

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
April 8, 2013

Present: Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND; Charles Wiggins, Public Member; Greg Eckel, ND; Sheila Myers, ND; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director; Merrill Creagh, OBNM Investigator

Excused: Dwight Adkins

The Board went into Public session at 12:36pm

Executive Session Motions: P. Chapman made the motions: In **N09-01-03A**, moved to terminate probation; C. Wiggins seconded and all members present were in favor. In **N12-11-31N**, moved to continue the investigation; seconded by S. Ohgushi, all in favor. In **N12-12-35** and in **N13-04-08N**, moved to dismiss with no further action; seconded by C. Wiggins, all were in favor. And in **N13-03-06N** dismiss with no further action, P. Chapman, M. Homer, G. Eckel, C. Wiggins, S. Ohgushi approved, S. Myers abstained – motion passed. In **N13-04-10** and **N13-04-11N**, moved to open an investigation.

Legislation: **SB108**, provided for cost recovery in contested cases. After meeting with Representative Greenlick, requesting his support. Although he felt it was a good bill, he asked for additional language about who determines what the cost recovered is. Legal counsel for the Board will meet with the Representative on this bill to explain the purpose of the bill. Other agencies can write letters to the benefit of the policy within their own agency, but they cannot write a letter of support for the bill.

SB109 authorizes the director or a designee of the board to sign subpoenas. This is expected to pass with no conflict.

SB302, This consolidation bill is not going any further in this session; but the discussion is ongoing.

Semi-independence is off the table for this session; although all board members are in agreement that it would be a more practical and cost-effective and time-saving way to operate.

Discussion was held on rules to be written by the Board of Pharmacy detailing dispensing from a medical office. This will be tabled until more information is obtained.

The Secretary of State's Office will be doing audits; however there is no clear understanding of what it will entail at this time.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the February 8, 2013 and March 11, 2013 Special Telephone meeting were reviewed. S. Ohgushi moved to accept, S. Myers seconded, all members approved.

Administrative Rules: **850-035-0230** -S. Ohgushi moved to adopt, C. Wiggins seconded, P. Chapman, G. Eckel, M. Homer agreed; S. Myers voted "nay" wanting to see more definition on what the reporting logs should contain;

850-001-0015 –P. Chapman moved to adopt, S. Myers seconded, all in favor.

850-030-0035 - S. Ohgushi moved to adopt, S. Myers seconded all members were in favor.

There was continued discussion on the possibility of writing rules on study groups. S. Myers submitted a concept for rule. After discussion, the Board is not going to write a rule at this time; however, this will be an assist for the Executive Director for the Board. Each licensee, no matter how they obtain their CE, must be able to provide proof that satisfies the Board requirement.

There was an inquiry on CCO training for CE credit. After discussion, it is denied as it is related to business development, which is not approved for CE.

The Oregon Pain Commission updated the one-hour tutorial. The Board will give credit to anyone taking this new tutorial.

After discussion of an inquiry on the subject, the use of old ND text books and the NDNR were not approved for use as CE opportunities.

Review of Kaiser Newsletter, publications. It does not fit into the CE guidelines.

Formulary Council Appointments: The Board discussed and S. Ohgushi nominated Patrick Chapman, John Block, and Kevin Wilson be reappointed to the formulary council for two years. S Ohgushi moved to reappoint these people, G. Eckel seconded, and all members were in favor.

P. Chapman spoke to the last FC meeting (March 13): FC has reinvented their purpose to continue to review drugs that may or may not be included in 850-060-0225, 850-060-0226; and to look at proactively establishing a CE opportunity on pain management, prescribing, etc. The FC will meet May 29 to look at what consists of CE on pain education and training, which is best to provide information on various topics. The council will contact other professionals for input.

Board Chair Appointment: M. Homer's term is up June 2013, and since she is currently serving as the Board Chair, a replacement needs to be nominated and appointed. There was discussion and Greg Eckel was nominated by Sara Ohgushi, a vote was taken and Greg Eckel was appointed as the Board Chair effective with the next Board meeting. Michelle's time as Board Chair has been greatly appreciated.

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.

Charles Wiggins was appointed to replace Yi Hu, whose term actually expired in June 2012.

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's term as short as 1-1/2 years.

General Business:

Discussion continued on the possibility of a retreat for new Board members after June 2013. 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. September 20-22 is the best weekend at this time. More discussion will be held at the June meeting.

Directors Report:

Agency Requested Budget – The OBNM is waiting for the full ways and means to approve its budget, which includes the .5 FTE investigator position, which really should be full time after trying to get it permanent for three sessions. The investigator is currently working 20 regular hours and 8 extra hours a week; however, that may change as the current investigator will not be able to work more hours, and may actually need to cut back to 20 hours.

Email Newsletter: Ms Walsh apologized for not getting an email newsletter out after each meeting for the last several meetings (since the fall paper newsletter). She will work towards making this happen regularly once an administrative assistant is in place.

Miscellaneous: An inquiry asked if there are any restrictions on a ND taking over the care of a patient with cancer, when they choose not to see an oncologist. There is no restriction in law or rule; however, the Board reiterated that it is important that the patient sign an informed consent form. Additionally, it is important to make the patient aware of practice limitations. It is the patient's choice; it is recommended that the ND make sure the patient understands the Procedures, Alternatives, Risks and that you answer all Questions (PARQ).

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:49pm.

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