

State Board of Health Rules Committee

Thursday, May 08, 2025

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting Recording:

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Members Present: Damon Arnold, Dawn Brown, Rashmi Chugh, David Chung, John (“Jack”) Herrmann, Yvette Johnson-Walker, Abel Kho, Juleigh Nowinski Konchak, Angela Oberreiter, Karen Phelan, Esther Sciammarella, Claire Simon, Susan Swider
- Members Not Present: Rodney Alford, David Cross
- IDPH Staff Present: Assistant Director Janice Phillips, Allison Nickrent, Jessica Bounds, Leslie Chapman, Sean Dailey, Joan V. Ehrhardt, Sara Ettinger, Louis Lee, Mohammad S. Nasir, Andrea T. Perez, Randal Ralph, Karen Senger
- Guests: Sheila McMackin and Kristin Rubbelke – Illinois Home Care and Hospice Council

2. Public Comment

- Sheila McMackin (Wellspring Personal Care, IHHC Council):
 - Concerned that proposed nurse-delegation rules require both Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) II and medication-aide credentials, which are currently scarce due to no financial incentives, limited training access, and minimal workforce pipeline.
 - Recommendation is to remove dual credential requirement and allow delegation to any CNA I to ensure implementable home-based care workforce solutions.

3. New Business

- a. Assistant Director’s Remarks (Janice Phillips)
 - Appreciation for Committee’s policy-making contributions
 - Monitoring of pending executive orders and federal funding cuts; special briefing held on April 18 for local health departments.

- Measles outbreak in southern Illinois (eight cases) and targeted outreach planning with local health departments and migrant council.

b. Chairman's Comments (Karen Phelan)

- The Chair thanked members for submitting suggestions for potential candidates to serve on the State Board of Health. These recommendations are currently under review. The Board is awaiting reappointments and new appointments from the Governor's Office. Members with expiring terms are asked to contact Allison Nickrent to discuss reappointment or to inform her if they do not intend to reapply.
- Members were reminded that all State Board of Health (SBOH) meetings are held in person at one of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) offices. In contrast, Rules Committee and Policy Committee meetings are conducted virtually via Webex, with participation on camera expected.

c. Legislative Updates (Allison Nickrent)

- Currently in the final month of the 2025 regular legislative session (the deadline is May 31, but any extensions beyond June 1st requires a new super-majority (3/5) threshold to pass bills.
- Currently 500 bills that are being tracked, 200 remain active.
- IDPH-sponsored bills include...
 - Increase "Certificate of Free Sale" fee from \$10 to \$60.
 - Update hospital emergency/disaster plan titles.
 - Enhance hospital reporting for abuse/misconduct.
 - Expand OD MAP statewide (currently Chicago only).
 - Adjust syphilis testing timeline for pregnant individuals.
 - Health Facilities & Services Review Board Act updates.
- One Health Commission: Legislation secured to create a permanent One Health Commission at IDPH in partnership with University of Illinois; invitations will be coming soon.

4. Review of Administrative Rules

a. 77-245, Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 245

- Presenter: Karen Senger
- The changes being to the Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Code is to exempt county health departments from licensure fees for home health entities (Public Act 101-30734)
- State Board of Health Rules Committee approved the changes to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 245 for filing with Secretary of State for First Notice.

b. 77-245, Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 245

- Presenter: Karen Senger
- The changes being made incorporate RN-driven delegation to unlicensed caregivers (CNA I/II or LPN) per Nurse Practice Act; new defining training, documentation, and monitoring requirements.
- Documentation mandates: patient record-specific delegation orders and bi-weekly competency monitoring.

- State Board of Health Rules Committee approved the changes to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 245 for filing with Secretary of State for First Notice.
 - c. 77-661, Newborn and Infant Screening and Treatment Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 661
 - Presenter: Joan Ehrhardt
 - The changes allow GAMT deficiency and metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD) to be added to newborn metabolic screening panel; reset screening fee to cover expanded operations.
 - Fee applicability to submitting institutions; considerations for self-pay families.
 - State Board of Health Rules Committee approved the changes of 77 Ill. Adm. Code 661 for filing with Secretary of State for First Notice.
 - d. 77-692. Appendix A, AIDS Drug Assistance Program Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 692
 - Presenter: Andrea Perez
 - Changes technical and fee adjustments per statutory mandate, updates 2024 Poverty Level to 2025 Poverty level as required by federal funder HRSA.
 - State Board of Health Rules Committee approved the changes to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 692 for filing with Secretary of State for First Notice.
5. Old Business
- a. Not Applicable
6. 2025 Meetings
- a. **STATE BOARD OF HEALTH 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**
- i June 5
 - ii September 4
 - iii December 11
- b. **STATE BOARD OF HEALTH RULES COMMITTEE 1:00 – 3:00 PM**
- i August 14
 - ii November 6
- c. **STATE BOARD OF HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE 1:00 – 3:00 PM**
- i August 21
 - ii November 13

Adjournment