

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
October 8, 2012

**Present:** Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND; Greg Eckel, ND; Sheila Myers, ND; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

**Excused:** Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member

**Executive Session Motions:** In cases **N12-08-21, N11-11-33, N12-07-12, P.** Chapman moved to dismiss these cases without further action, D. Adkins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. In cases **N12-07-15A, N12-08-17A, N12-08-19A,** P. Chapman moved to grant a license to the applicants, S. Ohgushi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. In case **N12-10-25, P.** Chapman moved to open an investigation, G. Eckel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. In cases **N12-08-20A** and **N12-08-22A,** P. Chapman moved to propose discipline once an application is submitted, S. Ohgushi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the August 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the Board. D. Adkins moved to approve the minutes as written; S. Ohgushi seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Administrative Rules:** Ms. Walsh began a discussion regarding **OAR 850-060-0212** and recertification in IV chelation therapy. Licensees who perform IV chelation therapy are required to recertify in IV chelation therapy every five years. There is a concern regarding people who let their recertification lapse beyond the required five years and then seek to recertify and whether the person should be required to take a shorter refresher course or retake the original 12-hour original training. G. Eckel noted that refresher courses can be of limited value to a ND's competency; however, does have value and needs to be required. The consensus was that the current language was sufficient.

Ms. Walsh began a discussion regarding **OAR 850-040-0210(k)** and obtaining CE credit for participants in NPLEX exam writing if they are paid employees of NABNE. The consensus of the Board was that it was acceptable for continuing education credit.

**General Business:**

**Formulary Council** – Ms. Walsh explained that at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, there was only one submission and it was not an applicable formulary substance. There was a discussion in the formulary council about how to address new drugs coming on the market and how the council adds them to the formulary. The FC will look at revamping the direction of their responsibility at the March 2013 meeting.

**Midwifery** – S. Ohgushi continued a discussion from the previous meeting on the regulation of midwifery in Oregon. A midwifery working group met and discussed the creation of a legislative concept to introduce mandatory licensure for midwives, keeping licensure under the OHLA (Oregon Health Licensing Agency), making them autonomous, and would not affect Naturopathic Doctors certified in natural childbirth.

**Natural Childbirth** - There was further discussion about creating an inactive status for the natural childbirth certificate. At a future meeting, S. Ohgushi will continue the discussion on this issue.

**SERV-OR** – Eric Gebbie, DrPH, from the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, presented the Board with a better understanding of SERV-OR (State Emergency Registry Volunteers). Many new ND's have joined recently and brought the total registered to 30; however, Eric would like to

see even more NDs registered. SERV-OR has been educating their coordinators on the skills and benefits of ND participants. The SERV-OR system gives volunteers liability protection to protect health professionals serving as volunteers in emergencies.

**Advisor for non-ND school** – There was a discussion about a ND taking a position advising students at a non-ND accredited school. The consensus was that it was not an issue.

**Coordinated Care Organizations** – There has been an ongoing issue of ND's being excluded as providers by the CCO. The Board would like more information regarding the professional association's interaction with this issue. Ms. Walsh will invite a representative of the professional association to speak on this issue at a future meeting.

**Legislation:**

**LC380 & LC381** – Ms. Walsh will be meeting with Michael Kaplan, from the Governor's office and coordinates legislative concepts. She will explain the concepts in greater detail to increase the likelihood of support from the Governor's office and thereby increasing the likelihood of them being passed.

**Directors Report:**

**Agency Requested Budget** – Ms. Walsh updated the Board on the budget she sent to the Governor's office on August 31st. It includes changing the investigator position from temporary to permanent. The Governor's recommended budget should be out in January 2013.

John Terpening from Legislative Fiscal was a guest at the meeting. He clarified some questions on the process that were posed by Board members.

**Renewals** – Ms. Walsh will be opening up the online renewal process after the newsletter goes out to licensees, which should happen before the end of October.

**FNMRA** – Ms. Walsh discussed paying a membership fee for the newly created Federation of Naturopathic Medical Regulatory Authorities. The fee for membership is \$900 with the current number of licensees. The Board approved this fee be paid, ongoing, by Ms. Walsh.

**Insurance Billing** – There was a discussion about the issue of ND's, billing for services done by qualified employees. The consensus was that the issue is between the ND and the contract held with the insurance providers.

**Miscellaneous:** There were no miscellaneous agenda items.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:00pm.

Board members worked on CE after the close of the meeting.