

## **Health Content Standards Writing Committee Meeting Minutes January 28-29, 2026**

### **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Bismarck Career Academy

Facilitator: Davonne Eldredge, NDDPI  
Robin Lang, Consultant, former NDDPI

Meeting Convened: 8:30 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 PM

#### Attendance – Health Content Standard Writing Committee Members

- Eichmann, Austin
- Hahne, Kristen
- Hendricks, Chelsea
- Johnson Krug, Dr. Rachel
- Kalash, Lori
- Kanz, Dr. Betsy
- Klootwyk, Kate
- Kramer, Heather
- Kuester, Brittany
- Lindgren, Nocole
- Pilon, Mary Beth
- Rizzo, Michael
- Schmiedeberg, Pam
- Seyfried, Nicole
- Swedberg, Leah
- Wacha, Robin

#### Attendance – ND Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI), Northeast Education Services Cooperative (NESC), and ND Department of Health and Human Services (NDDHHS) Members

- Davonne Eldredge, NDDPI
- Jen Withers, NDDPI
- Shannon Sorenson, NDDPI
- Robin Lang, Consultant
- Erin Lacina, NESC
- Heather Kapella, NDDHHS

### **Review of November Meeting and Preview Agenda**

Davonne Eldredge welcomed the Health Content Standards Writing Committee members and reviewed the work completed in the November meeting. The work completed since the November meeting was summarized (public comment, review committee meeting). The agenda and tasks to be completed in January were previewed.

### **Review of Public Comment and Review Committee Feedback**

The committee members broke into grade level groups to review the feedback provided by the public comment and review committee. The committees read and discussed the feedback provided. Actions taken and reasons for those actions were recorded in the TEAM file.

### **Revisions to Standards**

As each group reviewed the feedback, revisions were made to the standards and clarifications. Those revisions were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Review of Crosswalks**

The grade level groups reviewed crosswalks comparing the new standards to the 2018 standards to discuss changes made. When reviewing the 2018 standards, they discussed 2018 benchmarks omitted to ensure they had included all concepts as intended. Additions to the new standards were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Review Alignment of the Standards**

The groups reviewed impact of the revisions made to the standards on the alignment and progression of skills. Revisions made to the standards were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Cross Level Standards Review**

Robin Lang had the grade level groups review the standards written at other levels to proof them for clarity and substance. Feedback was provided for the groups writing the standards in the TEAM file.

### **Cross Level Feedback Review**

The grade level groups reviewed the feedback provided during the cross level review. Revisions made were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Reflections on Day 1 and Planning for Day 2**

Ms. Eldredge reviewed the work completed throughout the deate and outlined the tasks remaining for Day 2.

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### **Welcome Back and Announcements**

Davonne Eldredge welcomed the group back and previewed the agenda for the day. Work completed the previous day was reviewed.

### **Standards Revisions**

Robin Lang broke the committee into grade level groups to continue making revisions based on the cross level feedback provide the previous day. Revisions were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Revisions to Clarifications**

The grade level groups reviewed the clarifications for each standard to ensure they aligned with the revised standard. Clarification revisions were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Review of the Glossary**

The committee reviewed the glossary terms identified previously to determine if they were needed or if additional terms needed to be identified. The group decided to mark the terms in bold-faced type within the standards document. Revisions were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Review the References**

The committee as a whole reviewed the list of references used to write the standards created in the previous meeting to ensure it remained accurate. Revisions were noted in the TEAM file.

### **Review of Appendices**

The whole group reviewed the items in appendices created in the previous meeting to determine if the appendices items were needed. They made revisions in the TEAM file.

### **Review of the Introduction**

The writing committee as a whole reviewed and discussed the introduction written in the previous meeting to determine if it remained accurate. The group discussed the addition of a page in front of each section identifying health concepts addressed by the page. This page would contain a graphic containing the information from the introduction of the 2018 standards. Revisions were made in the TEAM file.

### **Vote for Public Release of Second Draft Content**

The committee held a vote to release the introduction, concept graphic, reference list, glossary, appendices content, progressions, and revisions to the standards for public comment. The committee members present voted unanimously to release these portions of the standards for public comment.

### **Reflections on Day 2 and Planning for April**

Ms. Eldredge reviewed the work completed in the two-day session. The elements approved for public release will be formatted and released for public comment. Those comments will be compiled and provided to the writing committee in April. The group will meet in April to review the feedback, make edits to the standards based on recommendations provided, work on resources to accompany the standards, and discuss roll out plans for the new standards. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.