

Year created: 1935 Year active: 1935 Sunset Date: n/a

Contact Person: Tom Sage

Mailing Address: PO Box 95014

Lincoln, NE 68509-5014

Phone number: 402-471-4155

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute 2-1201

Parent agency: Governor

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: None

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: N/A Held: 6

FY 06-07: N/A Held: 6

FY 07-08: N/A Held: 5

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: 850,000

FY 06-07 budget: 850,000

FY 07-08 budget: 850,000

Other funding sources: Cash Funded

Spending authority: Yes- Cash Funded

Accomplishments: Updated Rules and Regulations
Increased funding sources

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Railway Council

Purpose: Administers programs and funds for light-density rail line acquisition, rehabilitation and rail facility construction pursuant to the state and federal acts.

How many affectable: na

How many served: na

Year created: 1980

Year active: 1980

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Ellis Tompkins

Mailing Address: Rail and Public Transportation Engineer Nebraska Department of Roads PO Box 94759 Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: (402) 479-3797

Authorization

Authorization citation: 74-1413

Parent agency: Nebraska Dept of Roads

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: One light-density line shipper; one railroad management employee; one railroad maintenance-of-way employee; one public service commissioner; one representative from Department of Economic Development; one representative from Department of Agriculture; two members of the general public--one having experience in public or private finance and one experienced in marketing; Director-State Engineer serves as ex-officio member Per Diem: Yes, if not employed by State of Nebraska

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 2

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 2

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared: Nebraska Department of Roads

FY 05-06 budget: 2,756

FY 06-07 budget: 2,756

FY 07-08 budget: 3,288

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: none

Accomplishments: The Nebraska Railway Council has approved two grant projects. One project is with Nebraska Central, in the amount of \$1.3M, for the construction of 3 classification tracks east of Monroe. The other project is with Nebraska, Kansas Colorado Railway, in the amount of \$700,000, for track rehabilitation between Madrid and Venango. On July 31, 2008, the Council will again be sending out letters requesting project applications.

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General Information

1. **Formal Name:** State Real Estate Commission
2. **Purpose:** The Real Estate Commission was created to protect the public interest of Nebraska citizens through the administration of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act and the registration of Timeshare projects, Subdivided Land projects, Retirement Communities and Subdivisions and Membership Campgrounds.
3. **How many affectable:** all citizens of State/those requiring licensure
How many served: all citizens of State/7,000 licensees
4. **Year created:** 1943 **Year active:**1943 **Sunset date:** N/A
5. **Contact person:** Les Tyrrell, Director, 1200 N Street, Ste 402, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402)471-2004

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-885.07 (1)
7. **Parent agency:** None

Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** 7 **Who appoints:** Governor appoints 6; Secretary of State serves as Chairperson by law
9. **Legislative approval:** No
Qualifications of Members: Four active and licensed real estate brokers, who have been engaged in the real estate business as a broker or associate broker for not less than five years. One appointed from each of the three congressional districts as constituted on January 1, 2006, and one appointed at-large; and one licensed salesperson, who has engaged in the real estate business as a salesperson for not less than three years, appointed at-large; and one public member appointed at-large.
10. **Per diem:** \$100.00 per day (appointed members only) for each day actually spent on official duties at scheduled meetings of the Commission.
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. **Term length:** appointed members - 6 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: One new appointed member each year. Secretary of State as per elections.
12. Number of Meetings required in FY 05-06: 0 Held: 9
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 9
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 8

Operations

13. **Support staff:** Yes **Shared or separate:** Separate
14. **FY 05-06 budget:** 554,181
FY 06-07 budget: 576,217
FY 07/08 budget: 602,632

15. **Other funding sources:** None
16. **Spending authority:** Yes, administration of applicable statutes and Commission operations are allocated by the State Real Estate Commission with Legislative approval.

Accomplishments

17. **Since July 1, 2004:**
 - Reviewed use of pocket cards in the license transfer process and had legislation introduced in the 2006 Legislative Session. The legislation was implemented on July, 14, 2006;
 - Finalized the Revision of Records Management and Retention Schedule;
 - Implemented usage of pre-hearing conferences in the disciplinary process;
 - Concluded reorganization of prescribed pre-license course in Real Estate Sales and Brokerage to include the study of the License Act, the Agency statute and Fair Housing. Newly modified course required for usage in pre-license schools on and after the January 1, 2008;
 - Issued Request for Proposal and awarded contract for administration of real estate examinations;
 - Revised Trust Account Manual and distributed to all designated brokers;
 - Revised License Manual and distributed revisions to all licenses;
 - Held Instructor Development Workshop;
 - Reviewed Commission administered statutes, rules, policies and procedures as they relate to licensees conducting licensed activities electronically and found all to be conducive to said conduct of licensed activities;
 - Negotiated revised license recognition agreements with other jurisdictions; and
 - Updated website menu and accessibility to website and menu; last of application forms available online, and all downloadable forms converted to PDF format.

REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER BOARD

1. **Formal Name:** Nebraska Real Estate Appraiser Board formally changed to Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board in 2007 §76-2201
2. **Purpose** of this agency is to regulate and support appraisers in this state in compliance with Nebraska law and federal mandates for the benefit of citizens needing appraisals related to real property transactions in this state. The agency is mandated by federal law to ensure that federal financial and public policy interests in real estate transactions will be protected by requiring that real estate appraisals for these transactions are performed in writing, in accordance with uniform standards, by individuals with demonstrated competency and whose professional conduct is subject to effective supervision.
3. **How many affectable/How many served** A significant duty of this Board is to credential a sufficient number of Nebraska appraisers to meet the needs and legal requirements of the general public, the real estate industry, the banking and lending industries, the insurance industry, and numerous government entities in matters related to real property transactions in Nebraska. That is a very large umbrella which covers, not only appraisers but most Nebraska individuals and businesses that purchase, sell, or refinance homes, buildings, land, and commercial property. Approximately 902 appraisers serve the people of Nebraska and are regulated by this agency.

Whether they are real property owners or renters, most Nebraskans are impacted by effective enforcement of the Appraiser Act. Board and staff work diligently to enforce the Act in efforts to protect the people of Nebraska: property owners, homeowners and prospective homeowners, farmers and entrepreneurs, legitimate Nebraska lending institutions (those which are federally insured and those which are not). This is a particularly challenging duty in light of emerging and creative techniques of those predatory lenders whose manipulative tactics are driving the lending economy.

4. **Year created:** 1990 **Legislation** §76-2202
Year Active: January 1991
Sunset date: No sunset date

5. **Contact Person:** Katherine "Kitty" Policky, Executive Director
Real Property Appraiser Board
P.O. Box 94973
Lincoln, NE 68509-4963
402-471-9015

6. **Authorization citation:** State: Nebraska Revised Statutes §§76-2201 to 76-2250

Federal Mandate: Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 ("FIRREA") 12 U.S.C. 3348 (a)(2).56 FR 20002 (May 1, 1991)

7. **No Parent Agency**

8. **Number of Members:**
Five Members - Appointed by Governor §76-2222

9. **Legislative Approval:** No
Qualifications: § 76-2222
3 certified appraisers, one from each Congressional District, 2 of whom must be certified general appraisers;
1 representative of financial institutions;
1 real estate broker who also holds a credential as a licensed or certified real estate appraiser

10. Per diem: \$100.00 per day [§76-2222(4)]

Expense Reimbursement: Reimbursement for actual & necessary expenses as provided in §§81-1174 - 81-1177.

11. Term Length: Five years - Terms shall be five years, except that when members were initially appointed one served one year, one served two years, one served, three years, one served four years. Upon expiration of a term, a member shall continue to hold office until appointment and qualification of the successor. Terms overlap. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. §76-2222(2)

12. Number of Meetings: No set number of meetings is required.

Meetings actually conducted:

2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
15 meetings	16 meetings	15 meetings	14 meetings	13 meetings	14 meetings
2006-2007	2007-2008				
13 meetings	12 meetings				

13. Support staff: Yes – Staff Assistant II

Shared or Separate: Separate

14. FY05-06 Budget: Salaries & Per Diem payments: \$103,397.74
Rent Expense Building: \$4,213.62
Rent Expense – Depreciation. Surcharge: \$836.24
Rent Repair & Maintenance: \$327.70
Office Supplies Expense: \$2,716.26
Accounting & Auditing Services (DAS): \$3,076.47
Board Travel & Reimbursements: \$16,851.27
Board conference registrations: \$1,700.00
Communication Expense (DAS): \$3,837.33
TOTAL: \$136,956.63
Amounts taken from Budget Status Report 6/30/2006

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: §76-2223(5)

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

The most important element for which this Board functions is to keep the appraiser community current with federal regulations and guidelines for which we are required by Title XI to function. Should this Board fail to comply with federal regulation, the state would find itself in peril for we would not be able to perform federally-related transactions, leaving not only the real estate community in peril but the banking and lending as well as the insurance and investment communities. Beginning in 2004 the Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB), an independent Board of the Appraisal Foundation chartered with the administration of Title XI, adopted in 1989, with the responsibility of improving, establishing and promoting minimum uniform standards and appraiser qualifications criteria. All State certified appraisers were required to meet the new AQB criteria as imposed by state regulatory agencies such as the NRPAB. Although changes by the AQB began in 2001 with a final draft in 2004, the implementation was still set to begin. Taking into account the impact the restructuring criteria changes would have on regulators, education providers, and practitioners, the AQB wanted to ensure ample lead time for implementation. This Board and staff have worked diligently to implement the extensive restructuring by federal mandate with a final implementation date of January 1, 2008. The implementation of the changes required extensive legislative changes; the most dramatic were introduced with LB 778. The bill was designed to adopt the necessary and mandatory changes to the various sections of the

Appraiser Act encompassing extensive changes to qualifying education, experience criteria, changes to credentialing criteria, adding an additional appraiser trainee credential and assisting appraisers who were currently credentialed in upgrading their credential to salvage their investment of experience and education for which the adoption of the new federal guidelines would eliminate by offering the current appraisers the sequential application process. It has been a race against time and has required extensive dedication from Board and staff, but we are entering the final leg of the journey and will successfully see the qualifications and careers of Nebraska appraisers enhanced and upgraded to meet all federal requirements.

Federal regulation revamped the appraiser profession from the very basic core curriculum education to the elements involved in earning the certified credentials. This transition has required extensive changes to the basic elements of qualifications for appraisers. Federal oversight has implemented even the subtopics for which are taught as a part of the core curriculum to the dictation of the experience log for which a candidate must maintain to qualify to move to a new credential.

The extensive federal mandates have left the Real Property Appraiser Board exhausted with no alternative but to meet all new requirements as mandated by Appraiser Qualifications Board to meet the oversight review of the Federal Subcommittee. It has taken tremendous energy and dedication and we hope the future will lend itself to growing instead of the constant turmoil and confusion that comes with overhauling an agency. It's tough to nurture a family when you're always busy building a house. But considering the economic instability of the financial and lending markets with perhaps a share of the blame by the appraisal profession, federal oversight is trying to rebuild credibility.

Despite all the federal changes, the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board can assure the public that Nebraska was one of the few states that had the legislation, rules and regulations, and materials in place to meet the new 2008 criteria.

Despite the federal guideline implementation, we have continued to serve the appraiser community and public. This Board sponsored demonstration report and investigative review sessions to train reviewers in the applicable techniques of evaluation and educational activities to meet the newest challenges in the profession. We have continued to credential and upgrade appraisers and performed all duties for which this Board and office are entrusted. We have continued to meet the daily challenges and future planning for a comprehensive and innovative credentialing Board.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: State Records Board

Purpose: To assist the State Records Administrator in the performance of his or her duties under the Records Management Act.

How many affectable: state agencies and local subdivisions

How many served: During last 3 FY's, 28 grants have been given

Year created: 1961

Year active: 1961

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Secretary of State, John A.Gale

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94608

State Capitol Building, Suite 2300

Lincoln, NE. 68509-4608

Phone number: (402) 471-2554

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 84-1201 to 84-1227

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Twelve

Who Appoints: Legislative description of members

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 5 constitutional board members, 6 board members appointed by the Governor and representing 6 described professions, 1 board member from Department of Administrative Services.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: constitutional officers and DAS serve during term

Terms rotate or expire at once: expire when leave office/profession

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 0 Held: 4

FY 07-08: 0 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: 0

Shared or separate: 3 with Secretary of State

FY 05-06 budget: 2,331,160

FY 06-07 budget: 2,331,160

FY 07-08 budget: 2,331,160

Other funding sources: 2,331,160

Spending authority: Records Management Act

Accomplishments: Beginning in FY 04-05 the State Records Board has awarded 28 grants to various state agencies, local subdivisions and the portal manager in the amount of \$690,516.00 for website development or enhancement. From FY99-00 the State Records Board has awarded a total of 56 grants for a total dollar amount of \$1,352,544.00.

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General Information

Formal name: Technical Advisory Committee to the State Records Board

Purpose: Assist the State Records Board in the performance of its duties

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1997

Year active: 1997

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Catherine A. Danahy, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 440 South 8th Street, Suite 210

Lincoln, NE. 685008

Phone number: 402 471-2559

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 84-1205.01

Parent agency: State Records Board & State Records Admin.

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: State Records Board

Legislative approval: No, but describes areas of expertise

Qualifications: Statute describes 3 areas of expertise that the members shall be from.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term length: No limit set

Terms rotate or expire at once: No

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 3

FY 06-07: 0 Held: 3

FY 07-08: 0 Held: 4

Operations

Support Staff: None

Shared or separate: 1 shared with Secretary of State & OCIO

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: 0

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments: Reviewed and commented upon 30 state, local and reinvested revenue grant applications received by the State Record Board, based upon the grants

technical feasibility, whether the proposed technology to be used by the grant applicant is appropriate for the proposed project, and, if the technical elements of the proposed project can be completed within the time frame and budget proposed by the grant applicant.

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General Information

Formal name: Regional Interoperability Advisory Board
Purpose: The board provides advice to the Office of the Chief Information Officer regarding the formation, expansion, and enhancement of regional communication systems to achieve communications interoperability for Nebraska public safety agencies.
How many affectable: All Nebraska public safety agencies
How many served: All Nebraska public safety agencies
Year created: 2005
Year active: 2005
Sunset Date: January 1, 2009
Contact Person: Mike Jeffres, Public Safety Network Manager

Mailing Address: Office of the CIO-Network Services
PO Box 95045, Lincoln, NE 68509
Phone number: 402-471-3719

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-418
Parent agency: DAS-OCIO

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6
Who Appoints: Governor
Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: Knowledge of respective state and regional communications needs.
Per Diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
Term length: 2 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: At once

Number of required meetings
FY 05-06: 0 Held: 0
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 12
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: Yes
Shared or separate: Office of the CIO
FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
Other funding sources: None
Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The board developed a report of four major goals and detailed recommendations. The report was published in March 2006 and is available at: http://its.ne.gov/network_serv/wireless/pdf/RIABInterimReport.pdf
The board will issue its final report on interoperability progress and recommendations before January 1, 2009.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority
2. Purpose: To make malpractice liability insurance available to risks as defined Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2837. The authority shall be empowered to engage in writing medical malpractice liability insurance in this state pursuant to existing law and authorized to insure the health care provider against other liability for injury to persons or property caused by agents, employees, partners, or limited liability company members of the health care provider or by property used in or activities arising from the operations or business of the health care provider.
3. How many affectable: 26 physicians and 3 nurse anesthetists have been extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2008. 27 physicians and 3 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2007. 27 physicians and 2 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2006. 33 physicians and 4 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2005.
4. Year created: 1976 Year active: 1976 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Bev Anderson
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or

Eric Dunning
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Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2837
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: None. Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-2837 creates an “authority” to write residual malpractice liability insurance, and designates that “authority” as the Department of Insurance.
Who appoints: N/A
9. Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications of members: N/A.
10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: None
11. Term length: N/A
12. Number of meetings required in FY05-06 None
FY06-07 None
FY07-08 None

Operations

13. Support staff: None
14. FY 05-06 budget: None
FY 06-07 budget: None
FY 07-08 budge: None
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: 26 physicians and 3 nurse anesthetists have been extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2008. 27 physicians and 3 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2007. 27 physicians and 2 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2006. 33 physicians and 4 nurse anesthetists were extended medical malpractice liability coverage in 2005.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

Recommendations for licensure on 298 applications

Determined percentage of licensees to be audited.

Provided recommendation on all disciplinary actions.

Adopted regulations for new statutory provisions –

Formulated positions or recommendations on pending legislation.

Developed a jurisprudence examination for disciplinary purposes.

Adopted Conviction Guidelines for promoting consistency in disciplinary recommendations.

Held hearings related to reinstatements following discipline.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force
2. Purpose: Develop and prioritize vegetation management goals and objectives, analyze cost effectiveness of available vegetation treatment, and develop plans and policies to achieve such goals and objectives. The Task Force is to make recommendations on funding and legislation needed to achieve its goals, and thereby, is advising the Governor and Legislature concerning noxious weeds and invasive weeds in riparian areas.
3. How many affectable: All landowners in Nebraska
How many served: All landowners in Nebraska
4. Year created: 2007 Year active: 2007 Sunset date: June 30, 2009
5. Contact person: Mitch Coffin, Program Manager
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 94756
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2394

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Section 2-967
7. Parent Agency: None. The Task Force is housed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative and budgetary purposes only.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 24
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: Not stated in the above-cited law.
Qualifications of Members: Members include one surface water project representative from each river basin that has been determined to be fully appropriated or designated as over-appropriated by the Department of Natural Resources; one representative from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Natural Resources, the office of the Governor, the office of the State Forester, the Games and Parks Commission, and the University of Nebraska; two representatives nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resource Districts; two representatives nominated by the Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from each of the state's congressional districts; and one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust.
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: Not stated in the above-cited law.
Terms rotate or expire at once: Not stated in the law

12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: None Held: None
 FY 06-07: None Held: None
 FY07-08: None Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: None Shared or separate: N/A
 14. FY 05-06 budget: None
 FY 06-07 budget: None
 FY 07-08 budget: \$25,000.00
 15. Other funding sources: None
 16. Spending authority: Section 2-968

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The first meeting was held on July 26, 2007. An election of officers was held and an operating agreement was reviewed and approved. Members also reviewed grant applications awarded.

A second meeting was held on October 3, 2007. Members discussed the goals and objectives of the Task Force and heard presentations on the status of the four projects. A recommendation was approved to form seven work groups to gather information and present information from these work groups at the next meeting.

A third meeting was held on November 14, 2007. All seven work groups presented information regarding their activities since being formed. The members reviewed a draft of the report required to be presented to the Governor and members of the Legislature.

A fourth meeting was held on January 14, 2008. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln researchers provided a series of presentations regarding water use studies. Work groups reported on their activities since November 14, 2007. The final draft of the report to the Governor and members of the Legislature was discussed.

A fifth meeting was held on March 26, 2008. The work groups reported on their progress and a report was given regarding the possible designation of phragmites as a noxious weed.

A sixth meeting was held on May 6, 2008. The Platte River Recovery Project presented information regarding its efforts on the Platte River. The members reviewed information regarding the second year of grants recently awarded by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The work groups provided information on their activities.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Purpose: To advocate for effective development in rural Nebraska.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 2003

Year active: 2003

Sunset Date: N/A Contact Person:

Linda Fettig, Executive Director

Mailing Address: 1101 Halligan Drive #10, North Platte, NE 69101

Phone number: 308-380-4966

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-3601 to 3609 plus federal

Parent agency: Dept. of Economic Development

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 20

Who Appoints: Governor-19, Speaker -1

Legislative approval: no

Qualifications: Commissioners are selected to meet federal and state categorical guidelines pertaining to rural development commissions.

