

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
December 8, 2014

**Present:** Greg Eckel, ND, Board Chair; Patrick Chapman, ND; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Lissa McNeil, ND; Sheila Myers, ND, Charles Wiggins, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director.

**Excused:** Dwight Adkins, Public Member

The Board went into Public Session at 12:32pm.

**Executive Session Motions:** P. Chapman made a motion to dismiss without action the following cases: **N08-07-16** and **N14-10-34**, C. Wiggins seconded; members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to approve licensee application in the following case: **N14-07-17A**, L. McNeil seconded; members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to open investigation in cases: **N14-10-35, N14-10-36, N14-10-37, N14-11-38, N14-11-39N, N14-11-40, and N14-12-41N**, S. Myers seconded; members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to dismiss without action the following case: **N14-08-31**, S. Myers seconded; members present were in agreement.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from the October 13, 2014 board meeting will be reviewed at the February 9, 2015 meeting.

**Administrative Rules:** The Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBP) will be submitting a legislative concept to change statute so that a drug dispensing outlet rule can be written in July 2015. All FDA approved drugs would be part of this rule, a fee would be charged for registration, inspections can be done by the OBP, discipline would be handled by OBP and the licensing Board may not ever become aware of any infraction. OBP states that they are not disciplining NDs, only the practice/clinic. A. Walsh will keep the licensees and the board apprised of any information received on this matter.

**Cultural Competency Rule** – The Health Authority (OHA) will have approved cultural competency programs listed on their web site. Although it will not be required CE, A. Walsh will work on language to add it as an approved CE opportunity

**OAR 850-030-0195(12)** – Clarifying language for expired licensees, and lapsed licensed reinstatement will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

**Oregon Work Force** – This is a program under The Health Authority (OHA) which has started to collect general data information from all health care professionals within the state of Oregon. OWF currently collects a fee of \$5 from each health care professional renewal; as well as the data information. The intent of this program is to see what the workforce is in the state of Oregon, as far as health care providers and what their needs are. A. Walsh will be watching legislation on this program and will keep the board apprised.

**General Business:**

**Legislation/Board Membership** – LC 649 will amend 685.160 regarding board terms in which a person can serve for two consecutive terms; no motion at this time. A. Walsh has met with the Governor's office on this matter and sees no conflict. S. Myers and D. Adkins were approved for reappointment.

**Opioid Prescribing Guidelines/Policy** – P. Chapman, C. Wiggins, and K. Wilson are still working on a policy suitable for adoption by the OBNM for ND practice. C. Wiggins suggests the OBNM consider requiring the use of the PDMP if prescribing opiates; the ND could be required to notify the Board (in some manner) when doing any prescribing that includes opiates and benzodiazepines, or prescribing controlled substances over a determined quantity/dosage.

**Formulary Council Meeting** – P. Chapman reported that medical marijuana was discussed with NDs having prescribing authority with the passage of recreational marijuana. This is an area that the Oregon Association of Naturopathic Doctors should address with their legislative committee and bring up as a legislative concept.

**Strategic Planning Update** – ~A. Walsh put together a list of statutes that need to be updated. She will work with D Adkins to see what can be one during this session. ~P. Chapman, S. Ohgushi and G. Eckel will be doing a grand rounds presentation at NCNM in the spring (May 11, 2015 7:30am), in an effort to bring better awareness of pain patients and prescribing responsibilities, how to handle difficult patients and the OBNMS role in disciplining. ~ The Governor’s office is aware of OBNM’s interest in starting a new member-mentoring program, requiring the outgoing Board member to be available for a year to the new [replacement] member. ~G. Eckel is willing to work with the director to make sure office procedures and processes are documented. A. Walsh shared that office desk manual is constantly being updated.

**Directors Report:** There is no budget update at this time.

**Renewal Status** – Renewals are going smoothly, with about 300 Naturopathic Doctors have renewed at this time. Many wait until after the OANP December conference to submit renewals.

**Miscellaneous:** A letter regarding chelation education came to the board office asking if a person can skip the practicum, exam and just complete the curriculum. The board decided that the curriculum and exam must be completed.

**Network Health Product Distribution** – This is regarding consumer protection laws. This is not within the board’s jurisdiction. If a complaint came to us then we would investigate the complaint.

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:53pm.

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