

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
October 13, 2014

Present: Greg Eckel, ND, Board Chair; Patrick Chapman, ND; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Lissa McNiell, ND; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director.

Excused: Sheila Meyers, ND, Charles Wiggins, Public Member

The Board went into Public Session at 1:30pm.

Executive Session Motions: S. Ohgushi made a motion in **N13-12-38** to issue disciplinary action, D. Adkins seconded, P. Chapman abstained and the rest of the members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to dismiss the following cases: **N14-03-05, N14-07-18, N14-07-19**, D. Adkins seconded and members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to issue a license in case **N14-07-20A, N14-07-21A**, D. Adkins seconded and members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to open an investigation in **N14-08-30, N14-08-31, N14-09-33, N14-10-34**, D. Adkins seconded and members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion in case **N14-08-32** to dismiss without action L. McNiell seconded and members present were in agreement.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the August 11, 2014 board meeting were reviewed. S. Ohgushi moved to accept the minutes as written, L. McNiell seconded, and all members present were in agreement.

Administrative Rules: The Oregon Board of Pharmacy is working on a rule to regulate drug dispensing outlets; this may include ND offices. The Board discussed working on rules/guidelines for the storage of drugs in office. The Formulary Council will be asked to consider this and report to the board. Ms. Walsh shared that an OANP representation was clear that this was too restrictive and would oppose this further. A. Walsh will keep the board informed of this rule.

Cultural Competency Rule – This rule proposes that all health professionals must take cultural competency as part of their CE requirement. The Health Authority (OHA) suggests that the OAH will have the list of approved classes online. It is unclear who will be held responsible for maintaining these records or if the final will require or recommend this as a CE opportunity. A. Walsh will work on language to add cultural competency as an approved CE opportunity to OAR 850-040-0210.

General Business:

Legislation – LC 649- OBNM LC on Board terms is in the works; no motion at this time. A Walsh will meet with the Governor's office before it is approved for submission for a hearing.

Opioid Prescribing Guidelines/Policy – P. Chapman, C. Wiggins and Kevin Wilson, ND (FC Chair) attended the one day event, "Best Practices in Opioid Prescribing" in AZ. The Board approved this expense in an effort to create a policy on opiate prescribing that is relevant to all NDs (and maybe other professionals). P. Chapman, C. Wiggins along with K. Wilson are working on a draft policy for the Board's consideration. P. Chapman is the lead person on this project.

Strategic Planning Update – S. Ohgushi connected with NCNM about getting involved in Grand Rounds in an effort to bring better awareness of pain patients and prescribing responsibilities, and how to handle them. S. Ohgushi, G. Eckel and P. Chapman will set a date to meet with NCNM during the spring term.

Directors Report: The Board reviewed the budget through August 2014.

Agency Consolidation – A. Walsh shared discussion that was had the directors of other health licensing agencies, that there may be a bill on consolidation in the works for 2015. After discussion, the Board still opposes such legislation. A. Walsh will keep the Board apprised of changes if they are made.

Annual Newsletter – The OBNM newsletter is at the printers and will be mailed to all licensees as their renewal notice before the November 1 deadline; and posted to the web site.

Renewal Status – Online renewal is ready and after some test renewals are processed it will go live by November 1.

CLEAR Conference -September 10-14, 2014; the Council on Licensing Enforcement and Regulation is a national organization that does educational training on licensing, regulatory and investigative training. A. Walsh attended the conference as a Board member of NABNE. Unfortunately, the conference did not hold courses on telemedicine or interstate regulation as originally thought.

Miscellaneous: What is the protocol for patient record requests between practitioners? After discussion, it was determined that a reasonable fee can be charged; however, there is not usually a charge between practitioners as a common courtesy.

Public Comment: No one was in attendance to provide public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 3:20pm.

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