Per Diem: no

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term length: three years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 8 Held: 8

FY 06-07: 8 Held: 8

FY 07-08: 8 Held: 8

Operations

Support Staff: yes

Shared or separate: Dept. of Economic Development

FY 05-06 budget: \$300,000

FY 06-07 budget: \$300,000

FY 07-08 budget: \$300,000

Other funding sources: no

Spending authority: no

Accomplishments: In 2004, the Rural Development Commission (RDC) advocated for the passage of LB90 creating the Building Entrepreneurial Communities Act (BECA) and

the Agricultural Innovation and Value-Added Agriculture (VAA) grant programs. The RDC administers the programs for the Department of Economic Development. There has been \$2.5 million granted to 74 recipients in the VAA program and \$505,000 granted to 43 recipients in the BECA program. The RDC also engaged in a series of strategic planning meetings. It currently is preparing a compilation on rural Nebraska to be available this fall.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name: **Rural Health Advisory Commission**
2. Purpose: The purpose of the commission shall be to advise the department, the Legislature, the Governor, the University of Nebraska, and the citizens of Nebraska regarding all aspects of rural health care and to advise the office regarding the administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.
3. How many affectable: 1.7 million people (the population of Nebraska)
4. How many served: medically underserved populations in urban areas and populations in rural shortage area (est. 1.0 million people)
5. Year Created: 1977 Year Active: 1977 Sunset Date: None
Contact Person : Marlene A. Janssen, Office of Rural Health, (402) 471-2337

Authorization

6. Authorization Citation: 71-5650 to 71-5670
7. Parent Agency: The Rural Health Advisory Commission is a statutory entity created to advise the Department of Health and Human Services, the Legislature, the Governor, and the University of Nebraska on all aspects of rural health care. The administrative duties of the rural health incentive programs and activities of the Commission are housed within the Office of Rural Health, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services; however, the Rural Health Advisory Commission is the decision-making entity concerning rural health incentive awards.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 13 members Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative Approval: Yes
Qualifications: The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission is hereby created as the direct and only successor to the Commission on Rural Health Manpower. The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission shall consist of thirteen members as follows:
 - (1) The Director of Public Health of the Division of Public Health or his or her designee and another representative of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
 - (2) Eleven members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature as follows:
 - (a) One representative of each medical school located in the state involved in training family physicians and one physician in family practice residency training; and
 - (b) From rural areas one physician, one consumer representative, one hospital administrator, one nursing home administrator, one nurse, one physician assistant, one mental health practitioner or psychologist licensed under the requirements of section 38-3114 or the equivalent thereof, and one dentist.
10. Per Diem: None
Expense reimbursement: Actual expenses in the performance of Rural Health Advisory Commission duties
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06 4 Held 4
FY 06-07 4 Held 4
FY 07-08 4 Held 4

Operations

13. Support staff: 1 FTE Program Manager and 0.5 FTE Staff Assistant
Shared or separate: The program manager works 99% of the time on Commission work and the administration of the rural health incentive programs and less than 1% of the time on DHHS projects. The staff assistant works 0.5 FTE on rural health incentive programs and 0.5 FTE on other Office of Rural Health projects.
14. FY 05-06 budget: Rural Health Advisory Commission expenses are paid through the DHHS' administrative budget (approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year); State-aid for the rural health incentive programs: \$1,346,084. This includes a combination of general funds (\$662,068) and cash spending authority (\$684,016).

FY 06-07 budget: Rural Health Advisory Commission expenses are paid through the DHHS' administrative budget (approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year); State-aid for the rural health incentive programs: \$1,346,084. This includes a combination of general funds (\$662,068) and cash spending authority (\$684,016).

FY 07-08 budget: Rural Health Advisory Commission expenses are paid through the DHHS' administrative budget (approximately \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year); State-aid for the rural health incentive programs: \$1,406,084. This includes a combination of general funds (\$362,068) and cash spending authority (\$1,044,016). **Note: the Legislature reduced the general fund by \$300,000 and added \$300,000 in additional cash spending authority to draw down cash reserves from student loan and loan repayment defaults.
15. Other funding sources: The Nebraska Loan Repayment Program requires an equal match from the underserved community. Cash spending authority is granted to use the "local match" funds when paying loan repayment recipients.
16. Spending authority: The Rural Health Advisory Commission is authorized by statute to approve awards through the Nebraska Student Loan Program (for medical, dental, and graduate-level mental health students) and the Nebraska Loan Repayment Program (for certain eligible health professionals)

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004
 - 34 new student loans accepted (approx. 6-12 new awards per year)
 - 87 new loan repayment awards accepted (approx. 17-26 per year)
 - Annual reports submitted to Governor and Legislature (excerpt of 2007 report attached)

Excerpt from Annual Report 2007 (graphs and tables are not included)

Nebraska Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
Annual Report - November 2007

Nebraska Rural Student Loan Program

In 1979, the State of Nebraska began awarding low-interest loans to medical students who agreed to practice in shortage areas. Due to legislative changes over the past 20 years, the Nebraska Rural Student Loan Program now awards *forgivable* student loans to Nebraska medical, dental, physician assistant, and graduate-level mental health students who agree to practice an approved specialty in a state-designated shortage area.

The Nebraska Rural Student Loan Program allows Nebraska residents the opportunity to receive a forgivable loan while they are in training in exchange for an agreement to practice in a state-designated shortage area the equivalent of full-time for one year for each year a loan was received. Given four years of medical school and at least three years of residency training, a medical student loan recipient will not be available to practice in a shortage area for up to seven or more years. A lot of life changes happen during this time, which is why the Rural Health Advisory Commission has tried to reduce the buyout rate specifically for medical student loan recipients. In 1998, administrative changes were implemented to remind student loan recipients of their practice obligation with the goal that the success rate of recipients fulfilling their practice obligations would improve. During the 3-year period 1998 through 2000, the buyout rate was 24-37 percent.

Dental students were added to the Nebraska Student Loan Program in 2000. As of August 1, 2007, 23 dental student loans have been awarded by the Rural Health Advisory Commission, 11 dental student loan recipients are in practice receiving forgiveness, and 1 has completed his practice obligation.

Graduate-level mental health students were added to the Nebraska Student Loan Program in 2004. Mental health students must be enrolled in a training program that meets the educational requirements for Licensed Mental Health Practitioner or Licensed Psychologist. As of August 1, 2007, 15 graduate-level mental health student loans have been awarded. All are still in training.

Table A shows the number of student loan awards issued each year from 1998 through 2007. Since 1998, the Rural Health Advisory Commission has awarded 69 new student loans. An average of 19 new and continuation student loans have been awarded each of the past ten years.

In 2000, legislation was passed that increased the amount of student loan awards for medical and dental students to up to \$20,000 per year. The amount of physician assistant student loans is up to \$10,000 per year as are master's level mental health student loans which were added in 2004. For the past three years (2005-2007), the Rural Health Advisory Commission awarded student loans in the amount of \$17,500 for doctorate-level students and \$8,750 for full-time master's level students. This is due to the fact that the general fund appropriation has not been increased since 1998.

No physician assistant student loans applications were accepted from 1997 to 2005 because of the lack of employment opportunities for physician assistants in state-designated shortage areas and the availability of the Nebraska Loan Repayment Program for physician assistants. In 2006, the Rural Health Advisory Commission decided to accept physician assistant student loan applications; however, no applications were submitted. In 2007, the Commission award one physician assistant student loan.

Nebraska Loan Repayment Program

In 1994, the Nebraska Legislature established a loan repayment program for health professionals willing to practice in a state-designated shortage area. Initially only physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants practicing one of the defined primary care specialties, clinical psychologists, and master's level mental health providers were eligible for loan repayment. In 1998, pharmacists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and dentists specializing in general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, or oral surgery were added to the program.

The Nebraska Loan Repayment Program requires community participation in the form of a local match and a 3-year practice obligation for the health professional. Communities within the state-designated shortage areas may apply for participation in the program. Communities must do their own recruiting, using the availability of the program as a recruitment and retention tool.

Since 1994, 285 health professionals have participated or are participating in the Nebraska Loan Repayment Program. Sixty-eight percent (68%) of loan repayment recipients have completed their practice obligation. Twenty-four percent (24%) are currently serving their practice obligation in a state-designated shortage area. Only 8% of loan repayment applicants have defaulted on their practice obligation. Table B provides a summary of the Nebraska Loan Repayment Program from 1994 through 2007.

Table C is a map showing where incentive program recipients are currently serving their practice obligations as of August 2007. The shortage areas in Douglas and Lancaster Counties are facilities that provide care to medically underserved populations.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council

Purpose: The council shall review the operation and administration of the center.

How many affectable: 1.5 million How many served: 29,151

Year created: 1978 Year active: 1978 Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Gordon B. Brooks, Sr.

Mailing Address: Nebraska Safety Center

West Center, UNK, Rm 217E

1917 W. 24th St.

Kearney, NE 68849

Phone number: (308) 865-8562

Authorization

Authorization citation: LB 693

Parent agency: President, University of Nebraska

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 21

Who Appoints: Chancellor, University of Nebraska, Kearney

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Representatives selected to serve on the council shall have appropriate education, training, and experience in the field of industrial safety, recreational safety, domestic safety, or traffic safety.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate and Renew

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 1

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 1

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 1

Operations

Support Staff: None

Shared or separate: None

FY 05-06 budget: None

FY 06-07 budget: None

FY 07-08 budget: None

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: The Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council met annually. Council members participated in annual program reviews, advised program managers, and advised the director on issues of budget, facilities and equipment, programs and personnel.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal name: State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts
2. Purpose: See attached Copy of State Statute Section 79-435
3. How many affectable: All citizens of Nebraska considering school reorganization, affiliation, or unification
How many served: All public schools in Nebraska
4. Year created: 1949 Year active: 1949 Sunset date: None
5. Contact Person: Russ Inbody, Administrator, Finance & Organizational Services
Nebraska Department of Education
PO Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987; 402-471-4320

Authorization

4. Authorization citation: 79-435
5. Parent agency: Department of Education

Memberships and Meetings

6. Number of members: 6 Who appoints: State Board of Education
7. Legislative approval: No Qualifications: 3 members =laypersons;
2 members =must hold a teaching certificate;
1 ex-officio=Commissioner of Education
8. Per diem: No
Expense Reimbursement: Yes
9. Term Length: 5 years
Terms rotate or expire once: Rotate
10. Number of meetings required in:
 FY 05-06: 1 Held: 6 *
 FY 06-07: 1 Held: 3 *
 FY 07-08: 1 Held: 2 *
 *Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis and upon the call of the chairperson or any three of the members thereof.

Operations

11. Support Staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared
12. FY 05-06 budget: 0
 FY 06-07 budget: 0
 FY 07-08 budget: 0
13. Other funding sources: None
14. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

- In 2004-2005, the Committee had seven meetings;
- In 2005-2006, the Committee held 5 meetings, with one of them eliminating all Class I School Districts per LB 126;
- 2006-2007 held three meetings and
- In 2007-2008, two meetings were held.

Total public school counts dropped from 488 in 2004-2005 to 254 in 2007-2008.

2008 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SURVEY

Survey Report for the Nebraska Legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
August 2008

[NOTE: **Attachment A** provides additional supporting information for a few of the survey questions.]

1. Formal Name



Created by Executive Order 94-5, the official name is the *Nebraska Commission for National and Community Service*. In order to increase the Commission's relevance and reach, the Commissioners recently adopted the name *ServeNebraska-Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission* in its Bylaws. This new name provides continuity while creating an inviting public image. In practice, the shortened version,

ServeNebraska, is often used. The Commission adopted the new operating name in July 26, 2007. The new logo was unveiled on April 1, 2008. At the same time an enhanced online presence was redesigned - visit the Commission's website at www.serve.nebraska.gov.

2. Purpose

Mission: "*Mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.*"

In fulfilling this mission, the Commission:

- Provides leadership in the development, implementation and continual improvement of national service programming – principally AmeriCorps and Citizen Corps;
- Provides technical assistance and resources enhancing the quality of community and national service programs in Nebraska;
- Recognizes, celebrates and promotes excellence in community service through an array of Awards presented in collaboration with state leadership;
- Increases opportunities and involvement for those with disability to fully participate in efforts to enhance their communities;
- Develops new programs and facilitates the expansion of volunteerism in Nebraska; and
- Promotes community involvement by all Nebraskans.

3. How Many Affected / How Many Served?

The Commission impacts a large number of Nebraskans in a variety of programs, initiatives and the website. As a state commission that facilitates volunteerism and community service, ServeNebraska serves and impacts all Nebraskans.

AmeriCorps Program – 2007-2008

- coordinated and managed five subgrant AmeriCorps programs
- more than 115 AmeriCorps members based in 15 Nebraska cities and counties benefitted more than 3,000 adults and youth [see **Attachment B**]

Citizen Corps Program – 2007-2008

- coordinated and provided support to 27 local and 8 regional Citizen Corps Councils
- local Citizen Corps Councils throughout Nebraska served an estimated more than 600,000 Nebraskans [see **Attachment C**].

Training Program – 2007-2008

- provided leadership development and training courses for more than 140 AmeriCorps program staff and members
- provided leadership development and training courses for more than 50 AmeriCorps*VISTA program staff and members
- more than 250 community non-profit and faith-based organization staff, local and state government staff, national service program members and program staff including Senior Corps and Learn and Serve, and others attended the annual Commission-sponsored Governor's Conference on Community Service.

Disability Program (Inclusion and Preparedness) – 2007-2008

- state coordination and training for programs to increase the number of AmeriCorps members who disclosed a disability
 - from 7 of 138 members (5%) in 2005-06
 - from 11 of 136 (8%) in 2006-07
 - from 15 of 135 (11% in 2007-08.
- in November 2007, a Disability Preparedness Summit was held with 85 persons representing emergency management, disability advocacy professionals, national service members and health department representatives from throughout the state, region, and country in attendance.

Awards / Volunteer Recognition – 2007-2008

- Governor's Points of Light Awards – 3 awards presented quarterly by the Governor and First Lady (Honorary Chairperson of the Commission);
- First Lady's Community Service Awards – 10 awards presented annually;
- Lt. Governor's BE PREPARED Awards – 7 awards presented annually by the Lt. Governor; and
- Impact Awards – 4 awards presented annually.

Global Youth Service Day – 2007-2008

- 13 agencies throughout Nebraska received mini-grants to conduct activities engaging a total of 1,386 volunteers including 1,185 in community service.

4. Year Created / Year Active / Sunset Date

Date Created: July 26, 1994
Year Active: 1994
Year Sunset: NA

5. Contact Person

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6. Authorization

Create State Commissions-Federal: The National and Community Service Act of 1990 (Public Law 106-170 or 42 U.S.C. 12501): The National and Community Services Act of 1990 provides guidance for the establishment of a State Commission on National and Community Service in order to be eligible to receive a grant or allotment under Subtitle C, National Service Trust Programs or to receive a distribution of approved

national service positions under Subtitle C. It also created a new independent federal agency, the Commission on National and Community Service (CNCS).

Create State Commission-Nebraska: The Nebraska State Commissions was created because of the federal requirement in the 1990 Act which was the impetus in **Nebraska for Executive Order 94-5** signed by Governor Ben Nelson, July 26, 1994.

Required Matching State Funds: The **National and Community Service Act of 1990, (45 USC § 12576 (a) (2))** requires state service commissions to match every federal dollar expended with one dollar other sources. The intent of the law creating the federal managing agency (CNCS), the AmeriCorps program and state service commissions was for states to provide half of the cost of operating a State Commission so the Commission would be a fiscally viable agency – to participate with the federal government as equal partners. States and Commissions were expected to provide state funds at the same level as the federal funds allocated to operate a Commission. The State of Nebraska does not participate as a partner by providing the same amount of state general funds as the federal funds allocated to the Commission in the CNCS Administration Grant. Prior to 2007, the Commission received no state funds. The Commission currently has \$30,000 state general funds allocation. This leaves the Commission without sufficient operating funds and state match funds when federal funds are cut as will happen in 2009.

7. Parent Agency

ServeNebraska – the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission is an independent state agency. As a small entity seeking to maximize our effectiveness and efficiency, we have executed a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for a variety of support services including -- but not limited to -- accounting, payroll, payments, human resources, printing, facility, communications, computers, equipment and office supplies, state vehicles and security.

8. Number of Members / Who Appoints

No more than 25 voting Commissioners may be appointed to the Commission. No more than 10 additional ex officio, non-voting Commissioners may be appointed. 23 Commission members (21 voting; 2 non-voting) are currently serving for the 2008-2009 timeframe.

The members of the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission are appointed by the Governor. The Governor appoints and reappoints Commission members annually in April for a term of three years or until a successor is appointed.

9. Legislative Approval / Qualifications

Not Applicable

10. Per diem / Expense Reimbursement

Commissioners do not receive a per diem.

Yes, Commissioners are eligible for reimbursement of necessary and allowable expenses as provided under State law for members of boards and commissions. The Commission's limited operating funds are primarily federal but the Commission reimburses any Commissioners' expenses to attend meetings and events who request it out of the federal funds. All but two of the current Commissioners choose to officially document and donate their travel expenses to help the Commission raise resources to meet its match requirements. Complying with match requirements is a constant struggle.

11. Term Length / Terms Rotate or Expire at Once

Membership changes a few members at a time. The Governor's office attempts to appoint Commissioners to terms so that 1/3 of the members' terms end in any given year.

Section E. Terms [excerpted from *ServeNebraska Commission Bylaws, Revised 7-24-08*]

A term for a Commissioner shall be for three years, provided that the Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members may be reappointed to serve up to three terms of service.

12. Number of Meetings

The Commission held the following meetings:

- 2005 6
- 2006 5
- 2007 4
- 2008 3 through July 2008; next meeting-October 08

Section C. Meeting Schedule [excerpted from *ServeNebraska Commission Bylaws, Revised 7-24-08*]

1. *The Commission shall meet in-person a minimum of four times during each calendar year, one of which will be the Annual Meeting which may be held in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Community Service.*
2. *Additional meetings necessary to transact the business of the Commission may be called upon the recommendation of the Commission Executive Committee.*
3. *The Executive Director shall provide means for commission members to indicate their ability to attend each scheduled meeting 10 days prior to all scheduled meetings.*
4. *When it is established that there will not be a quorum in attendance, all Commissioners will be notified and the meeting cancelled.*
5. *The Chair may cancel commission meetings for good cause. All Commissioners and other interested parties will be notified.*

13. Support Staff / Shared or Separate

Support Staff – Yes. There are five full-time employees (Executive Director, Fiscal/Operations Officer, AmeriCorps Program Officer, Citizen Corps Program Officer and a Training/Disability Program Officer) and one temporary part-time Administrative Secretary. ServeNebraska - the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission is directed by its Commissioners and direct leadership through the Board Chairperson to the Executive Director.

Separate – The Commission is an independent entity with its own employees. The Commission maintains a formal Memorandum of Agreement for in-kind support services with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Section E. Commission Staff [excerpted from *ServeNebraska Commission Bylaws, Revised 7-24-08*]

1. *The Commission Staff shall mean any person currently employed by the Commission full-or part-time to carry out the business of the Commission.*
2. *Executive Director shall mean the chief executive officer of the Commission administrative agency who is employed at the direction of the Commission board.*
3. *The Executive Director is responsible for all administrative functions of the Commission. This person serves under general direction of the Commission through the Commission Chairperson.*
4. *The Executive Director shall hire and supervise such staff as are necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission.*

14. Budget to Operate the Commission (State Funds Only)

The Commission uses \$20,000 of its \$30,000 state general funds appropriation for operations. The remaining \$10,000 is used to purchase participation in the DHHS Cost Allocation Plan that provides the Commission with some of the match required by the federal administration grant. The Commission's state funds are annually included in the Department of Health and Human Services' administration/operating budget.]

