Overview:

The chapter is being revised to eliminate and update outdated language, incorporate the Iowa Public Health Standards, and allow the board to create a substance abuse program committee to oversee substance abuse program licensure. These changes have been approved by the State Board of Health.

Section-by-section:

Section 1. Composition of board.

The composition of board members was updated to add members with direct public health experience. The total number of board members did not change.

Section 2. Duties.

This section has undergone significant revision to update outdated language, incorporate the Iowa Public Health Standards, and adds language allowing the board to create a substance abuse program committee to oversee substance abuse program licensure. This section would replace Section 136.3, Code 2009.

Section 3. Meetings.

This section was changed to allow the state board of health more flexibility in conducting meetings requiring that the board shall meet at least six times per year rather than dictating that the board shall meet on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months. Changes make the department responsible for providing notice of meetings rather than the state board of health chairperson.

Section 4. Chairperson – staff assistance.

This section amends the current language of Chapter 136 to change the title given to the elected member from president to chairperson. Also changes the title of the department assigned employee to take minutes from executive clerk to staff.

Section 5. Supplies.

This section cleans up code language making it clear that the department will furnish the state board of health with all articles and supplies necessary to carry out its duties.