

Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist Registration Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 2020

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

MINUTES REPAIRED BY: TRACIE ZERWAS

LOCATION: DUE TO COVID – 19 MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Council Members Present

- Charles Dierker, R.S., MDH, State Member – Chair
- Lynn Moore, R.S., City of Bloomington, City Member – Vice Chair
- Duane Hudson, R.S., Hennepin County, County Member
- Nikki Coler, Public Member
- Raymond Starin, MDA, State Member
- Neile Reider, Industry Member
- Robert Anderson, Public Member (a few minutes after meeting started)

MDH Staff Members Present

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

Guest

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

Call to Order

Charles Dierker

- Charles called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.
- Nick Anderson was introduced as the MDH attorney that would be assisting our department on the current Environmental Health Specialist/Registered rule revision efforts.

Nick introduced himself and stated that he has been employed with MDH since this past April and previously he had been employed by the Attorney General's Office and had a private practice in Duluth Minnesota.

Approval of the Agenda

Charles Dierker

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

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Neile Reider

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Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2020

Charles Dierker

- A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Neile Reider

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MDH Updates

- None at this time.

New Business

- None at this time.

Review of Science Course List

It was previously proposed that sustainability be added to the list of approved science courses. There was some discussion among the Council members.

Duane made a motion to table this issue until further research on sustainability could be completed by the council, such as narrowing the path to sustainability or adding science behind sustainability and until after the existing rule revisions are made.

Motion: Duane Hudson

Seconded: Nikki Coler

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Approval of Candidates for Registration/Examination

Daniel M. Buchholz

Daniel Buchholz has a B.A. Sc degree in Exercise Science from Concordia College and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. Daniel is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Neile Reider

Seconded: Lynn Moore

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Mark A. Emlaw

Mark Emlaw has a B.A. Sc degree in Public Health Education and Promotion from University of Minnesota, Duluth. Mark is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Robert Anderson

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Abdullahi A. Nur

Abdullahi Nur has a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from University of Minnesota State University, Mankato and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. Abdullahi is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Raymond Starin

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Duane Hudson abstained.

Thomas E. Olson

Thomas Olson has a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from University of Minnesota, Duluth and meets the of the one-year supervised employment. Thomas is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Robert Anderson

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Nathan L. Topp

Nathan Topp has a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from St. Cloud University and meets the one-year supervised employment. Nathan is approved to take the examination. Upon successful completion of the examination, the candidate may be approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Raymond Starin

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Charles Dierker abstained.

Candidates Applying for Reciprocity

Andrea J. Demmer

Andrea Demmer has a B.S. degree in Chemistry from North Dakota State University and meets the one-year supervised employment. Andrea is approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore

Seconded: Neile Reider

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Baigalmaa Tsolmonbaatar

Baigalmaa Tsolmonbaatar has a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and meets the one-year supervised employment. Baigalmaa is approved for registration.

Motion: Lynn Moore
Seconded: Neile Reider
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Old Business

1. Rule Update and Side-by-Side Rule Language Review: Linda Prail
 - a. A draft copy of the rule revisions and a side-by-side copy of the rule revision changes had been sent out for Council review.
 - b. Linda informed the Council that that the Request For Comments has been signed by MDH and that we are preparing to get the Governor's approval for publication. The date of publication will be announced to the Council before the publication date.
 - c. Credential/title
 - i. Linda asked the Council why both R.E.H.S. and R.S. were used as credentials and are both credentials/titles needed?
 1. There was much discussion by the Council. The Council unanimously decided that MDH would put together a survey to send out to all affected parties. The results of the survey would be sent all Council members for further discussion.

(MDH sent the survey out to 440 recipients on 10/19/2020 and it closed 11/02/2020.)
 - d. Full-time employment – 35 hours
 - i. Linda and Nick advised the Council to provide a definition for the phrase "full- time employment" in the proposed rule language. Nick stated that to apply the phrase, a definition would be needed. He further stated that a definition could be created that allows flexibility.
 1. There was much discussion by the Council. The Council decided to have further discussion regarding the language Neile provided from the Minnesota Engineer credential described in part 1800.2500 supb. 4D. The language is as follows: "One year of experience consists of full- or part- time employment that extends over a period of no less than 12 months and includes no fewer than 2,000 hours of performance of engineering work described in part 1800.2805." Further discussion on this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Other Issues

None at this time.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2020 and will be held remotely. A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Robert Anderson

Seconded: Neile Reider

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