The Commission operations budget for calendar year 2008 is \$440,996. All but \$20,000 is paid by several federal grants. Significant federal operational funds for primary administration support will be cut in 2009 requiring elimination of operational services and realignment of staff that will compromise infrastructure and programs.

ServeNebraska-the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission employs five full time staff (Executive Director, Fiscal/Operations Officer, AmeriCorps Program Officer, Citizen Corps Program Officer, and Training/Disability Program Officer) and a temporary part-time Administrative Secretary (grant funds end December 31, 2008). The Commission has office, meeting, travel, training, supply, equipment and other expenses to support the state coordination, administration and management of the Commission's programs and federal grants.

The Commission pays Commissioners' mileage and lodging to attend Commission meetings and events if they request it. To date, only two Commissioners have requested expenses and those have been paid with the federal grant funds that will be eliminated in 2009. Other Commissioners document their expenses and offer to host the quarterly meetings. Working lunch expenses during quarterly Commission meetings are also donated as match for the Commission. The donations by the Commissioners range from \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually.

15. Other Funding Sources

Yes, the Commission receives \$1,767,696 from 2008 federal government grants, \$2,275 from a private foundation grant and \$32,750 for a disability preparedness contract with DHHS-Public Health Bioterrorism Division.

In calendar year 2007, the Commission documented \$34,932 from donations and approximately \$82,800 from the Department of Health and Human Services as in-kind support services match.

[NOTE: The non-federal funds that can be applied as match including state general funds totaled \$140,051 in 2007, \$19,528 short of the match required by the federal Administration Grant expended funds of \$159,579 for that year. In addition, CNCS informed the Commission that its primary federal source of operating funds will be cut by more than \$35,000 in 2009. The cut leaves the Commission without sufficient funds to sustain the staffing and operational support for the Commission and its programs will require elimination of operational services and realignment of staff that will compromise infrastructure and programs if no additional state funds are allocated.]

16. Spending Authority

Yes, the Commission has spending authority. The Commission manages six federal grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and two federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), some in overlapping year programs.

- Three grants pay for the Training and Disability Program Officer to plan and implement training and professional development activities, provide funds for disability accommodations, and increase disability inclusion & preparedness program efforts.

- Two grants require that funds be subgranted to local agencies to develop and implement AmeriCorps Programs.
- Two grants from DHS/NEMA require that a portion of the grant funds be subgranted to develop local Citizen Corps Councils throughout Nebraska.
- One administration grant supports the partial operations and office of the Commission.

17. Since July 1, 2004 – What Has the Commission Done in the Last Four Years?

- The Commission has grown and broadened its reach consistently since its creation and has demonstrated responsibility and accountability for entrusted funds by successfully completing two extensive federal Administrative Standards Review site visits (2004 and 2008) and a federal Office of the Inspector General audit (2003). The Commission pursues its mission through maintaining and expanding quality national service and volunteer programs and initiatives.
- In the fall of 2005, the Commission developed the 2006-2010 Strategic Plan that also refined the mission.
- A Nebraska State Service Plan was developed in 2006 that helps to implement the strategic plan and further define the partnerships between national service in Nebraska.
- In early 2007, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed with the Commission's host agency (DHHS) to formalize the support services for Commission operations. A renewed focus was directed toward reconnecting and forging new partnerships.
- In 2008, new partners include the University of Nebraska Athletic Office and the Campus Police Department to promote and expand community preparedness, the Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education for training and grant projects and with the DHHS-Public Health Division (Bioterrorism Office) for a local disability/special populations preparedness pilot project. The Commission facilitated an expansion of national and community service expansion and outreach to rural and frontier Nebraska.

AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps provides an opportunity for dedicated individuals to make a big difference by applying their skills and ideals toward helping others and meeting critical needs in our country. They received a living allowance and at the end of service, an education award. The Commission is charged with administering and monitoring AmeriCorps within Nebraska.

Since AmeriCorps was launched in 1994, in Nebraska:



- **3,228** Nebraskans have served as AmeriCorps members.
- **5,683,044** hours of community service have been provided by these AmeriCorps members, with a majority of hours serving children in need.
- **\$12,680,301** in educational awards earned by these AmeriCorps members to further their higher education; the monies were expended in **39** Nebraska colleges and universities.

AmeriCorps members in our state are leaving a legacy of service by meeting the needs of youth, refugees, individuals with disabilities, those on probation and low-income families in rural and urban Nebraska counties and cities. Services are geared to maximizing the potential of individuals in need and maximizing their ability to participate in the community. For **2008-2009** the Nebraska AmeriCorps program will grow to **seven** programs with an enhanced presence in central Nebraska.

Citizen Corps: Citizen Corps is a grassroots initiative to harness the power of local citizens through a simple message -- *be prepared to take care of yourself, your family and your neighborhood in an emergency or disaster*. The Citizen Corps mission is accomplished through a network of local Citizen Corps Councils. The Commission coordinates the development of county councils and regional Citizen Corps programs throughout Nebraska to organize projects and initiatives that promote and educate citizens about personal and community preparedness to help them prepare for times of emergencies and disasters, enhancing the

safety of families and neighborhoods. This initiative prepares citizens to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to local emergencies and disasters of all kinds.

Since 2005, the Commission has helped Nebraskans prepare for disasters and emergencies by:



- Managing more than **\$175,000** in federal funds to local Citizen Corps Councils added almost **\$30,000** of local cash and in-kind resources to benefit these local communities.
- Providing outreach to **30** county Citizen Corps Councils impacting community preparedness for more than **602,342** Nebraskans.
- Developing **8** geographic Citizen Corps regions for support and collaboration across county lines.
- Developing standards for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) trainers (approximately 30) in Nebraska.

Disability: The Commission is dedicated to ensuring that those with disabilities have a full opportunity to contribute their talents through service and that the needs of the disabilities are considered. ServeNebraska has assumed a leadership role working with others to maximize the involvement of those with disability in the full fabric of community life.



- National leader in this field with an expanded Disability Program promoting inclusion and are proud to have been charged by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency as the lead agency in facilitating disability preparedness.
- In 2007 developed a new Disability Preparedness initiative.
- Held first Nebraska **Disability Preparedness Summit** in November 2007 to introduce preparedness planning for persons with disabilities to more than **80** attendees.
- Increased the number of AmeriCorps members who disclosed a disability from 7 of 138 members (5%) in 2005-06 to 11 of 136 (8%) in 2006-07 and 15 of 135 (11% in 2007-08).
- Initiated a new pilot project with two local Nebraska Disability Preparedness Coalitions comprised of local Health Departments and Citizen Corps Councils partnering to develop and implement a disability preparedness plan for their geographic area (2008).
- A new Disability Program Logo and Poster was the result of a design competition in area colleges.
- Technical assistance, training on accessibility and accommodations are provided to members, working closely with the Munroe Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

Awards and Recognition: In order to encourage and celebrate the achievements of Nebraskans in increasing the quality of life in their communities through volunteering and community service, the Commission is honored to:

- Award the **First Lady's Community Service Awards** that reflect First Lady Sally Ganem's passion for education by focusing the awards on volunteer assistance to education, service learning, and sustained volunteer and staff achievement. These **10** awards are presented annually at the Governor's Conference on Community Service.
- Administer the quarterly **Governor's Points of Light Awards**, honoring **12** Nebraska adults, youth and groups annually for extraordinary volunteer and community service. The Governor gives out **3** awards are quarterly in the Warner Chamber of the State Capitol.
- Initiated **4** new Commission **Impact Awards** to recognize specialty areas of service in the volunteer field.
- Will award the new Lt. Governor's **Be Prepared Awards** to recognize service in local and state community preparedness. **7** award categories will be chosen in



September 2008 and the Lt Governor will go to each award winners' community to present the award.

Training and Professional Development: The Commission is dedicated to enhancing the capacity of professionals and volunteers to meet the critical needs of our state. Annually we:

- Hosted an annual **Governor's Conference on Community Service** featuring nationally renowned keynote addresses with **30-45** breakout sessions provided by national, regional and state experts. The 08 Governor's Conference offered more than **300** Nebraska professionals to opportunity to increase skills, knowledge, and professional networking to better serve their communities highlighted by keynotes speakers such as Nebraska NASA Astronaut, Clayton Anderson; UNL Athletic Director, Tom Osborne and White House Special Assistant/Director of USA Freedom Corps, Henry Lozano. Partial funding support for the Conference comes from the Nebraska Volunteer Foundation set up by the Commissioners.
- Provided more than **20** training sessions and workshops annually to build the skill and knowledge base of AmeriCorps members, VISTA members, and Senior Corps participants serving Nebraska communities. These training classes will be offered to the general community, non-profit and faith-based organizations and businesses beginning in 2008.
- The Commission launched a comprehensive Online Resource Library our website to further the development of community service.
- For 2008, the training program audience will be expanded to invite business, non-profit agencies and faith-based organization audiences.

Advancing Nebraska's Strong Spirit of Community and Service:

- *ServeNebraska-the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission is seen as a State leader* in expanding civic involvement of organizations and citizens in enhancing the quality of life in Nebraska.
- Nebraska ranks *second among all states* in the percentage of residents volunteering.
- Among Baby Boomers, Nebraska is *the nation's leader* in percentage volunteering.
- In 2006, more than *half-a-million Nebraskans volunteered* a total of 67.5 million service hours.
- In 2004-2006, *Omaha ranked 4th in America's cities* for the rate of volunteering in our State's largest city.

Source: Corporation for National and Community Service publications: 1-Volunteering in America: 2007 State Trends and Rankings in Civic Life and 2-Volunteering in America: 2007 City Trends and Rankings

Value Added Through Commission Leadership

Effective State Management of Resources Benefiting Nebraskans

- Coordinates *meaningful collaboration and partnerships* to meet local needs through AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps disaster and disability preparedness.
- *Effectively directs resources* to programs meeting locally identified needs that directly impact Nebraskans in multiple communities throughout the State.
- *Leverages local private and state public funds* to extend the reach of federal funds. Since 1994, AmeriCorps members in Nebraska have earned more than **\$12.5 million in education awards** with most of it spent at Nebraska institutions of higher education.
- Excellent partnerships, accountability standards and protocols developed over a *decade of infrastructure investment* are jeopardized by reduced administrative budget that results in less responsive services from staff reductions.
- *Increased program and fund administration responsibilities* passed down from federal government cannot be supported with the reduced budget.
- *Effective, responsible, customer-friendly stewardship of public funds* verified through an in-depth Inspector General Standards review of management oversight, fiscal and program accountability.
- *Extensive reach into the communities all across the state* through Commission-managed programs to frontier, rural and urban Nebraska.

- ***Vital role of Commission staff*** to coordinate, monitor, and reach out to recruit new programs and volunteers is dependent upon the Commission having excellent administrative technical expertise ***to facilitate and expand volunteering*** throughout Nebraska to meet local needs.

Leadership for National and Community Services in Nebraska

- To engage corporate Nebraska in improving the quality of life in the communities in which they do business, the Commission is in the early stages of developing a ***State Business Volunteer Council***. This Council will facilitate the expansion of volunteerism in Nebraska to the business community and establish a resource for businesses to coordinate and recognize employee volunteerism.
- The ServeNebraska is recognized and consulted by prominent national organizations for guidance in increasing involvement of those with ***Disability*** in national and community service;
- The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) named the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission the lead agency for ***Disability Preparedness*** due to its status as a leader in community-based and volunteer services
- NEMA contracts with the Commission to manage and grow community ***Citizen Corps Disaster Preparedness*** programming throughout Nebraska in order to capitalize on its managerial excellence;
- With direction from the Commission, Nebraska's ***AmeriCorps*** programs are national leaders in ***developing the talents of people with disabilities and former welfare recipients*** enabling these individuals to pursue and attain competitive employment, furthering economic vitality in our state.
- Commission leadership has set Nebraska on a course at the forefront of a national service emphasis on ***integrating AmeriCorps and Disaster Preparedness/Response/Recovery Initiatives***
- ***Increase in Scope of Programming*** scope, geographic breadth, and type – such as the new Disability Preparedness that less than five states have addressed.

Increased State Funding Support for Commission Makes Good Sense

- The ServeNebraska Commission brings in millions of dollars with limited state general fund support.
- The ServeNebraska Commission leverages every federal dollar more than two and a half times – a significant benefit for Nebraska.
- Unlike most state boards and commissions, ServeNebraska is a grant-making organization that benefits local Nebraska communities.
- Since 1994, more than \$14 million has been granted to Nebraska communities since the Commission's creation.
- Recipients of Commission grants are non-profit organizations, universities, civic and faith-based organizations, and local government who are able to keep costs down with the assistance of national service members and the volunteers they recruit.
- The value of the Commission to Nebraska and its communities is expanded by the number of volunteers recruited and coordinated by Nebraska AmeriCorps members and Citizen Corps Councils.
- The Commission is an efficient and effective operation that has brought a significant amount of federal funding to Nebraska and is worthy of stronger state fund support to ensure the Commission's continuation at the current level of programming.

Attachment A

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR SURVEY QUESTIONS

3. How Many Affected / How Many Served?

A significant effort has been made to increase the quality and reach of our online presence at www.serve.nebraska.gov in recognition of the utilization of the Internet as a prime source of information. Current offerings include an extensive Online Resource Library, details on how to get involved in our current operating effort, information on volunteer opportunities, and more. A new effort will be implemented to track the number of hits the website receives.

Specific programs and initiatives supported by ServeNebraska that reflect the Commission's broad scope and impact include the following.

AmeriCorps Program – AmeriCorps members work with adults and youth through one-on-one aid in areas including academic enrichment and after school programming for youth, assistance with basic needs including food and housing, computer literacy, efforts aimed at fully integrating refugees and persons with disabilities into community life & competitive employment, and education & employment aid to those on probation. The impact will be increased in 2008-2009 when seven subgrant AmeriCorps programs begin their initiatives in more Nebraska communities.

Citizen Corps Program – The Commission is currently developing standards for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) trainers (approximately 30) in Nebraska.

Disability Program (Inclusion and Preparedness) – The Commission is dedicated to ensuring that those with disabilities are included and have a full opportunity to contribute their talents through service and that the needs of the disabilities are considered. In 2006, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency named the Commission the lead agency in the state for disability disaster preparedness.

Awards / Volunteer Recognition – In order to recognize excellence and encourage further development of community service initiatives, the Commission regularly recognizes the volunteer and community service of Nebraskans through an array of awards initiatives.

Global Youth Service Day – To increase the involvement of all Nebraskans in community service, the Commission has served as a lead agency for Global Youth Service Day. Activities to celebrate this day of service are nationally organized and funded by Youth Service America and the State Farm Foundation..

State Business Volunteer Council – In order to more completely engage corporate Nebraska in bettering the quality of life in the communities in which they do business, we are in the early stages of developing a State Business Volunteer Council. This Council will facilitate the expansion of volunteerism in Nebraska to the business community and establish a resource for businesses to coordinate and recognize employee volunteerism.

6. Authorization

Required Matching Resources: CNCS allocates annual Administration Grants based upon a population-based formula to support the operations of state service commissions in implementing their duties as required by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. More than 40 states currently provide state

funds that match the federal Administration Grants to state service commissions on a one-to-one basis. There was no original intent for Commissions to have to go outside the government to raise money or find fiscal support.

The 2006 Legislature appropriated \$30,000 in state general funds to the Commission. Those funds are included in the Department of Health and Human Services administration/operating budget. The Commission is appreciative of this support but it is far short of the \$157,900 in 2008 federal funds allocated to Nebraska that the state is required to match.

[NOTE: Without additional state general funds, the Commission will not be able to document enough matching resources and faces the potential of having to repay any federal funds expended that were not matched. Federal statutes state that if a state service commission has expended more federal funds than expended matching funds over a three-year accumulated period, the state must repay the amount not matched by expended matching funds to the Corporation.]

8. Number of Members / Who Appoints

The Executive Order which authorized the Commission also follows the federal requirements for Commission membership. Commission membership shall consist of not more than 25 voting members and not more than 10 ex-officio, non-voting members. The membership categories required include:

- A representative of a community-based agency or organization in the State;
- The head of the Nebraska Department of Education or his/her designee;
- A representative of local governments in the State;
- A representative of local labor organizations in the State;
- A representative of business;
- A representative of a national service program;
- A representative of persons with disabilities;
- An individual between the ages of 16 and 25 who is a participant or supervisor of a service program for youth, or of a campus-based or national service program.
- An individual with expertise in the educational, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;
- An individual with experience in promoting the involvement of adults (as defined in the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.) in service and volunteerism.

In choosing additional members of the Commission, representatives of the following are to be given priority in the selection process but are not mandated membership positions.

- Educators, including institutions of higher education agencies; representatives education and from local.
- Experts in the delivery of human, environmental, educational or public safety services to communities and persons;
- Representatives of Indian tribes;
- Out of school or at-risk youth; and
- Others as deemed appropriate.

The Nebraska State Director of the Corporation for National & Community Service shall be an ex officio non-voting member of the State Commission.

In membership selection, a balance with respect to race, gender, age, ethnicity and disability characteristics shall be a priority. Not more than 50% plus one of the voting members may be from the same political party. The number of voting members of the Commission who are officers or employees of the State may not exceed 25% (reduced to the nearest whole number) of the total voting membership.

16. Spending Authority

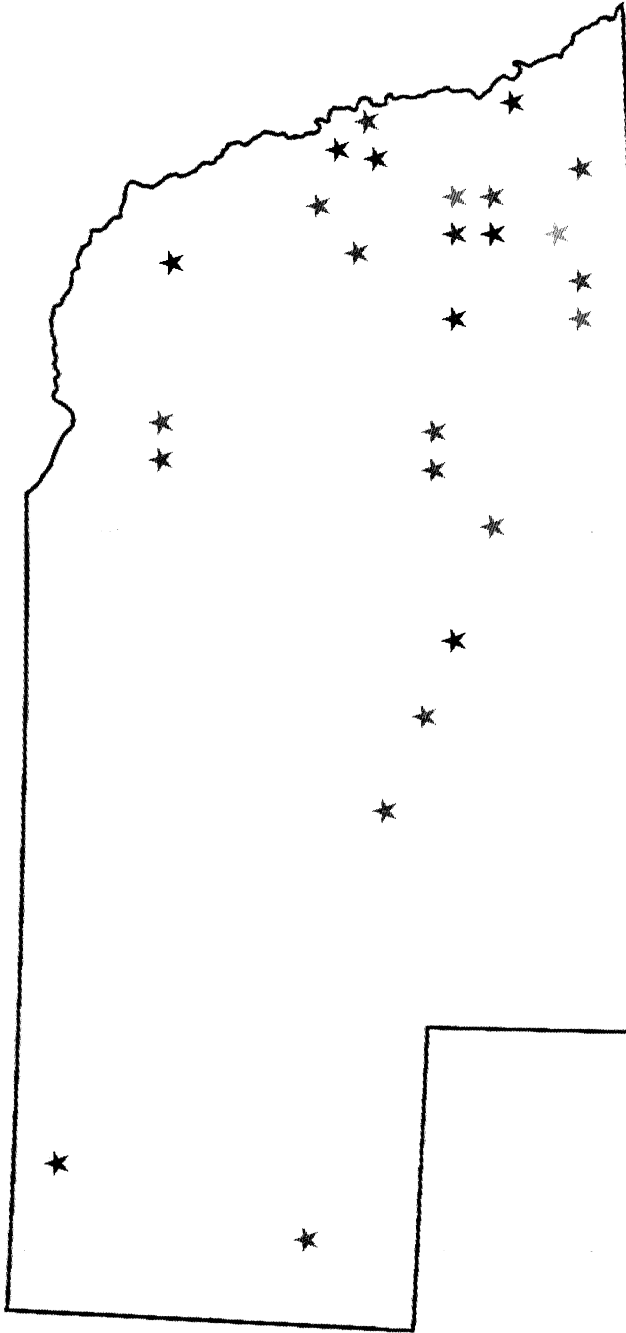
The Commission has a formal subgranting process that include issuing a Request for Applications (RFA), providing technical assistance in developing grant submissions, using neutral outside grant reviewers to score submitted applications, providing summary documentation to the Commission Board's Program Committee for review and recommendation to the Commission Board. The Commission Board takes formal action on what applications to funds and at what level. The Commission contracts with subgrantees and implements reporting and payment requirements for subgrantees to access grant funding. The processes used by the Commission follow the State Department of Administrative Services and the Commission's host agency fiscal policies and procedures (DHHS).

