

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
February 11, 2013

Present: Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Sheila Myers, ND; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

Excused: Greg Eckel, ND

The Board went into Public session at 11:38am
The Board went back into Executive Session at 12:01pm
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The Board went into Public session at 1:00pm

Executive Session Motions: Y. Hu made a motion in **N12-08-23**, to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline; S. Myers seconded and all members present were in favor. Y. Hu moved in case **N13-02-03A** moved to not waive the licensure requirements, D. Adkins seconded, S. Ohgushi and M. Homer agreed; S. Myers was opposed, and P. Chapman abstained. In **N12-12-32N** and **N12-12-34** P. Chapman moved to dismiss, D. Adkins seconded and all members present were in favor. In **N12-12-35** Y Hu moved to open an investigation, S. Ohgushi seconded and all members present were in favor.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the December 10, 2012 meeting were reviewed. D. Adkins moved to approve the minutes as written; S. Ohgushi seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Administrative Rules: **OAR 850-035-0230** amendments have been posted with comments due by 2/22/2013. The comments submitted to date were discussed. S. Ohgushi talked to these suggested changes. The amendments include annual case-review; allowing all births; require that at least 5 births must have been attended within the two years prior to applying for certification; and to allow a ND with current certification to request an inactive status. The inactive status would have requirements for maintaining that status and for reinstating certificate to an active status. After further discussion on different aspects of the rule, the potential program restart-up at NCNM and additional natural childbirth CE hours annually, the amendments will stay as they are. **OAR 850-001-0015** on Hearing procedures, and **850-030-0035** fees, to include a correction to the reinstatement fee and inactive status for natural childbirth were initiated by S. Ohgushi; Y. Hu seconded and all members present were in favor. Ms. Walsh will initiate rule-making.

There was discussion on changing the birth record reporting form, so that personal information is kept more confidential; using non-identifying coding - maybe just due date and initial. More discussion will be held on this issue in the future.

There was discussion on **850-040-0210** and the need to define study groups. They are becoming very popular and most often offered quality education, but have no boundary or parameter for attendees to follow. S. Myers will submit initial concepts on what should be included as part of the rule; possibly create a form that is to be used as a guideline in study groups/ case review. Proposals will be discussed at future meetings.

There was discussion on watching "films" and getting CE credit when the topic is not directly related to naturopathic medical education. If a film was developed for professional providers, then yes, it would be approved for CE. If is a film, no matter how thought provoking, is a general public movie, it cannot be considered for CE.

EMT training is approved for CE credit.

Pain Management/Care~ There was discussion on the increase in the number of NDs treating acute/chronic pain patients. The Board reiterated the importance of not only having prescribing authority but having the education and training to treat and refer appropriately when managing patients with acute/chronic pain. There was discussion of the OBNM posting online links to tools; however, unless a ND has the appropriate education and training it may not be positive. The OBNM discussed posting on the Board site links with more training and tools for NDs to access. This will require more time to make sure the links are quality education.

As with any protocol, it is the responsibility of the licensee to be educated. The OBNM noted that the ND must be educated before treating a patient. It is better to refer a patient with chronic pain, and work with another health care provider. There are Pain clinics which are the best resource for some patients. Does the OBNM want to start to approve pain management training to get NDs up to speed? The Board wants to continue to look at essential education and training for licensees.

General Business:

Ms. Walsh wanted to start the discussion of a Board retreat within the next year; in an effort to invite more licensees and reevaluate the Board's direction. The last retreat was held in 2010. With a natural childbirth certified ND as a board member the retreat must be held within one hour of Portland, if held at a time that births are anticipated. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

Legislation:

SB 108 and SB 109– SB 108 and SB 109 have passed through the Senate; they will now be heard by the House Health Care Committee.

Ms. Walsh suggested that a Board member be at the table when any agency bill, including the budget is presented, to answer technical/practice questions.

SB 108 had some committee members asking why some agencies have this authority, some do not, and should all agencies have it?

Ms. Walsh asked the Board to review the three comparisons she has given to legislators in the past. She asked that they confirm that condition and treatment and cost has remained similar. It was determined that the costs are likely low, since the comparison is from 2000.

SB109 has not met with any opposition or concern.

Ms. Walsh updated the Board on other legislation being watched.

Directors Report:

Agency Requested Budget – The Budget hearing is set for March 18. Ms. Walsh does not anticipate any problems with the budget being approved.

Board Terms - Michelle Homer's term will expire June 30. The need to replace her position with someone in Southern Oregon is important, as well as having diversity on the board. It is expected that Charles Wiggins will be appointed to replace Yi Hu, whose term actually expired in June 2012. He has graciously continued to serve until an appointment was made.

The Board discussed a possible legislative concept for 2015 to change the statute so that board terms are three years, from the time of appointment. Currently terms end June 30 on a 3-year cycle, leaving some member terms as short as 1-1/2 years.

Drug Outlets - There is an opinion of drug outlets and who must register with the Board of Pharmacy if dispensing drugs from a office location. Rules are being worked on by the Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Walsh will keep the Board apprised of any rules that are considered.

Staffing: The 2013-15 budget request includes a request to make the Investigator II a permanent position. Ms. Walsh just finished working with Human Resources to move the Administrative Assistant position into executive service, prior to recruiting for the position. The applications will get a pre-screening for qualifications; then drill down to three or four candidates to interview. The position has been vacant since December 1.

Miscellaneous: Dry needling ~ The Board determined that this discussion should be held with both ND, LAcS present to make sure all sides are heard. Discussion was on needling, using non-acupuncture points? The members present were not in complete agreement. More discussion needs to be had. Currently, dry-needling is not considered acupuncture and it should not be confused with acupuncture.

Public Comment: No public comment was received at this meeting.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:25.

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