Attachment B

- (1) 07-08 AMERICORPS PROGRAMS MAP**
(2) LIST OF AMERICORPS LOCAL PROGRAM IMPACT BY COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.



2007-2008 Nebraska AmeriCorps Program Map



AmeriCorps*State & National Programs [Managed by ServeNebraska]

- ★ - COMMUNITY AmeriCorps, Lincoln Action Program (AmeriCorps*State): Lincoln
- ★ - LFS AmeriCorps, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (AmeriCorps*State): Omaha, Grand Island, Lexington, Lincoln, Norfolk, Pawnee City
- ★ - MMI AmeriCorps, University of Nebraska Medical Center—Munroe Meyer Institute (AmeriCorps*State): Omaha, Chadron, Kearney, Lincoln, Nebraska City, York
- ★ - RISE AmeriCorps, Nebraska State Probation (AmeriCorps*State): Counties — Adams, Dodge, Gage, Hall, Lincoln, Platte/Saunders, Madison, Scottsbluff
- ★ - Star City Treasures AmeriCorps, City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation (AmeriCorps*State): Lincoln

AmeriCorps*Indian Tribe Program [Managed by Corporation for National & Community Service—Collaborate with ServeNebraska]

- ★ - Bright Futures AmeriCorps, Omaha Tribe (AmeriCorps*Indian Tribes): Macy, Lincoln

AmeriCorps*National Direct Programs [Managed by Corporation for National & Community Service—Collaborate with ServeNebraska]

- ★ - Omaha Student Conservation Corps, Homestead National Monument of America (AmeriCorps*National - Education Award Only): Beatrice
- ★ - NetWorks Fairbury AmeriCorps, Blue Valley Community Action (AmeriCorps*National): Fairbury
- ★ - Operation Frontline AmeriCorps, Visiting Nurse Association (AmeriCorps*National): Omaha



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	Platte/Saunders County	RISE	District 3 Probation	1	Sen. Chris Langemeier Sen. Arnie Stuthman
2	Omaha	RISE	Lutheran Refugee Services	2	Sen. Rich Pahls Sen. Pete Pirsch Sen. Steve Lathrop Sen. Don Preister Sen. Brad Ashford Sen. John Nelson Sen. Gwen Howard Sen. John Synowiecki Sen. Mike Friend Sen. Tom White Sen. Ernie Chambers Sen. Lowen V. Kruse Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh Sen. Dwite Pedersen
		LFS	Integrated Welfare for Communities	2	
			Southern Sudan Community Association	2	
			LIS	2	
			ICH	1	
			Big Brothers Big Sisters	1	
			Juan Diego Center	1	
			Justice for Our Neighbor	1	
			Habitat for Humanity	4	
			Casa del Pueblo	1	
			MMI/ Girls Inc	1	
			Holy Name School	1	
			Apollos School	1	
			MMI/ Social work	1	
3	Adams County Grand Island Hall County Chadron Kearney Lexington Lincoln County Scotts Bluff County York	MMI	MMI/ SANDS	1	
			MMI/ Speech Pathology	1	
			MMI/ PIO	1	
			MMI/ Psychology- Developmental Pediatrics	1	
			Goodwill/ MMI	1	
			MMI/ Psychology	3	
		RISE	District 7 Probation	1	
		LFS	LIS	2	
		RISE	District 8 Probation	1	
		MMI	MMI/ Psychology	2	
		MMI	MMI/ Psychology	1	
		LFS	Welcome Center	1	
		RISE	District 9 Probation	1	
		RISE	District 10 Probation	1	
MMI	York College	1			

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- LFS AmeriCorps, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (AmeriCorps*State): Omaha, Grand Island, Lexington, Lincoln, Norfolk, and Pawnee City
- MMI AmeriCorps, University of Nebraska Medical Center—Munroe Meyer Institute (AmeriCorps*State): Omaha, Chadron, Kearney, Lincoln, Nebraska City, and York
- RISE AmeriCorps, Nebraska State Probation (AmeriCorps*State): Counties — Adams, Dodge, Gage, Hall, Lincoln, Platte/Saunders, Madison, Scottsbluff
- Star City Treasures AmeriCorps, City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation (AmeriCorps*State): Lincoln

**LIST OF STATE LEGISLATORS/DISTRICTS AND AMERICORPS PROGRAMS
MANAGED BY SERVENEBRASKA**

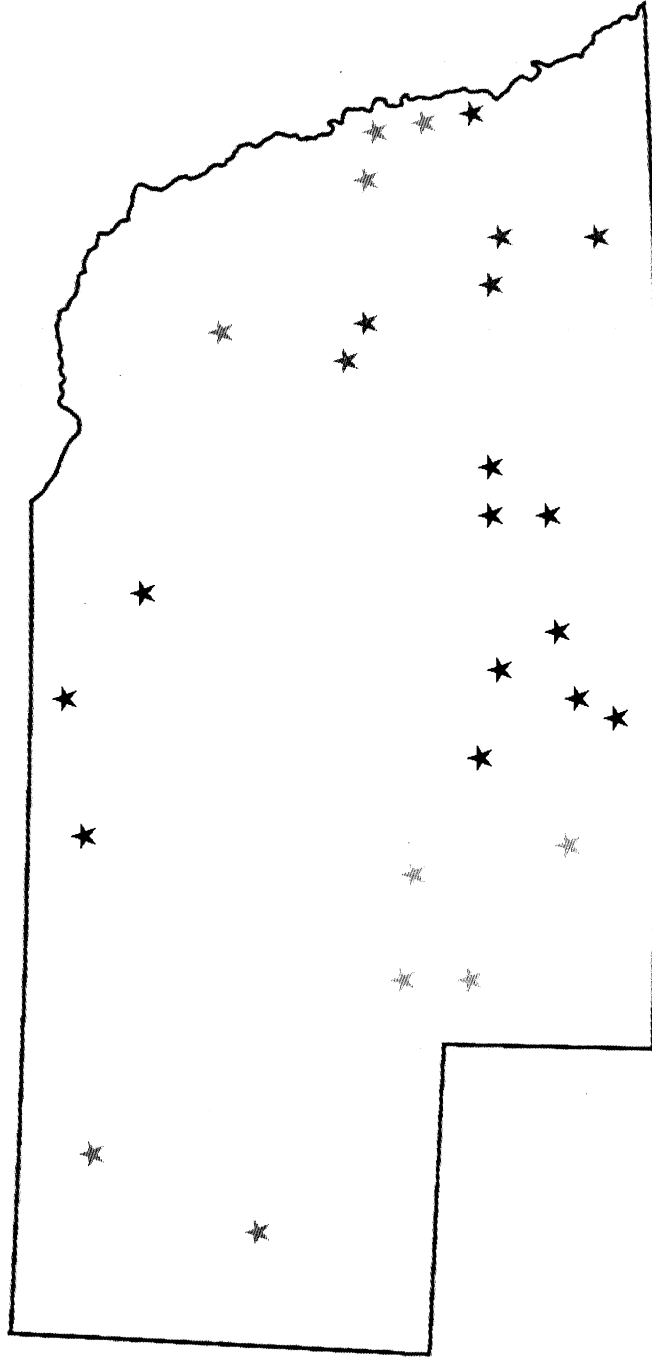
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	COMMUNITY	AC PROGRAM	ORGANIZATION/SITE	# OF MEMBERS	STATE SENATOR
1	Dodge County	RISE	District 16 Probation	1	Sen. Ray Janssen
	Gage County	RISE	District 12 Probation	1	Sen. Norm Wallman
Lincoln/Lancaster County		Star City Treasures	Lincoln Literacy	2	Sen. Carol Hudkins Sen. Ron Raikes Sen. DiAnna R. Schimek Sen. Tony Fulton Sen. Bill Avery Sen. Danielle Nantkes Sen. Amanda McGill Sen. Norm Wallman
			El Centro de las Americas	1	
			Indian Center	1	
			Lincoln Arts Council	1	
			Asian Community & Cultural Center	1	
			Community CROPS	1	
			Air Park West	1	
			Easterday Recreation	0	
			Youth Literacy	1	
			Eiseley Library	1	
			F Street Recreation	2	
			Irving Recreation	2	
			Park Teen Center	2	
			Belmont Recreation	0	
			Pershing/Mickle	1	
			Malone Center	2	
			Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters	1	
			MMI/ Psychology	1	
			LFS	1	
			CommUNITY		
Bi-Lingual/Bi-Cultural	1				
Bridge	1				
Lighthouse	1				
Lincoln YWCA	1				
CASA	1				
Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	1				
HUB	1				
Lincoln Action Program	5				
Madison County	RISE	District 2 Probation			1
Norfolk	LFS	New American Center AmeriCorps	1		
Nebraska City	MMI	MMI/ Psychology	1		
Pawnee City	LFS	4-County Mentoring	2	Sen. Lavon Heidemann	

Attachment C

- (1) 2008 CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS MAP**
- (2) LIST OF CITIZEN CORPS LOCAL PROGRAM IMPACT BY COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.**



2008 Nebraska Citizen Corps Councils



Local Citizen Corps Councils, by Citizen Corps Program Region

- ★ - Central CCP Region: Platte Center, Platte County
- ★ - East CCP Region: Dodge County, Omaha/Douglas County, Sarpy County
- ★ - Northeast CCP Region: Madison County
- ★ - North Central CCP Region: Cherry County; Keya Paha County, EMA Region 26
- ★ - Panhandle CCP Region: Ponderosa Search and Rescue, Scottsbluff County
- ★ - Southeast CCP Region: Cass County, Gage County, Lancaster County, Butler/Seward County
- ★ - Southwest CCP Region: Keith County, Lincoln County, Perkins County, Red Willow County
- ★ - South Central CCP Region: Adams County, Buffalo County, Dawson County, Hall County, Hamilton County, Harlan County, Kearney County, EMA Region 15

Nebraska Citizen Corps is a program administered by **ServeNebraska**
Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission

LIST OF STATE LEGISLATORS/DISTRICTS AND CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL PROGRAMS MANAGED BY SERVENEBRASKA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	REGION	COMMUNITY/CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL	STATE SENATOR
1	Southeast	Cass County	Sen. Dave Pankonin
		Gage County	Sen. Norm Wallman
		Lancaster County	Sen. Carol Hudkins Sen. Ron Raikes Sen. Amanda McGill Sen. DiAnna R. Schimek Sen. Bill Avery Sen. Tony Fulton Sen. Danielle Nantkes
		Seward County (partners w/Butler County)	Sen. Chris Langemeier Sen. Greg Adams
	Northeast	Madison County	Sen. Mike Flood
2	East	Sarpy County	Sen. Chris Langemeier Sen. Dave Pankonin Sen. Gail F. Kopplin Sen. Tim Gay Sen. Abbie Cornett
		Omaha	Sen. Rich Pahls Sen. Pete Pirsch Sen. Steve Lathrop Sen. Don Preister Sen. Brad Ashford Sen. John Nelson Sen. Gwen Howard Sen. John Synowiecki Sen. Mike Friend Sen. Tom White Sen. Ernie Chambers Sen. Lowen V. Kruse Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh Sen. Dwite Pedersen
3	Central	Platte County	Sen. Arnie Stuthman
		Platte Center	
	North Central	Cherry County	Sen. Deb Fischer
		Keya Paha County	
		Region 26 (Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Valley, Greeley, Sherman Counties)	
	Panhandle	Ponderosa Search and Rescue - Dawes and Box Butte Counties	Sen. LeRoy Loudon
		Scottsbluff County	Sen. John N. Harms
	South Central	Adams County	Sen. Carroll Burling
		Hall County	Sen. Ray Aguilar
Hamilton County		Sen. Annette Dubas	

		Dawson County	Sen. John Wightman
		Buffalo County	
		Kearney County	Sen. Joel Johnson
		Harlan County	
		Region 15 (Frontier, Gosper, Phelps Counties)	Sen. Tom Carlson
	Southwest	Perkins County	Sen. Mark R. Christensen
		Red Willow County	
		Keith County	Sen. Philip Erdman
		Lincoln County	Sen. Tom Hanson

August 25, 2008

RETAIL SALES OF DIGITAL MEDIA

Issue:

Beginning October 1, 2008, retail sales of:

- digital audio works (music),
- digital audio-visual works (movies, music videos, TV shows), and
- digital books

are subject to tax when delivered electronically if the products are taxable when delivered on tangible storage media (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2701.16(9), pursuant to Laws 2008, LB 916). In addition, retail sales of digital codes that provide the purchaser with a right to obtain digital audio works, digital audio-visual works, or digital books are subject to tax. Sales of such digital products are subject to tax when the purchaser receives a permanent right of use, a right of use which terminates on some condition, and a right of use conditioned upon continued payments. This revenue ruling provides the rules relating to the taxability of sales of such digital products delivered electronically.

Definitions:

Digital Audio Works means products that result from the fixation of a series of musical, spoken, or other sounds. Products within the definition include recorded or live songs, music, readings of books or other written materials, speeches, and ringtones or other sound recordings. Products which are not within the definition include ringback tones and other digital audio files that are not stored on the purchaser's communication device or audio greeting cards sent by electronic mail.

Digital Audio-Visual Works means products consisting of a series of related images which, when shown in succession, impart an impression of motion, together with accompanying sounds, if any. Products within the definition include movies, motion pictures, musical videos, news and television programs, and live events. Products which are not within the definition include video greeting cards or video or electronic games.

Digital Books means literary works expressed in words, numbers, or other verbal or numerical symbols or indicia which are generally recognized in the ordinary and usual sense as "books". The definition includes works of fiction and nonfiction and short stories. The definition does not include periodicals, magazines, newspapers or other news or information products, chat rooms or weblogs.

Digital Code means a code which provides a purchaser with a right to obtain one or more taxable digital products delivered electronically. A digital code may be obtained by any means, including e-mail or tangible means, such as plastic cards or certificates imprinted on other products, regardless of its designation as a "song code", "video code", or "book code".

End User is any purchaser of digital products delivered electronically except one who receives the contractual right for further broadcast, transmission, retransmission, licensing, relicensing, distribution, redistribution, or exhibition where an admission is charged.

Analysis:

The imposition of sales and consumer's use tax on sales of digital audio works, digital audio-visual works, digital books, and digital codes relating to such products includes sales to end users who receive a right

to permanent use of the product as well as purchasers who receive less than a right of permanent use. The person must receive the product electronically and download the item to a computer hard drive or electronic storage device. For example:

- An on-line retailer of music sells music files for a set price per song or album. The purchaser receives the music through its Internet connection and is allowed to keep the song(s) permanently on an electronic storage device. These sales are subject to tax as digital audio works.
- An on-line retailer of movies and TV shows allows purchasers to view selected shows for only a 24 hour period. The purchaser receives the show through its Internet connection and views the show on an HD television or computer. Purchasers have 30 days to start watching the show and once it starts, will have 24 hours to finish it or play it as many times as desired during the 24 hour period. These sales are subject to tax as digital audio-visual works even though the retailer does not authorize the purchaser to permanently retain the movie or show.

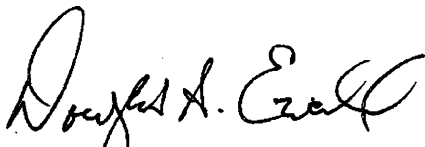
The imposition of sales and consumer's use tax on sales of digital audio works, digital audio-visual works, digital books, and digital codes relating to such products includes sales to end users whose right of use is conditioned upon continued payments. For example:

- An on-line retailer of books sells subscriptions to a book club that provides purchasers with electronic book deliveries on a monthly basis. The electronic books are received by the purchaser through an Internet connection and stored on a computer hard drive. Such products constitute digital books and the monthly charges are subject to tax even though the purchaser's right of use is conditioned upon continued payments.

The sale of a digital code is a taxable event even though the purchaser may exercise the digital code to take electronic delivery of the digital product at a later date. A code that represents a stored monetary value that is deducted from a total as it is used by the purchaser is not a digital code. In addition, a redeemable card, gift card, or gift certificate that entitles the holder to select digital products of an indicated value is not a digital code.

Sales and use tax continues to apply to the gross receipts of cable television or satellite television service providers in the sale or rental of movies, TV shows, and other entertainment programming.

APPROVED:



Douglas A. Ewald
Tax Commissioner
August 25, 2008

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information:

1. Formal Name: Sign Language Interpreter Review Board
2. Purpose: The intent is to assure that qualified interpreters are provided to deaf and hard of hearing people in Nebraska. Interpreters working for state entities, law enforcement and the courts must meet a minimum level of competency and obtain a license to practice.

3. How many affectable: 1% of the population = 17,508
How many served: 780
4. Year created: 2002 Year active: 2002 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Tanya D. Wendel, Executive Director
NCDHH, 4600 Valley Rd., Ste. 420
Lincoln, NE 68510-4844
Phone: 402-471-3593
Email: tanya.wendel@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Revised Statutes 71-4728 – 71-4728.05, sections 20-150, 20-151, and 20-156.
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH)

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 8
Who appoints: NCDHH
9. Legislative approval: Yes
Qualifications of members: Director of Health & Human Services or designee; Director of the Commission (NCDHH) or her designee; two-deaf or hard of hearing persons; two-members representing local government; and, two members who are licensed interpreters.

10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes

11. Term length: Rotate as designated in legislation or can serve two consecutive three-year terms.
Terms rotate or expire at once:

12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 4 Held: 3
FY 06-07: 4 Held: 3
FY 07-08: 4 Held: 2 – held and 2 more

scheduled (8/1 & 11/7)

Operations

13. Support staff: Parent agency Shared or separate:
14. FY 05-06 budget: 0
FY 06-07 budget: 0
FY 07-08 budget: \$1,800.
15. Other funding sources: Licensing fee 20.156 (2)
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:
In April of 2004, regulations were promulgated and submitted to the Attorney General's office.

The Attorney General's office did not approve the regulations due to problems regarding the statutory authority for continuing education requirements and the process for revoking a license.

In 2005, amendments to the existing statutes were introduced to the Legislature, LB 87. The bill granted the Commission the authority to broaden and require continuing education units and suspend or revoke a license. The legislation also changed the terms of the Sign Language Interpreter Review Board membership.

2006- Regulations were promulgated and a public hearing was conducted throughout the state on 9/9/06.

2007- A public hearing was conducted on 4/7/08 due to changes in the draft regulations.

Regulations were submitted to the Attorney General's office on May 29, 2007; regulations were approved and filed with the Secretary of State on 6/12/07.

Interpreters had to obtain a license on or before 9/1/07.

Licensing and compliance reviews are being performed throughout 2008.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

- 1) Formal Name: Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel
- 2) Purpose: To be responsible for all requirements of the Clean Air Act. To render opinions as to the effectiveness of the Department's program and in complying with the provisions of selected federal laws; to review outreach materials.
- 3) How many affectable: Potentially all small businesses that have emissions regulated by the Department How many served: The panel serves all state citizens
- 4) Year created: 1990 Year Active: 1993 Sunset Date None
- 5) Contact person: Joe Francis, Associate Director, Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922 (402) 471-6087

Authorization

- 6) Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1505.03
- 7) Parent agency: Department of Environmental Quality

8) Memberships and Meetings

- 9) Number of Members: 7 **Who appoints:** Governor appoints 2; Legislature's Executive Committee appoints 4, Department Director appoints 1
- 10) Legislative Approval: No Qualifications: 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.

11) **Per diem:** No **Expense Reimbursement:** Actual expenses

12) **Term Length:** None identified **Terms Rotate or expire at once:** None identified

13) Number of meetings required in:

FY 05-06	0	Held: 1
FY 06-07	0	Held: 1
FY 07-08	0	Held: 1

Operations

14) Support Staff: None Shared: Department of Environmental Quality

15) FY 05-06 Budget: \$0

 FY06-07 Budget: \$0

 FY07-08 Budget: \$0

16) Other funding sources: None

17) Spending Authority: None

Accomplishments

18) **Since July 1, 2005:** There has been substantial turnover in the Panel membership and the new members are engaged and willing to assist the Department by providing ideas on the Department's compliance assistance activities.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Small Employer Health Reinsurance Board
2. Purpose: To provide a reinsurance mechanism for insurance companies who provide insurance for small employers.
3. How many affectable: There are numerous policyholders who could be affected. The Board essentially acts as a monitoring entity over a reinsurance pool. When there are individuals in a small group plan who exceed the plan limitations, the board meets to determine whether or not the participating insurer qualifies for pool coverage for that individual.
4. Year created: 1994 Year active: 1995 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: John Rink
Nebraska Department of Insurance
941 O Street, Suite 400
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-2201
John.Rink@nebraska.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-5261
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: Eight and an ex officio member.

Who appoints: The Director of Insurance

9. Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: The board shall include representatives of small employers and small employer carriers and such other individuals determined to be qualified by the director. At least five members of the board shall be representatives of carriers and shall be selected from individuals nominated in this state pursuant to procedures and guidelines developed by the director.

10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: None
11. Term length: Initially, there were restrictions but now, due to the passage of time, the board members term shall continue until his or her successor is appointed.
12. Number of meetings required in FY05-06: None
FY06-07: None
FY07-08: None

The board will be having a meeting at some point in 2008.

Operations

13. Support staff: none
14. FY 05-06 budget: No state dollars are expended on this Board.
FY 06-07 budget: No state dollars are expended on this Board.
FY 07-08 budge: No state dollars are expended on this Board.
15. Other funding sources: The Board may assess reinsuring carriers for organizational and operating expenses. The Board may also borrow money.
16. Spending authority: Yes. It can enter into contracts and has the general powers and authority granted under Nebraska law to insurance companies and HMO's licensed to transact business but cannot issue health plans directly to groups or individuals.

Accomplishments

17. Since January 1, 1995: The Board has monitored and assisted in providing reinsurance to insurers who write insurance for small business. This process has hopefully kept small group insurance rates from increasing more than they would have without this mechanism.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: State Claims Board

Purpose: Adjudicate claims against the State including tort, contract and miscellaneous claims.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: approx. 1,000 claims per year

Year created: 1943

Year active: 1943

Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Laura Peterson, State Risk Manager

Mailing Address: 521 S 14th Street, Suite 104, Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone number: (402) 471-4436

Authorization

Authorization citation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,220

Parent agency: Administrative Services

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 3

Who Appoints: Statutory per Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,220

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: Per Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,220, the State Claims Board is made up of the Director of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor, and Director of Administrative Services.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Length of Office in Agency Director Position

Terms rotate or expire at once: N/A

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: None Held: 5

FY 06-07: None Held: 5

FY 07-08: None Held: 5

Operations

Support Staff: None

Shared or separate: None

FY 05-06 budget: None

FY 06-07 budget: None

FY 07-08 budget: None

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: None

Accomplishments: The Board has heard over 600 claims per year. The Board has improved efficiencies in claims distribution through the use of technology and has moved to paperless meetings.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
2. Purpose: The Board of Trustees is the governing body for the state colleges in Chadron, Peru and Wayne, Nebraska.
3. How many affectable: More than 50,000 graduates – 1,300 annually
How many served: 8,500 enrolled annually
4. Year created: 1920 Year active: 1920 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Chancellor Stan Carpenter

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska State Constitution Art. VII – 13
7. Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meeting

8. Number of members: Seven board members
9. Who appoints: Six board members are appointed by the Governor and the Commissioner of Education serves as the seventh Ex Officio board member.
10. Legislative approval: Board members are appointed with the advice and consent of the Legislature.
Qualifications of members: N/A
11. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
12. Term length: Six years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms rotate
13. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 6 Held: 8
FY 06-07: 5 Held: 8
FY 07-08: 6 Held: 9

Operations

14. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Separate
15. FY 05-06 budget: Est. annual board meeting expenses \$4,800
FY 06-07 budget: Est. annual board meeting expenses \$5,400
FY 07-08 budget: Est. annual board meeting expenses \$6,000
16. Other funding sources: None
17. Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments

18. Since July 1, 2004:
 - Joint Master of Science Degree in Organizational Management – online cooperative program
 - Nebraska Joint Enrollment Program – joint agreement between community colleges and state colleges
 - Optimal Enrollment Capacity Model – measurement to determine college enrollment capacity
 - Physical environment improvements
 - South Sioux City College Center – joint effort between Wayne State College and Northeast Community College to build facility in Siouxland area
 - Faculty College – conference held for faculty to share best practices

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July 5, 2008

Senator Ray Aguilar
Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee
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Senator Aguilar:

Below you will find the responses to the survey you requested from the State Emergency Response Commission. Questions concerning the commission or the responses of the survey can be directed to the coordinator, Tonya Ngotel at (402) 471-7176.

- 1. Formal Name -**
The commission shall be known as the "State Emergency Response Commission" (SERC) as designated by the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.
- 2. Purpose -**
The purpose of the SERC is to carry out the duties assigned to it under the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (NEPCRA), Title 67, NAC Chapter 81 and all other statutory provision requiring action or decision by the SERC.
Each of the ninety-three counties was designed as emergency planning districts by the SERC pursuant to section 81-15.215. The SERC in turn appoints Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) members and oversees the activities of the LEPCs. The LEPCs are tasked with maintaining Annex F of the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) dealing with hazardous materials and the community right to know.
- 3. How many served -**
The SERC through the support of the LEPCs reaches out to all ninety-three counties and affects a multitude of first responders, healthcare professionals, city/county officials, school personal & the general public.
- 4. Year Created -**
The SERC was formed in 1986 with the development of the NEPCRA, Title 67 NAC Chapter 81.
- 5. Contact Person -**
The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency serves as the administrative agency for the SERC and houses the Coordinator and a Staff Assistant who maintain the program. Tonya Ngotel serves as the SERC Coordinator and can be contacted at
Tonya Ngotel
Attn: NEMA
1300 Military Road
Lincoln, NE 68508
tonya.ngotel@nebraska.gov
(402) 471-7176
- 6. Authorization citation -**
The SERC was created through the NEPCRA pursuant to Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 - Nebraska Administrative Code Title 67.
- 7. Parent Agency -**
The director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency serves as the State Administrator of the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.
- 8. Number of Members / Who appoints -**

The SERC is composed of nineteen members who are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. Under NRS 81-15 210, the membership of the commission shall include the Director of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) or his or her designee, the Director-State Engineer or his or her designee, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety (NSP) or his or her designee, the State Fire Marshal (NSFM) or his or her designee, the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) or his or her designee, the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or his or her designee, two elected officials or employees of municipal or county government, and one citizen member to represent each of the following interest groups: Firefighters, local emergency management, public or community health, environmental protection, labor, school district, small business, agricultural business, chemical industry, highway transportation, and rail transportation.

9. **Legislative approval –**

Citizen members of the SERC are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature. Appointments are made based on the three congressional districts as equally as possible. State appointed members (NDEQ, NSFM, NSP, NEMA, DHHS) serve under the Governor therefore are not approved by Legislative process.

10. **Per Diem / Expense Reimbursement –**

Citizen Members of the SERC are not paid a per diem but are reimbursed for expenses relating to SERC business. State appointed members (NDEQ, NSFM, NSP, NEMA & DHHS Employees) are not paid per diem or reimbursed.

11. **Term Length / Terms rotate or expire at once -**

NRS 81-15 210 The members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for terms of four years, except that of the first citizen members appointed, three members shall serve for one-year terms, three members shall serve for two-year terms, and two members shall serve for three-year terms, as designated at the time of appointment

12. **Number of meetings -**

The SERC maintains quarterly meetings.

13. **Support Staff -**

In addition to the Coordinator position, the SERC has one administrative support personal housed within NEMA. This position maintains the meeting minutes, agenda and notes in conjunction with applications for LEPC members. NEMA also leverages State funds to support two planning specialists who work with the county emergency managers and LEPCs in emergency planning.

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality supports the SERC through the SARA Title III NEPCRA/Coordinator position, currently held by Mark Lohnes. The SARA Title III position maintains the TIER II data base and the Toxic Release Inventory.

14. **Budget -**

The SERC is supported through state and federal funding sources. State funds are provided at the amount of \$91,200.00 and are matched with federal funds provided through the Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG). This amount has been consistent over the budget periods of the past four years. These funds are earmarked for operating costs associated with the SERC.

15. **Other Funding Sources -**

Other federal funds are provided through the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant for the amount of \$183,399.00. These funds are used to support the NEPCRA.

16. **Spending Authority -**

The SERC has authority to allocate funds for NEPCRA activities though the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and others supporting the NEPCRA.

17. **Accomplishments -**

The SERC has been involved in the following projects:

- TIER II On-line reporting – in 2004 NDEQ initiated an on-line reporting system for the input of TIER II information.

- TRANSCAER (Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response) Training – the SERC sponsored the specialized hazmat training in 2007 focusing on a response to an ethanol spill.
- Regional/State LEPC conferences – yearly. The SERC has been involved on a regional and State level with the development of LEPC conferences.
- Joint outreach efforts with the US Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agencies. The SERC has conducted weeklong sessions with it's federal counterparts across Nebraska.
- School Chemical Clean Out Campaign (SC3) – the SERC is part of the management group spearheading the SC3 campaign developed in 2007.
- Search for Safety Project – the SERC has been involved with the Search for Safety Project at the State Fair for the past two years.
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Team – SERC has supported the development of a CBRN team.

On behalf of the State Emergency Response Commission I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions concerning the commission or this survey please do not hesitate to call Tonya Ngotel at (402) 471-7176 or by e-mail at tonya.ngotel@nebraska.gov .

Sincerely,



Al Berndt
Assistant Director, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Cc: Peg King, Office of the Governor

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska State Fair Board
2. Purpose: The Board is organized for the purpose of producing the Nebraska State Fair and overseeing all other activities occurring at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. The Board shall seek participation from the private sector, state, and local governments, and the citizens of Nebraska as a means of developing broad-based support for all activities at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.
3. How many affectable: 1,774,571
How many served: 765,375 average per year for three-year period
4. Year created: 1868 Year active: 1868 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Barney Cosner, Executive Director, Nebraska State Fair Park, P.O. Box 81223, Lincoln, NE 68501

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: LB1236 - Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 2-101
7. Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 13
Who appoints: 4 appointed by Governor; 7 elected by county ag society districts;
9. Legislative approval: Yes for 4 Governor appointees. 2 ex officio.
Qualifications of members: Governor appointees: 2 to represent the business community of Lincoln; 1, Omaha; and, 1, state at-large.
10. Per diem: \$50.00 Expense reimbursement: \$.505 per mile for travel expenses; one additional per diem of \$50.00 if travel is over 250 miles round trip.
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 13
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 13
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 11

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Separate
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$185,146 (generated from our revenues)
FY 06-07 budget: \$188,925 (generated from our revenues)
FY 07-08 budget: \$192,781 (generated from our revenues)
15. Other funding sources: Yes; \$8.5 million from our operations
16. Spending authority: N/A

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: 1) Constitutional Amendment LR209CA provides 10% of Nebraska's lottery proceeds to the Nebraska State Fair, passed on November 2004 general election ballot.
2) Nebraska State Fair Park master plan update completed December 2007.
3) Nebraska LB1116 passed by Legislature and signed by Governor Heineman, April 2008, to relocate Nebraska State Fair to Grand Island.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004:

Recommend and advise on Division reimbursement rates. Recommend action necessary to facilitate/mitigate separation of prevention activities from Division. Recommend and advise Division on Medicaid and Division of Behavioral Health working relationships as it affects community based programs. Recommend and advise Division on the Use of Substance Abuse Block Grant funds. Recommend and advise Division on services that Division could implement within the state. Review and recommend Division of Behavioral Health and Division of Regulation and Licensure standards for use in continuing education opportunities for substance abuse counselors. Review and recommend changes to regulations for substance abuse counselor licensure standards. Advise on Tribal relations. Review and recommend Substance Abuse Block Grant application. Give recommendation on organization of Substance Abuse services under Behavioral Health Reform. Provide perspective on services necessary to establish a continuum of care in all regions. Make recommendations on activities within services necessary to create a continuum of care and progressively diminish counselor engagement in client life.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Suggestion Award Board

Purpose: The purpose of the Suggestion Award Board is to determine the amount of the award for each adopted suggestion.

How many affectable: All State employees; not Univ. or State Colleges

How many served: 668

Year created: 1978, 1992, 1993

Year active: 1995 Sunset Date: None

Contact Person: Nyla Thomsen, AS-State Personnel

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-1346

Parent agency: AS-State Personnel

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 6

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: The Director of Administrative Services, the Director of AS-State Personnel, the Auditor of Public Accounts and three persons from bargaining units listed in section 81-1373.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: Bargaining Unit Reps. 3 yrs; Remainder - On-going

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: Quarterly Held: 2

FY 06-07: Quarterly Held: 3

FY 07-08: Quarterly Held: 2

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared; Auditor & AS-State Personnel

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: There have been 136 suggestions submitted since July 1, 2004. Of those, 26 have been declared ineligible by AS-State Personnel. Of the 110 that were declared eligible and forwarded on to agencies for review, 89 were denied by the agencies; 5 have been approved by the agency and the Board; and 16 are awaiting

decisions. There were also 4 approved from the prior survey timeframe. Since July 1, 2004, there has been a total of \$721.92 awarded to suggesters.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Tax Equalization & Review Commission

Purpose: To review & equalize assessments of Property for taxation within the State of Nebraska and to hear and determine appeals filed by taxpayers and county assessors from decisions of county boards of equalization.

How many affectable: All 93 counties & 4451 appeals for past 3 years

How many served: All 93 counties and 4451 appeals for past 3 years

Year created: 1996 Year active: 1996

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: William Warnes, Chairman

Mailing Address: PO Box 94732, Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone number: 402 471-2842

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebr Revised Statutes 77-5001-5031

Parent agency: No

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 4

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: yes

Qualifications: Commissioners are appointed: One from each Congressional district and one at-large. At least two commissioners shall be attorneys and one commissioner shall possess any certification or training required to become a licensed real property appraiser.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term length: 6 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: See above Held: See above

FY 06-07: See above Held: See above

FY 07-08: See above Held: See above

Operations

Support Staff: 5

Shared or separate: shared

FY 05-06 budget: 813729

FY 06-07 budget: 906877

FY 07-08 budget: 870517

Other funding sources: Cash

Spending authority: Yes

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2004: State Wide Equalization for 93 counties and processed approximately 4451 appeals. The 2007 hearings are not all closed and still in the scheduling and hearing process.

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

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 into 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: 36,000 teachers and candidates

How many served: 300,000 K-12 students

Year created: 1947

Year active: 1947

Sunset Date: Not Applicable

Contact Person: Marge Harouff, Administrator, NDE, 471-4800

Authorization

Authorization citation: N.R.S Section 79-808(3)

Parent agency: NE Department of Education

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 56 plus alternates

Who Appoints: State Board of Education

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 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 the Nebraska Parent-Teacher Association, 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: None

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 4 years, except for Higher Ed. and NDE, annual

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 3 Held: 3

FY 06-07: 3 Held: 3

FY 07-08: 3 Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: Yes-Teacher Education staff

Shared or separate: Shared, NDE

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Annual reviews of Chapters 21 (Teacher Certification), 24 (Endorsement Programs), and addition/revision of endorsements contained in Rule 24. Revised Chapter 23 (Basic Skills Competency) and Chapter 20 (Standards for Teacher Education Programs). Deliberated on issues related to potential certification of postsecondary teachers who teach dual credit courses to high school students. Developed and implemented a new evaluation system for approval/accreditation of teacher education programs in Nebraska colleges and universities. Discussed potential processes for documenting professional development activities for the purpose of certificate renewal.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Committee
2. Purpose: To provide guidance for the development, monitoring, and promotion of state-wide telecommunications relay and specialized telecommunications equipment program services in Nebraska. Review the surcharge and rules and regulations established by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.
3. How many affectable: 256,689 (Source: 15% of population nationwide of individuals deemed to have some form of hearing loss according to Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Percentage applied to Nebraska's population determined by the 2000 Census (1,711,263).

How many served: Number of Relay Calls

207,004 for fiscal year 2005-06

165,178 for fiscal year 2006-07

119,386 for fiscal year 2007-08 (updated through May, 2008)

Expenditures for the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program ("NSTEP"):

\$322,060 for fiscal year 2005-06

\$330,284 for fiscal year 2006-07

\$304,631 for fiscal year 2007-08

4. Year created: 1991 Year active: 1991 Sunset date: N/A
5. Contact person: Tanya Wendel, Executive Director, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 4600 Valley Road, Suite #420, Lincoln, NE 68510-4844 Phone 402-471-3593 or Gene Hand, Director, Communications Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927 Phone 402-471-0244 and Steve Stovall, Staff Accountant, Communications Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission. Phone 402-471-0225/V or 402-471-0213/TTY.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 86-301 to 86-315 with Committee authorization referenced in 86-315.
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7
Who appoints: Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing-Full Commission Members
9. 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 Nebraska 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.
10. 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 2005-06 mileage \$210 and interpreters \$330
FY 2006-07 no mileage submitted and interpreters \$354
FY 2007-08 mileage of \$224 submitted and interpreters \$516.

11. Term length: 3 years, can serve 2 consecutive three year terms
Terms rotate or expire at once: Staggered terms

12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06:	1	Held: 1
	FY 06-07: 1	Held: 1
	FY 07-08: 1	Held: 2

Operations

- 13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared – Nebraska Public Service Commission
- 14. FY 05-06 budget: None
FY 06-07 budget: None
FY 07-08 budget: None
- 15. Other funding sources: None
- 16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: Introduction of captioned telephone (“CapTel”) service in October 2004. This service utilizes voice recognition and captioning technology for hard of hearing individuals. The committee provided advice and direction in 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. Beginning July 1, 2008 the relay service surcharge will be reduced from five to four cents per month.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council

Purpose: To carry out the duties of the Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council Act

How many affectable: na

How many served: na

Year created: 1999

Year active: 1999

Sunset Date: June 30 2005

Contact Person: Ellis Tompkins

Mailing Address: Rail and Public Transportation Engineer Nebraska Department of Roads PO Box 94759 Lincoln, NE 68509 Phone number: (402) 479-3797

Authorization

Authorization citation: 74-1504

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Roads

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 11

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: Yes

Qualifications: Director-State Engineer or his designee; one public service commissioner; two members of the general public with demonstrated knowledge of passenger rail, high-speed rail, and other passenger surface transportation systems; two representatives of private railroads; one representative from Department of Economic Development; four representatives of local government.

Per Diem: no

Expense reimbursement: yes

Term length: until termination of act

Terms rotate or expire at once: at once

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 0 Held: 0

FY 06-07: 0 Held: 0

FY 07-08: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Shared: Dept. of Roads

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: none

Spending authority: none

Accomplishments: This council and the associated act terminated on June 30, 2005.

2008 Board and Commissions Survey

General Information

1. Formal Name:
 - A. **State Trauma Advisory Board** appointed by the Director of Public Health of the NE Department of Health and Human Services. This is an 18 member board.
 - B. **Regional Trauma Advisory Board** (Region 4 Panhandle) appointed by the Director of Public Health of the NE Department of Health and Human Services. This is a 10 member board.
 - C. **Regional Trauma Advisory Board** (Region 3 Central) appointed by the Director of Public Health of the NE Department of Health and Human Services. This is a 10 member board.
 - D. **Regional Trauma Advisory Board** (Region 2 Southeast) appointed by the Director of Public Health of the NE Department of Health and Human Services. This is a 10 member board.
 - E. **Regional Trauma Advisory Board** (Region 1 Northeast) appointed by the Director of Public Health of the NE Department of Health and Human Services. This is a 10 member board.
2. 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 Board (Region 4 Panhandle)
 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.
 3. May apply for, receive and accept gifts and other payments, including property and services, from any other governmental or other public or private entity or person and may make arrangements as to the use of these receipts, including any activities related to the design, maintenance, or enhancements of the statewide trauma system in the trauma care region. Regional trauma advisory boards shall report in the regional budget the amount, source and purpose of all gifts and payments.
 - C. 10 member Regional Trauma Advisory Board (Region 3 Central)
 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.
 3. May apply for, receive and accept gifts and other payments, including property and services, from any other governmental or other public or private entity or person and may make arrangements as to the use of these receipts, including any activities related to the design, maintenance, or enhancements of the statewide trauma system in the trauma care region. Regional trauma advisory boards shall report in the regional budget the amount, source and purpose of all gifts and payments.

- D. 10 member Regional Trauma Advisory Board (Region 2 Southeast)
 - 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.
 - 3. May apply for, receive and accept gifts and other payments, including property and services, from any other governmental or other public or private entity or person and may make arrangements as to the use of these receipts, including any activities related to the design, maintenance, or enhancements of the statewide trauma system in the trauma care region. Regional trauma advisory boards shall report in the regional budget the amount, source and purpose of all gifts and payments.

- E. 10 member Regional Trauma Advisory Board (Region 1 Northeast)
 - 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.
 - 3. May apply for, receive and accept gifts and other payments, including property and services, from any other governmental or other public or private entity or person and may make arrangements as to the use of these receipts, including any activities related to the design, maintenance, or enhancements of the statewide trauma system in the trauma care region. Regional trauma advisory boards shall report in the regional budget the amount, source and purpose of all gifts and payments.

The Boards identified above will also make recommendations to the Department to develop and or update the following:

- 1. Identify trauma system objectives and priorities.
- 2. Identify minimum trauma standards for facilities, equipment, and personnel for advanced, basic, comprehensive and general level trauma centers and specialty level burn or pediatric trauma centers.
- 3. Identify minimum trauma standards for the development of facility patient care protocols.
- 4. Identify trauma care regions.
- 5. Make recommendations for an effective transportation system.
- 6. Make recommendations on the minimum number of hospitals and health care facilities in the state and within each trauma care region that may provide designated care services based on approved regional trauma plans.
- 7. Identify the number of prehospital providers in the state and within each trauma care region that may provide trauma care services based on approved regional trauma plans.
- 8. Develop a format for submission of the regional trauma plans to the department.
- 9. Develop a program for emergency medical services and trauma care research and development.
- 10. Review and approve regional trauma plans.
- 11. Make recommendations on the initial designation of hospitals and health care facilities to provide designated trauma care services in accordance with needs identified in the approved regional care plan.
- 12. Develop the trauma implementation plan incorporating the regional trauma plans.
- 13. Make recommendations on the statewide trauma registry that will assess the effectiveness of trauma delivery and modify standards and other requirements of the statewide trauma system.
- 14. Make recommendations on the development of standards for regional trauma care quality assurance programs.

15. Make recommendations on the development of trauma prevention and education programs.

3. How many affected/How many served.

Injuries are a major public health problem in Nebraska and in the United States resulting in significant numbers of deaths and hospital discharges. Every citizen in the State of Nebraska could benefit from the work of the Boards since every NE citizen can benefit from the development of a Statewide Trauma System.

“Nationally, trauma is the leading cause of death for those 34 years of age and under and is the second leading cause of death for those individuals between the ages 35-44. In 1998, 5,606 teenagers alone died of injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes. At least one adolescent (10-19) dies in an injury every hour of every day; about 15,000 die each year. Additionally, in 1998, 7,269 people aged 65 years and older died of injuries sustained in motor vehicle crashes. During the past decade, the number of licensed drivers aged 70 years and older has increased by 50%. On average, one pedestrian in the U.S. is killed in a traffic crash every 101 minutes. Overall, in 1998, there was a crude injury death rate of 54.36 deaths per 100,000 population in the U.S. See statistics below from 2002 *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Report*.

According to the *Injury in Nebraska (2005)* report, in Nebraska, There were 4,429 injury deaths, more than 17,400 records of trauma patients, and over 728,080 records of injury-related hospital discharges from 1999 to 2003. Males accounted for nearly two-thirds (64.3%) of the injury deaths, 59 percent of the trauma patients, and 53.1 percent of the hospital discharges. It should be noted that males make up only 49.3 percent of the population in Nebraska based on the 2000 census data.

Among injury deaths, motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause. Falls were the leading cause of trauma and hospital discharge for all ages combined in Nebraska.

For injury deaths and trauma patients, children under age 15 were underrepresented as compared to their population, especially children age 5-14 years (2.4% of injury death and 6.6% of trauma patients vs. 14.7% of population;). In contrast, patients age 15-24 were overrepresented in trauma data (19.8% of trauma patients vs. 15.0% of population). Adults age 75 years and older were also overrepresented. The younger age groups from age 1-24 years and older adults age 75-84 years were overrepresented in hospital discharge data.

Whites accounted for 93.1 percent of injury deaths and African Americans accounted for 4.4 percent, while 1.6 percent were Native Americans, and 0.7 percent were Asians. Of trauma patients, 88.3 percent were Whites, 9.6 percent were African Americans, 0.6 percent were Asians, and 0.9 percent were Native Americans.

The State Trauma Registry is being developed in Nebraska. Currently it includes over 47,090 patient records from 52 trauma facilities in Nebraska trauma registry. The average number of cases that are treated in those hospitals is 4,709 cases per year. Over 40,000 patient records were of Nebraskans and those patients came from all 93 counties in Nebraska. 78.6% of them are white, 7.0% are black and 7.0% are Hispanic. Asian and Native Indian are less than 1%. The range of trauma patient ages is from newborn to 109.2 years old. Falls (39.9%) is the number one cause of injury, and followed by motor vehicle accidents (32.0%). There are also other injuries including Struck by/Against, firearm and assault etc.

There were more males (57.5%) than females (42.5%) admitted to trauma centers because of injury. Almost 20 percent (18.4%) of trauma patients were in the age group 15 – 24; however, this age group makes up only 15 percent of the population. Similarly, 12.1 percent of trauma

patients are in the age group 75 – 84, although they make up only 4.8 percent of the population. The causes of injury vary by age group. Motor vehicle crash injury was the leading cause of trauma for the age groups 5-54, while falls were the leading cause for children age 4 and under and for adults age 55 and older. Assault was the second leading cause of trauma injury for the age groups 15-34.

Studies of conventional trauma care show that as many as 35% of trauma patient deaths could have been prevented if optimal acute care had been available. Unfortunately, only one fourth of the U.S. population lives in an area served by a trauma care system. For every death caused by lack of access to a trauma care system, 3 persons are severely disabled and 75 are temporarily disabled. Additionally, rehabilitative services are not available consistently throughout the U.S., nor are they financially accessible by all. An estimated 34-43 million people in the U.S. have chronic disabilities due to injury.

These disabilities related to injury are very serious health issues because of their impact on quality of life and their economic impact on our health care system.

The economic impact of injury on our society is startling:

- The direct medical cost of motorcycle injuries has been estimated to be over \$8 billion/year.
- Traumatic brain injury costs more than \$37 billion/year.
- Spinal cord injuries cost more than \$6.2 billion/year.
- In 1997, the economic costs of police-reported crashes (both fatal and non-fatal) involving drivers aged 15-20 years, was \$32 billion.
- In 1991, societal costs associated with bicycle related head injury or deaths were estimated to exceed \$3 billion.
- In 1990, firearm injuries cost over \$20.4 billion in both direct costs for hospital and other medical care, and in indirect costs for long-term disability and premature death.
- Firework-related injuries are estimated to cost approximately \$100 million per year.
- Therefore, injury prevention, immediate access to care, quality and timely field interventions and overall sound emergency medical services systems are imperative to minimizing the health care costs and to maximize the quality of life for everyone in our society.”

4. Year created/Year active/Sunset date.

LB1223 – 1996 - Called for the development of the Statewide Trauma Plan.

LB626 – 1997 - Created infrastructure of the Trauma System including Statewide and Regional Boards.

March 10, 2002 – Title 185 NAC Nebraska Trauma System Rules and Regulations adopted.

Statewide Trauma Advisory Board, activated June 2002, appointed by the Director of Regulation and Licensure.

Region 4 (Panhandle Trauma Regional Advisory Board), activated June 2002, appointed by the Director of Regulation and Licensure.

Region 3 (Central) Trauma Regional Advisory Board, activated July 2002, appointed by the Director of Regulation and Licensure.

Region 2 (Southeast) Trauma Regional Advisory Board, activated March 2003, appointed by the Director of Regulation and Licensure.

Region 1 (Northeast) Trauma Advisory Board, activated May 2004, appointed by the Director of Regulation and Licensure.

5. Contact Person: Sherri Wren, EMS Trauma Program Manager, DHHS, Division of Public Health, EMS Program, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509. Phone: (402) 471-0539, email: sherri.wren@dhhs.ne.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: As mandated, the Nebraska Statewide Trauma System, the Statewide Trauma Advisory Board and Regional Boards are authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-8201-71-8253 (1997).
7. Parent Agency: NE Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of Members/Who appoints:
 - a. State Trauma Advisory Board – Number of members: 18;
Who appoints: Director of Public Health.
 - b. Region 4 (Panhandle) Trauma Regional Advisory Board – Number of members: 10;
Who appoints: Director of Public Health.
 - c. Region 3 (Central) Trauma Regional Advisory Board – Number of members: 10;
Who appoints: Director of Public Health.
 - d. Region 2 (Southeast) Trauma Regional Advisory Board – Number of members: 10;
Who appoints: Director of Public Health.
 - e. Region 1 (Northeast) Trauma Regional Advisory Board – Number of members: 10;
Who appoints: Director of Public Health.

9. Legislative approval/Qualifications:

The boards are comprised of representatives 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. Regional trauma board members work and/or reside within their respective trauma care region. The Statewide Board is comprised of representatives from all trauma care regions. All members are selected by the Director of Public Health.

10. Per diem/Expense Reimbursement.

The board members do not receive a per diem. The board members are reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as outlined in 81-1174 to 81-1177.

11. Terms Length/Terms rotate or expire at once. Appointed terms are staggered for one, two and three year terms. Upon expiration, terms are reappointable for three year terms. The terms of members representing the same field shall not expire at the same time.

12. Number of Meetings.

Statewide Trauma Advisory Board	Minimum of two per year	FY 05-06 - 2 FY 06-07 - 2 FY 07-08 - 1 (other required meeting to be held in fall of FY-08)
Region 1 (Northeast) Trauma Advisory Board	Number of meetings required by regional boards is not written in statute, but a minimum of one meeting a year is required.	FY 05-06 - 1 FY 06-07 - 1 FY 07-08 - 0 (to be held in fall of FY-08)
Region 2 (Southeast) Trauma Advisory Board	Minimum of one per year.	FY 05-06 - 1 FY 06-07 - 1 FY 07-08 - 1
Region 3 (Central) Trauma Advisory Board	Minimum of one per year.	FY 05-06 - 1 FY 06-07 - 1 FY 07-08 - 0 (to be held in fall of FY-08)
Region 4 (Panhandle) Trauma Advisory Board. Appointed June 2002.	Minimum of one per year.	FY 05-06 - 1 FY 06-07 - 1 FY 07-08 - 0 (to be held in fall of FY-08)

Operations

13. Support staff/shared or separate. Shared. Two staff assistants for the EMS Program spend 10% of their time each providing clerical support for the boards.

14. FY 05-06 budget = \$0
FY 06-07 budget = \$0
FY 07-08 budget = \$0

15. Other funding sources: EMS Trauma Cash Fund. The regional trauma boards may also apply for, receive and accept gifts and other payments, including property and services, from any governmental or other public or private entity or person and may make arrangements as to the use of these receipts, including any activities related to the design, maintenance, or enhancements of the statewide trauma system in the trauma care region.

16. Spending authority: None specifically for boards, combined with the Department's trauma subprogram.

17. Since July 2004

The Nebraska Statewide Trauma Advisory Board and Regional Trauma Advisory Boards have advised the Department on the following:

- Trauma system objectives and priorities.
- Trauma educational courses and training offerings for both pre-hospital and hospital providers to improve patient care.
- Procedures for trauma center designation process including redesignation, dedesignation and focused review.
- Initial designation of 4 general and 24 basic level trauma centers.
- Advanced and comprehensive trauma center and burn center designation processes.

- Proposed revisions of the Department's 2002 "Statewide Trauma System Rules and Regulations" and revised statutory language for trauma care and to carry out the Statewide Trauma System Act.
- Purchase and use of trauma data collection and reporting system for the State, i.e., National Trauma Registry for the American College of Surgeons (NTCTACS) and Image Trend.
- Content of data dictionary for the trauma registry.
- Standards for regional trauma care quality assurance programs.
- Format and content of state regional performance improvement meetings.
- Marketing and educational materials to promote the trauma program.
- Content of "Trauma Center Guideline and Algorithm" which is an educational resource guide for trauma patient care that is posted on the DHHS website.
- Resources and systems necessary for trauma system development and improved trauma patient care throughout the state.
- Regional Trauma System Plans.
- The Nebraska Trauma Registry (NTR) Data Dictionary was developed and adopted in July 2005. It was prepared by members of the Trauma Registry Data Dictionary subcommittee of state trauma board in order to comply with the Nebraska Trauma Registry Regulations. In 2006, the Nebraska Trauma Program participated in the National Trauma Data Standard (NTDS) data dictionary preparation, and adopted the NTDS data dictionary in 2007 with the state data dictionary, which has more required data elements and broader trauma inclusion criteria than the national dictionary.
- State trauma care performance improvement indicators were established in 2005. Those indicators are used to evaluate and improve the quality of trauma care in Nebraska including pre-hospital care and hospital acute care.
- The web-based Nebraska trauma registry, Nebraska Trauma Bridge System (NTBS), was developed and implemented across the state. ImageTrend Inc. and DHHS started to develop the system in 2006. The system was ready for use in 2007. The NTBS includes trauma, burn and rehabilitation modules, which are integrated together. It is also able to integrate with Electronic Nebraska Ambulance Rescue Service Information System (ENARSIS) seamlessly, reduces redundant data entry and improves data quality. The NTBS will be able to track trauma patients from incident occurrence, acute care and rehabilitation to the community, the full circle of trauma care.
- The report writer for the NTBS which was built in 2007 and is ready for hospitals to generate their own hospital trauma reports in 2008. It is a great tool for trauma facilities to evaluate their performance of trauma care, and also very useful for regional and state trauma registrars to check data quality, monitor trauma status and provide information for injury prevention.
- A total of 43 hospitals were trained how to use NTBS. Currently 32 hospitals submit trauma data to DHHS through NTBS. Concurrently, 25 hospitals submit data to DHHS using NTRACS (National Trauma Registry American College of Surgeons), which is a computer-based trauma registry system.
- The 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, etc.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: Travel and Tourism Division Advisory Committee

Purpose: To provide regular consultation to the Travel and Tourism Division regarding tourism matters in the state of Nebraska

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1986

Year active: 1986

Sunset Date: none

Contact Person: Christian Hornbaker, Director, Division of Travel and Tourism

Mailing Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 98907, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Phone number: 402-471-3794

Authorization

Authorization citation: 81-1201.13

Parent agency: Department of Economic Development, Division of Travel and Tourism

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 9

Who Appoints: Director of Economic Development

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: Qualifications will vary depending upon which portion of the industry they are a part of. Members are selected from areas such as private businesses, CVBs, regional organizations and lodging facilities.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: 3 members each year

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 3 Held: 3

FY 07-08: 3 Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: No

Shared or separate: Division of Travel and Tourism

FY 05-06 budget: \$0

FY 06-07 budget: \$0

FY 07-08 budget: \$0

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Since July 1, 2004: The Travel and Tourism Advisory Committee has continued to play a prominent role in helping the Division of Travel and Tourism with their advice relating to the tourism industry in Nebraska.

Meetings have consisted of reviewing statistics and trends happening within the state as well as outside of the state to determine the best course of action for the next year's marketing efforts. Meetings were held across the state to help solicit input from other tourism partners, including meetings at the annual travel conferences. Representatives of the Committee continue to act as a liaison within their respective areas of expertise (private entities, hotels, CVBs, regional organizations) and help with the flow of communication within the state. In June of 2008 the Committee, as required by the statute, assisted in the judging of the ad agency contract. More efforts will be made to hold quarterly meetings within the various tourism regions in the coming years as well as holding training sessions to help educate the industry on tourism issues not provided at the annual tourism conference.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey

General Information

Formal name: TUITION RECOVER CASH FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose: 85-1656 Tuition Recovery Cash Fund; assessment; board; powers and duties.

(1) The board shall annually assess each private postsecondary career school one-tenth of one percent of the prior school year's gross tuition revenue until the Tuition Recovery Cash Fund reaches the minimum fund level. The fund shall be maintained at a minimum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars and a maximum of three hundred thousand dollars. At any time when the fund drops below the minimum level, the board may resume the assessment. Funds in excess of the maximum level shall be used as directed by the board to provide grants or scholarships for students attending private postsecondary career schools.

(2) The board shall require documentation from each private postsecondary career school to verify the tuition revenue collected by the school and to determine the amount of the assessment under this section.

(3) Any private postsecondary career school applying for authorization to operate from the commissioner or any other agency after September 9, 1993, shall not be assessed under this section for the first year of operation but shall be assessed each year thereafter for four years or until the fund reaches the minimum level required by this section, whichever occurs last, and shall maintain the surety bond or other security required by section 85-1639 until such time.

(4) The authorization to operate of any private post.

How many affectable: NA

How many served: NA

Year created: 1977

Year active: 1977

Sunset Date: NA

Contact Person: HAROLD BRILEY

Authorization

Authorization citation: 85-1654 RRS

Parent agency: NE DEPT OF ED

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 5

Who Appoints: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Legislative approval: NA

Qualifications: The Tuition Recovery Cash Fund shall be administered by the board and an advisory committee composed of the commissioner or his or her representative, the State Treasurer or his or her representative, and three administrators of private postsecondary career schools appointed by the board with the advice of the Nebraska Council of Private Postsecondary Career Schools. The board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the fund.

Per Diem: NO

Expense reimbursement: NO

Term length: 3
Terms rotate or expire at once: 6

Number of required meetings
FY 05-06: 0 Held: 0
FY 06-07: 0 Held: 0
FY 07-08: 0 Held: 0

Operations

Support Staff: NONE
Shared or separate: NONE
FY 05-06 budget: NONE
FY 06-07 budget: NONE
FY 07-08 budget: NONE
Other funding sources: NONE
Spending authority: NONE

Accomplishments: NONE

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Commission on Uniform State Laws
2. Purpose: Promote uniformity in state laws where uniformity is desirable and practicable
3. How many affectable: legislation is sponsored by legislature; affects entire state
How many served: entire state
4. Year created: 1952 Year active: 1952 Sunset date: none
5. Contact person: Jeanne Pepper

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 49-901
7. Parent agency: Legislative Council

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 6
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: no
Qualifications of members: member of bar
10. Per diem: no Expense reimbursement: yes
11. Term length: 4 yrs.
Terms rotate or expire at once: expire at once
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: 1 Held: 1
FY 06-07: 1 Held: 1
FY 07-08: 1 Held: 1

Operations

13. Support staff: none Shared or separate: _____
14. FY 05-06 budget: 29,232
FY 06-07 budget: 29,440
FY 07-08 budget: 35,065 part of Leg. Council
15. Other funding sources: _____
16. Spending authority: _____

Accomplishments

- 2005 - Uniform Commercial Code amendments
Article 1 and Article 7
17. Since July 1, 2004:
Uniform Trust Code
Uniform Principal and Income Act
 - 2006 - Uniform Commercial Code amendments
 - 2007 - Uniform Trust Code amendments
Limited Cooperative Association Act
Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act
 - 2008 - Limited Cooperative Association Act amendments

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Universal Service Fund Advisory Board
2. Purpose: To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission on the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.
3. How many affectable: 1,729,000 How many served: 1,660,000
4. Year created: 1997 Year active: 1997 Sunset date: None
5. Contact person: Sue Vanicek, Director, Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927. Phone: (402) 471-0264.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: 86-327
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 9 Who appoints: Nebraska Public Service Commission
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of Members: 1 representative for the Public Service Commission, 1 representative for elementary education and secondary schools, 1 representative for libraries, 1 representative for rural health care providers, 3 representatives for telecommunications companies, and 2 representatives for the public.
10. Per diem: None Expense Reimbursement: None
11. Term length: 3 Years Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06 1 Held 2
FY 06-07 1 Held 2
FY 07-08 1 Held 2

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared - NE Public Service Commission
14. FY 05-06 budget: None
FY 06-07 budget: None
FY 07-08 budget: None
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2004 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 as a role the task of promoting awareness of the universal service support that is available for eligible entities and individuals under the program.

During this period the Board discussed and provided input and perspective to the Commission on the following subjects related to the fund: the appropriate level to be maintained for the Nebraska Universal Service Fund surcharge; the development of a wireless service support mechanism to the Fund; the expansion of the fund to include support for distance education; and the addition of wireless carriers as entities eligible to provide supported service under the Nebraska Telecommunications Assistance Program.

2008 Boards and Commissions Survey Answer Sheet

General Information

1. **Formal Name:** Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska
2. **Purpose:** Governing board of the University of Nebraska
3. **How many affectable:** entire state
How many served: entire state
4. **Year created:** February 15, 1869. **Year active:** February 15, 1869. **Sunset date:** n/a
5. **Contact person:** Donal J. Burns, Corporation Secretary

Authorization

6. **Authorization citation:** Nebraska Constitution
7. **Parent agency:** none

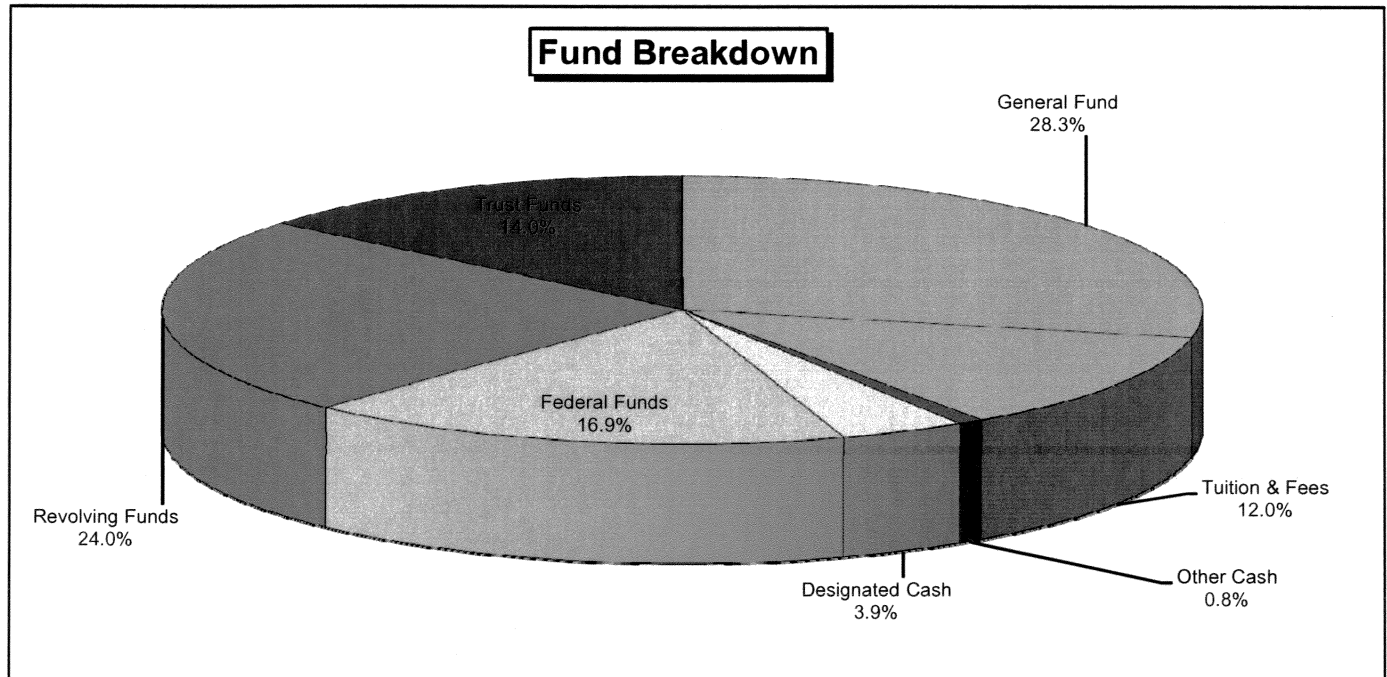
Memberships and Meetings

8. **Number of members:** eight elected members, who are elected for six-year terms, and four nonvoting student regents with one-year terms
Who appoints: Elected by voters from districts within the state. The Governor fills board vacancies by appointment as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-103.
9. **Legislative approval:** n/a
Qualifications of members: registered voter at the time of filing for office and shall meet the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which he or she is filing.
10. **Per diem:** No **Expense reimbursement:** Yes
11. **Term length:** elected: six-year terms, student regents: one-year terms
Terms rotate or expire at once: rotate

University of Nebraska (Excluding NCTA)

2004-05 Budget by Funding Source

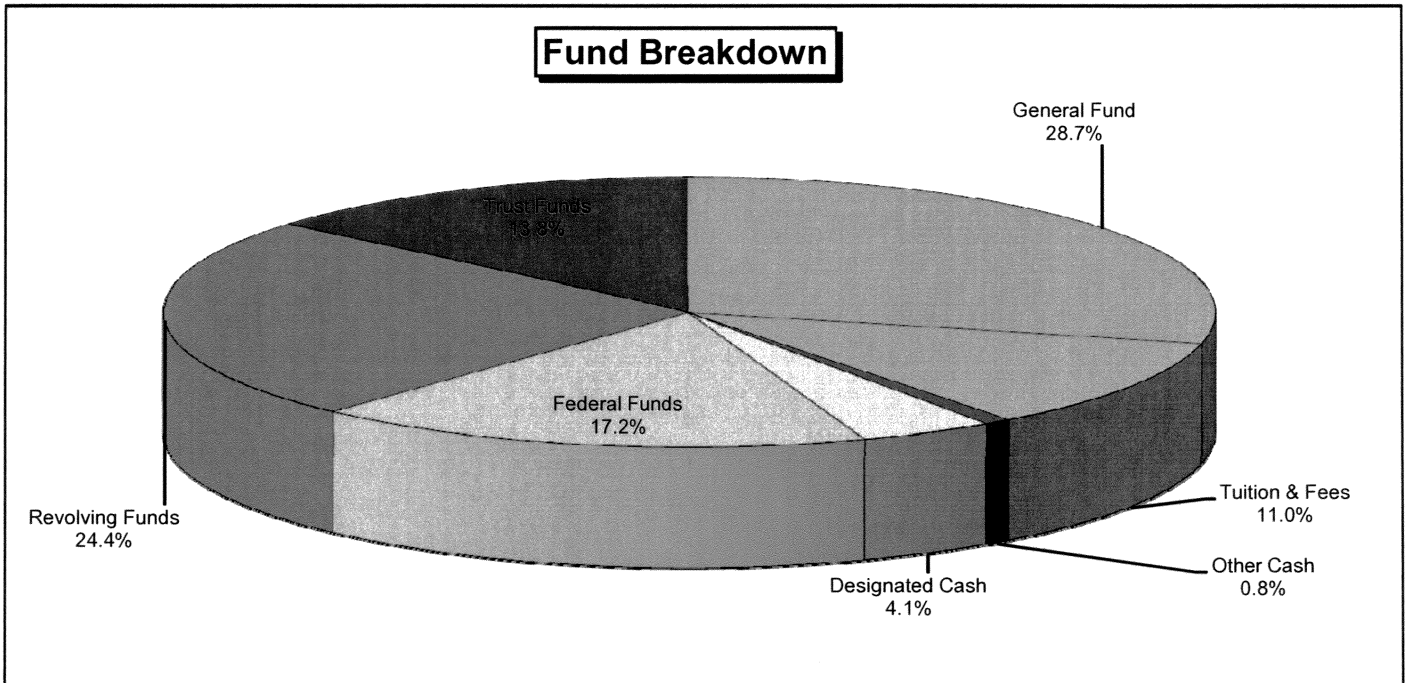
Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 396,468,402
Unrestricted Cash		
Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	167,801,945
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	11,255,655
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	55,176,984
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	237,535,238
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	337,094,319
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	196,619,121
Totals \$		1,401,951,664



University of Nebraska (Excluding NCTA)

2005-06 Budget by Funding Source

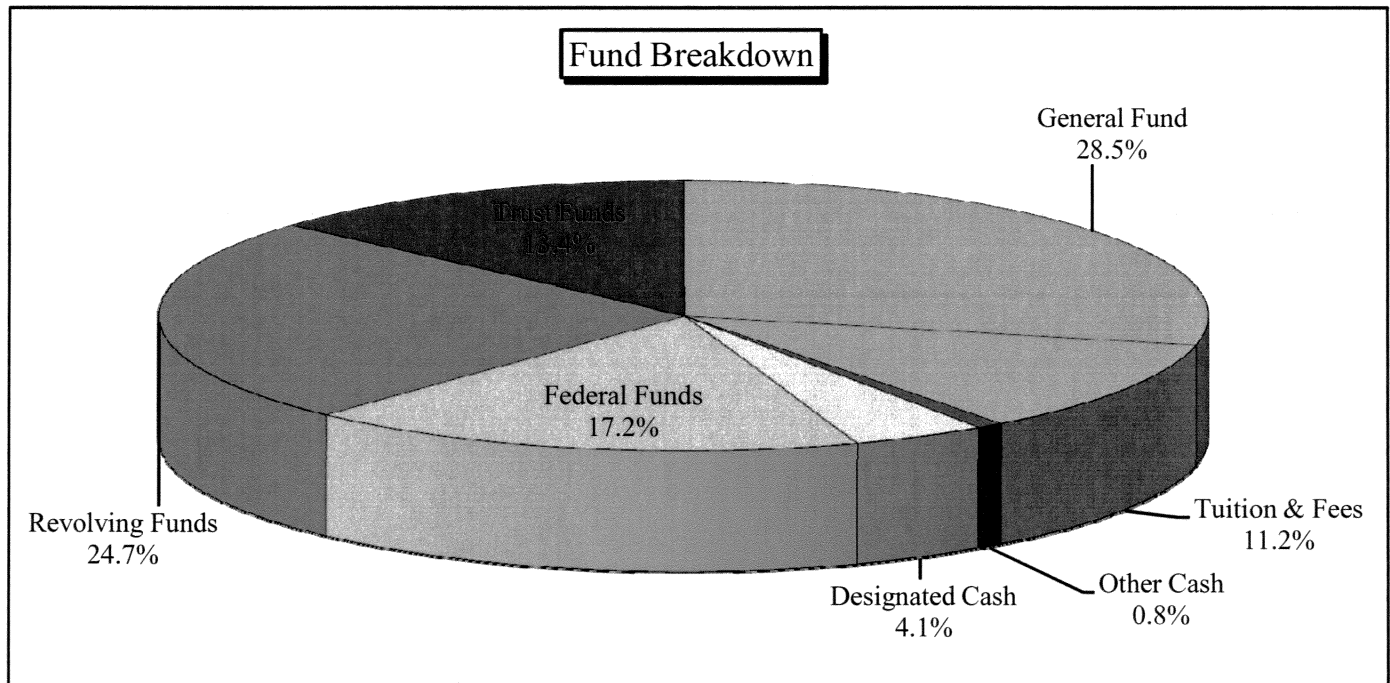
Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 425,870,011
Unrestricted Cash Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	162,691,337
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	12,021,693
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	60,505,000
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	255,477,426
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	361,975,659
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	204,704,123
Totals \$		1,483,245,249



University of Nebraska (Excluding NCTA)

2006-07 Budget by Funding Source

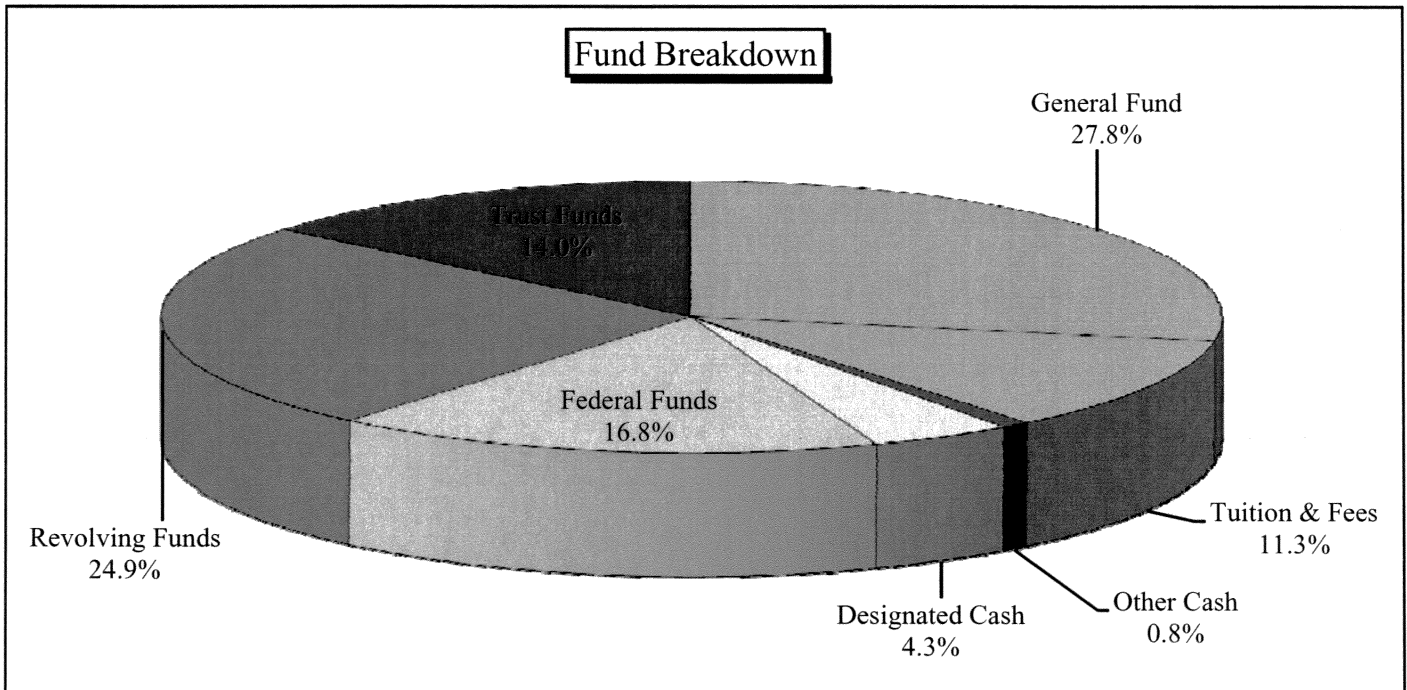
Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 452,083,346
Unrestricted Cash		
Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	178,497,097
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	12,924,893
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	65,698,000
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	273,092,667
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	392,498,258
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	212,820,385
Totals		\$ 1,587,614,646



University of Nebraska (Excluding NCTA)

2007-08 Budget by Funding Source

Fund	Definition	Amount
General Fund	State tax revenue allocated to the University	\$ 470,264,529
Unrestricted Cash Tuition & Fees	Tuition, application fees, registration fees, and other miscellaneous fees. Note, does not include course and lab fees (which are included in revolving funds).	191,533,538
Other Cash	Investment Income and other miscellaneous cash revenues	14,252,393
Designated Cash	Clinic patient revenues, Tobacco Research funds, indirect cost research incentive funds	72,826,800
Federal Funds	Provided by federal agencies for research, cooperative extension, grants and contracts, and student aid programs.	283,110,544
Revolving Funds	Self-generated from departmental sales, course and lab fees, and charges for housing, food services, etc.	420,580,698
Trust Funds	Private gifts, grants, and contracts, non-federal student aid programs, etc.	236,389,600
Totals \$		1,688,958,102



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General Information

Formal name: Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee

Purpose: The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee purpose is to review a list of all state-owned buildings and lands each year to determine if any of those properties are vacant or excess to the needs of the State of Nebraska

How many affectable: Not Applicable

How many served: Not Applicable

Year created: 1988

Year active: 1988

Sunset Date: No termination date

Contact Person: Rodney Anderson

Mailing Address: 521 South 14th Street, Lincoln NE 68508

Phone number: 402-471-0422

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812

Parent agency: None

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: Three

Who Appoints: Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812

Legislative approval: Legislative approval is not required by 72-812

Qualifications: Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812 states that the committee shall be composed of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Building Administrator, and the Administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal.

The Legislative approval is not required by Nebraska Revised Statute section 72-812

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: No

Term length: As long as the hold title or Director or Administrator

Terms rotate or expire at once: None

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 1 Held: 4

FY 06-07: 1 Held: 3

FY 07-08: 1 Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: 0

Shared or separate: 0

FY 05-06 budget: 0

FY 06-07 budget: 0

FY 07-08 budget: 0

Other funding sources: Proceeds from the sale or leased property

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Since January 31, 2005, the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee has reviewed one hundred thirty five buildings or pieces of land that have been submitted to them for review by the agency that using them. The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee has made resolution of these properties by either selling them or by having them demolished. They have also dealt with 10 requests for easements for utilities and land access.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004, provided recommendations for issuing the following licenses:

Veterinarians	179
Veterinary Technicians	216

Provided recommendations on investigation cases

Established the percentage of licensees to be audited for continuing competency

Formulated recommendations on legislation

Held hearings relating to licensure reinstatement

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General Information

Formal name: State Board of Vocational Education

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 school districts and community colleges

How many served: All public school districts and community colleges

Year created: 1951

Year active: 1955

Sunset Date: None Determined

Contact Person: Richard Katt

Mailing Address: Richard Katt
Nebraska Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987
Phone number: 402-471-4808

Authorization

Authorization citation: Nebraska Constitution, Article VII, Sec 3 and 4

Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Education

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 8

Who Appoints: Elected on a nonpartisan ballot, with one member f

Legislative approval: Not required

Qualifications: No person is eligible to membership on the State Board of Education (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 the board or commission is limited to an advisory capacity, or (3) unless he or she is a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state for a period of at least six months, and a resident of the district from which he or she is elected for a period of at least six months immediately preceding his or her election.

Per Diem: None

Expense reimbursement: Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses

Term length: 4 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Board members serve four year terms which are staggered

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 12

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 13

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 12

Operations

Support Staff: 0

Shared or separate: Provided by NDE as needed

FY 05-06 budget: 59,215.00

FY 06-07 budget: 64,000

FY 07-08 budget: 82,908

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: NEB. REV. STAT. 79-319(5)

Accomplishments: The Board has provided policy support to implement and evaluate Nebraska standards, assessment, and reporting systems. Put into a rule language to improve a safe, academic and disciplined school environment. Worked with policy partners to improve communication. Promoted and supported the use of technology for teaching and learning. Supported the work of a task force on Teacher Recruitment, Preparation, and Certification. Worked toward the improvement of quality early childhood programs. Provided continued support of the PreK-16 initiative. Supported the development and approval of a new six-year state plan for the implementation of the Carl Perkins Federal Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006. Worked to create transitions between secondary and postsecondary education. Worked to create partnerships with Workforce Development and Economic Development.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee
2. Purpose: 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
3. 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 600 certified onsite professionals in Nebraska.
How many served: We expect to have about 2000 onsite registrations this year and nearly 600 certified individuals.
4. Year Created: 2003 Year active: 2003 Sunset date: NA
5. Contact person: Pat Rice, Assistant Director, Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922, (402) 471-4216.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Neb Rev. Stats 81-15, 245
7. Parent agency: Department of Environmental Quality

Memberships and Meetings

8. 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.
9. Legislative Approval: No Qualifications: 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.
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes

11. Term Length: 4 years, maximum 2 terms Terms Rotate: Rotate

12. Number of meetings required in: FY 05-06: 4.....Held: 3.....
FY 06-07: 4.....Held: 4.....
FY 07-08: 4.....Held: 2.....

Operations

13. Support staff: No Shared: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

14. FY 05-06 Budget: \$0
FY 06-07 Budget: \$0
FY 07-08 Budget: \$0

15. Other funding sources: None

16. Spending authority: NA

Accomplishments

17. Since July, 2005: The Advisory committee has reviewed proposed revisions to Title 124 – Rules and Regulations for the Designated Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and made recommendations to the Department in this process. The committee has supported a change to increase system-registration fees and to add late registration fees. The advisory committee has made suggestions for the implementation of the regulations to the Department including testing procedures, continuing education criteria, certifications types, and enforcement.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Water Policy Task Force
2. Purpose: The Water Policy Task Force shall discuss issues relative to conjunctive use management; temporary and permanent water transfers; water leasing; water banking; inequities between surface water and ground water users; and such related issues as it deems appropriate. The Task Force shall then identify options for resolution of such issues, and shall make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor relating to any water policy changes the Task Force deems desirable so long as the Task Force is authorized by the Legislature.
3. How many affectable: Not Applicable
How many served: Not Applicable
4. Year created: 2002 Year active: 2002 Sunset date: Dec. 31, 2009
5. Contact person: Steve Gaul, Supervisor, Planning and Assistance Division, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 94676, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676. (402) 471-3955.

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 46-2,131 et seq.
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) {for budget administration}

Membership and Meetings

8. Number of members: 49
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No

Qualifications of members: (a) Twenty irrigators, with at least one from each of the state's thirteen river basins, giving consideration to maintaining a balance between surface water and ground water users --- (three from the Republican, two from the North Platte, two from the middle Platte, two from the Loup, two from the Elkhorn, two from the Big Blue, one from the South Platte, one from the lower Platte, one from the Little Blue, one from the Nemaha, one

from the Niobrara, one from the White Hat, and one from the Missouri tributaries); (b) three representatives from differing agricultural organizations; (c) three representatives from differing environmental organizations; (d) two representatives from differing recreational organizations; (e) three representatives to represent the state at large; (f) five representatives suggested for the Governor's consideration by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; (g) four representatives suggested for the Governor's consideration by the Nebraska Power Association; (h) five representatives suggested for the Governor's consideration by the League of Nebraska Municipalities, with consideration given to maintaining a balance between larger and smaller municipalities; and (i) such other members as the Governor deems appropriate to provide adequate and balanced representation. Additional members shall be: (a) one representative from the Department of Natural Resources to coordinate as appropriate with other state agencies; (b) one representative from the Attorney General's Office; (c) the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee; and (d) the vice chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee. Other members of the Legislature may participate as desired.

10. Per diem: No. Expense reimbursement: Travel expenses are reimbursed to members upon request and documentation. (In practice many/most members do not request reimbursement.)

11. Term length: Indefinite – for the duration of the Task Force

Terms rotate or expire at once: Expire at once

12. Number of meetings required in	FY 05-06:	2	Held:	5
	FY 06-07:	2	Held:	4
	FY 07-08:	2	Held:	3

Operations

13. Support staff: No, although NDNR funds have been used to provide a contracted facilitator (as authorized by statute) and NDNR provides administrative support.

Shared or separate: [See above.]

14. FY 05-06 budget:	\$0
FY 06-07 budget:	\$0
FY 07-08 budget:	\$0

15. Other funding sources: Between April 1, 2003 and June 30, 2007 a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant supplied \$134,190.78 in Trust payments for Water Policy Task Force related expenses. NDNR was also given the authority to use the unexpended balance of \$15,809.22 for Task Force expenses after

June 30, 2007 which was subsequently done for a total of \$150,000 in Nebraska Environmental Trust payments.

16. Spending authority: No. The Task Force does not directly allocate or expend funds although funds are budgeted and expended on Task Force activities through NDNR.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: The Task Force has met 12 times since July 1, 2004 and there have also been a number of subcommittee meetings. Minutes of the meetings are available online at:

<http://www.dnr.state.ne.us/watertaskforce/docs/TFminutestf.html>.

The Task Force has provided recommendations relating to legislation and discussed funding options. Task Force efforts helped lead to the drafting of LB 962 (2004) and the Task Force has monitored implementation of that legislation since its passage. The Task Force has also considered technical changes related to water administration laws and provided advice.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board**
2. Purpose: Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of its duties under the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Act which was designed to protect the ground water through licensing and regulation of well drilling contractors and pump installers; protect the health and general welfare of the citizens of Nebraska; protect ground water resources from potential pollution; and provide data on potential water supplies through well logs.
3. How many affectable: Statewide
4. How many served: Statewide
5. Year created: 1986 Year active: 1986 Sunset date: N/A
Contact person: Jack Daniel, Administrator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, Phone: 402/471-0510, Fax: 402/471-6436, E-mail: jack.daniel@dhhs.ne.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Article 12 Water Well Standards and Contractor's Licensing Act, Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 46-1217
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 10 Who appoints: Governor appoints 6; Director of each of the following agencies appoints his or her designated representatives - DHHS, DNR, NDEQ and UNL-CSD
9. Legislative approval: No Qualifications: N/A
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes - actual and necessary expenses
11. Term length: 4 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: after two full four year terms
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 6 Held: 6
FY 06-07: 6 Held: 6
FY 07-08: 6 Held: 6

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Shared DHHS Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health Services, Water Well Standards Program
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$0
FY 06-07 budget: \$0
FY 07-08 budget: \$0
15. Other funding sources: No
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004

The Board has reviewed and approved 1120 hours of continuing education; has worked with the Department on revisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act and has prepared subsequent regulations pursuant to the Act; has expanded the grout study to discover what materials provide protection to the ground water in the unsaturated zone of the bore hole; has worked with the Department in developing a set of four examinations for licensure, each set was graded and evaluated with the assistance of a psychometrician; has participated in ground water research designed to aid small towns with water quality concern; has initiated and funded a mapping project with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to locate confining units and vadose zones in each natural resources district of the state.

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General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board

Purpose: The Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board was developed to protect and foster the health, prosperity, and general welfare of its people by protecting and stabilizing the wheat industry and the economy of the areas producing wheat

How many affectable: All Nebraska Wheat Producers

How many served: All Nebraska Wheat Producers

Year created: 1955

Year active: 1955

Sunset Date: N/A

Contact Person: Royce Schaneman, Executive Director

Mailing Address: Nebraska Wheat Board

P.O. Box 94912

301 Centennial Mall S

Lincoln, NE 68509-4912

Phone number: 402-471-2358

Authorization

Authorization citation: Sections 2-2301 to 2-2321

Parent agency: N/A

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 7

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: No

Qualifications: 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 Years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 4 Held: 6

FY 06-07: 4 Held: 5

FY 07-08: 4 Held: 5

Operations

Support Staff: Yes

Shared or separate: Separate

FY 05-06 budget: \$963,714

FY 06-07 budget: \$995,614

FY 07-08 budget: \$953,089

Other funding sources: None

Spending authority: \$1,410,096 Section 2-2309 (5)

Accomplishments: The Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB) invests excise tax funds into areas of research, education, marketing, promotion, and policy development efforts including; variety development, improved production practices, and disease and pest control methods. One concentrated effort is in the development of Hard White Wheat as a viable market class. The NWB worked diligently on the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill with particular attention to Section 1612 - Hard White Wheat Development Program. The increased demand for this product both domestically and internationally strengthens profit opportunities for Nebraska wheat producers.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board
2. Purpose: To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission on the implementation, development, administration, coordination, evaluation and maintenance of Enhanced Wireless 911 service.
3. How many affectable / How many served: 93 Counties
4. Year created : 2001 Year active: 2001 Sunset date: None
5. Contact Person: Sue Vanicek, Director, Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927
Phone: 402-471-0264

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes Chapter 86, Article 22
7. Parent Agency: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of Members: 11 Members
Who appoints: 9 appointed by the Governor
9. Legislative approval : No
Qualifications: 1 Sheriff; 2 County Officials or Employees; 2 Municipal Officials or Employees; 1 Representative from the Wireless Industry; 1 Manager of a PSAP not employed by the Sheriff; 1 Representative from the Local Exchange Telecommunications Industry; 1 Commissioner from the Public Service Commission serving as Ex Officio member; 1 Public Representative; The Director of Administrative Services or his or her designee who shall serve as an Ex Officio member.
10. Per diem : No Expense Reimbursement: Yes
11. Term Length: 3 Years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Terms rotate
12. Number of Meetings Required in FY 05-06 4 Held 4
FY 06-07 4 Held 6
FY 07-08 4 Held 5

Operations

13. Support staff : Yes Shared or separate: Shared - NE Public Service Commission
14. FY 05-06 budget: None
FY 06-07 budget: None
FY 08-09 budget: None
15. Other funding sources: None
16. Spending authority: None

Accomplishments:

17. Since July 1, 2004: Nebraska has implemented Phase II in 63 counties with at least one wireless carrier. Ten additional counties have implemented Phase I and will proceed to Phase II as soon as equipment upgrades are made to their PSAP. Nine counties have implemented landline E911. Eight of those counties will implement Phase II in the near future.

All PSAP's in the state must achieve landline E911 by July, 2010. The Commission has opened a docket to investigate and establish procedures for the designation of public safety answering points for the receipt and dispatch of wireless 911 service calls from counties without enhanced 911 service in the event that all PSAP's have not achieved landline E911 at that time.

The advisory board advises the Commission on many aspects of the wireless E911 program. The board will play an instrumental role in the selection and recommendation of vendors of choice for phase II implementation.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Women's Health Initiative of Nebraska Advisory Council**
2. Purpose: To improve the health of women in Nebraska by fostering the development of a comprehensive system of coordinated services, policy development, advocacy, and education.
3. How many affectable: All women in Nebraska
4. How many served: All women in Nebraska
5. Year created: 2000 Year active: 2000 Sunset date: 2009
Contact person: Kathy Ward, Office of Women's and Men's Health Administrator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, PO Box 94817, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-4817; Telephone: (402) 471-3914, E-mail: kathy.ward@dhhs.ne.gov

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Section 71-701 to 71-707, Laws 2000, LB 480; Laws 2004, LB 818; Laws 2005, LB 301; Laws 2007, LB 296
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Women's and Men's Health.

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 0 Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications: At least $\frac{3}{4}$ of members must be 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 health 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, (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 Medical School, the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women or his or her designee, the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Title V Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.
10. Per diem: No
Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in Held: 3
FY 05-06: 2 Held: 3
FY 06-07: 2 Held: 3
FY 07-08: 2 Held: 3

Operations

13. Support staff: 2 in Office of Women's and Men's Health,
Shared or separate: Shared
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$362
FY 06-07 budget: \$609
FY 07-08 budget: \$239
15. Other funding sources: Authorized by statute to obtain and expend donated and grant funds; utilizes federal funds and partnering arrangements within the Office of Women's and Men's health for individual initiatives
16. Spending authority: Yes, spending is done through the Office of Women's and Men's Health.

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004

Four Women's Health Symposia that provided education and/or continuing education credits and health screenings to an average annual attendance of 336 persons, most of whom were health professionals; obtained a grant, *Healthy Behaviors in Women* from the Health Services and Resources Administration to address a Council priority of physical fitness and nutrition for minority women; mini-grants to Nebraska communities to educate on heart disease prevention and detection in women; *Wear Red Day* activities and distribution of educational materials on heart disease awareness; development and release of the Nebraska Women's Health Strategic Plan; funding of three community pilot projects to do data-based planning and implementation; annual release of data in the Annual Report; development and release of a Women's Health Report Card; annual legislative positions submitted to the Legislature; development and release of screening guidelines for women in conjunction with the Nebraska Medical Association; annual Mother's Day walking campaigns and distribution of pedometers in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Region VII of the Public Health Service; funding of mini-grants to communities to encourage walking; distribution of walking journals in English and Spanish; funding of three grants to create physical activity scorecard campaigns for preteen girls and adult women; development and maintenance of a women's health website; educational presentations to state employees; distribution of Daybooks with education on self-care, stress reduction, physical activity, and nutrition; community presentations and media interviews; development of a Speakers' Bureau in conjunction with the Nebraska Medical Association; support for the Every Woman Matters Program for breast, cervical, cardiovascular and diabetes screening and for the Colon Cancer Screening Program; consultation and development of partnerships for men's health activities

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General Information

1. Formal Name: Nebraska Worker Training Board
2. Purpose: Support the public/private training, retraining and upgrading of skills of existing Nebraska workers through the quarterly distribution of training grants.
3. How many affectable: Every Nebraska business that may contribute to the State Unemployment Insurance Trust system and their employees.
How many served: Last year – 875 businesses and approximately 18,000 employees.
4. Year created: 1996 Year active: 1998 Sunset date: n/a
5. Contact person: Steve Porr, Program Coordinator, 550 South 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-9977

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: Nebraska Revised Statutes § 48-622.03
7. Parent agency: Nebraska Workforce Development/Department of Labor

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: 7 (seven)
Who appoints: Governor
9. Legislative approval: No
Qualifications of members: Commissioner of Labor; Commissioner of Education; Director of Economic Development; Director – Nebraska Community College Association; Three members selected from the State Advisory Council (created in §48-410 Nebraska Revised Statutes) representing the Public, Employees and Employers
10. Per diem: No Expense reimbursement: Yes
11. Term length: 3 years
Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate
12. Number of meetings required in
FY 05-06: 4 Held: 4
FY 06-07: 4 Held: 4
FY 07-08: 4 Held: 4

Operations

13. Support staff: Yes Shared or separate: Nebraska Workforce Development
14. FY 05-06 budget: \$140,000
FY 06-07 budget: \$140,000
FY 07-08 budget: \$140,000
15. Other funding sources: In the past, the Program has occasionally received funds from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Governor's Reserve Fund. Further funding from this source is not expected in the future.
16. Spending authority: No

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: Recommended the approval of 1,813 training grants in the amount of \$6,286,903.00 to benefit 3,925 Nebraska businesses through the training of approximately 67,000 Nebraska employees.

2008 Boards and Commissions Online Survey

Survey submitted

Your Completed Survey is shown below

General Information

Formal name: Nebraska Workforce Investment Board

Purpose: In 1998, President Clinton signed the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) which reformed federal job training programs. The Act requires a State Board to assist the Governor in developing/carrying out workforce activities. In addition, state legislation established a state WIA board by Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-1623.

How many affectable: N/A

How many served: N/A

Year created: 1998

Year active: 1999

Sunset Date: only by new federal legislation

Contact Person: Kathie Lueke

Mailing Address: Office of Workforce Programs

Nebraska Workforce Development

Department of Labor

550 S. 16th St.

P.O. Box 94600

Lincoln, NE 68509-4600

Phone number: (402)471-8574

Authorization

Authorization citation: Public Law 105-220, 111(b); Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-1623

Parent agency: Nebraska Workforce Development - DOL

Memberships and Meetings

Number of Members: 45

Who Appoints: Governor

Legislative approval: N/A

Qualifications: The State Board shall maintain a majority of business representatives with policy making or hiring authority and also consist of the following members with representation as follows: the Governor; two members of the Nebraska Legislature; representatives of business who have been nominated by state business organizations and business trade associations; chief elected officials (representing both cities and counties); representatives of labor organizations, who have been nominated by State Labor federations; representatives of individuals and organizations that have experience with respect to youth activities; representatives of individuals and organizations that have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce investment activities; lead State agency officials with responsibility for programs described in 121(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and such other representatives and State agency officials as the Governor may designate.

Per Diem: No

Expense reimbursement: Yes

Term length: 3 years

Terms rotate or expire at once: Rotate

Number of required meetings

FY 05-06: 2

Held: 2

FY 06-07: 2

Held: 2

FY 07-08: 3

Held: 3

Operations

Support Staff: Shared or separate: Shared

FY 05-06 budget: \$0.00

FY 06-07 budget: \$0.00

FY 07-08 budget: \$0.00

Other funding sources: No

Spending authority: No

Accomplishments: Accomplishments include but are not limited to development of the State Plan and published annual report; development and continuous improvement of a statewide system of activities that are funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, carried out through a one-stop delivery system and development of linkages to assure coordination and nonduplication among programs and activities; review of local plans; commenting at least annually on measures taken pursuant to section 113(b) (14) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act; designation of local areas; allocation formulas for distribution of funds for adult employment and training activities and youth activities to local areas permitted by the legislation; development and continuous improvement of comprehensive State performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the workforce investment activities in the State; development and maintenance of the statewide employment statistics system; development of an application for a WIA incentive grant; and development and promotion of youth activities authorized under the Act. Special initiatives led by the board include establishing strategic Key Result Areas, a Mystery Shopper project to assess customer service by the System; an awareness/marketing campaign of services available to the public and employers through the One-Stop system; and a formal study of the one-stop system intergration with partners agencies.

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General Information

1. Formal Name: **Wyuka Cemetery**
2. Purpose: **The real property upon which Wyuka Cemetery is located shall be used for the burial of the dead, and a portion of that property shall be appropriated and dedicated to the use and for the purpose of a soldiers burial ground.**
3. How many affectable: **Thousands of Nebraskans**
How many served: **Thousands of Nebraskans are served**
4. Year created: **1869** Year active: _____ Sunset date: **Perpetual**
5. Contact person: **Jeffrey L. Schumacher, P.O. Box 83246, Lincoln, NE 68501-3246**

Authorization

6. Authorization citation: **Section 12-101**
7. Parent agency: **None**

Memberships and Meetings

8. Number of members: **3 Trustees**
Who appoints: **Governor**
9. Legislative approval: **No**
Qualifications of members: **None**
10. Per diem: **None** Expense reimbursement: **None**
11. Term length: **Six Years**
Terms rotate or expire at once: **Rotate**
12. Number of meetings required in FY 05-06: **Four** Held: **Annually**
FY 06-07: **Four** Held: **Annually**
FY 07-08: **Four** Held: **Annually**

Operations

13. Support staff: **None** Shared or separate: **None**
14. FY 05-06 budget: **None**
FY 06-07 budget: **None**
FY 07-08 budget: **None**
15. Other funding sources: **None**
16. Spending authority: **Yes, pursuant to Section 12-101**

Accomplishments

17. Since July 1, 2004: **Many funerals and burials have been performed at Wyuka since July 1, 2004.**

