

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
December 6, 2010

PRESENT: Glenn Taylor, Board Chair; Michelle Homer, ND; Donna Beck, ND; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Greg Eckel, ND; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director; Excused - Patrick Chapman, ND

Executive Session Motions: **N10-06-06** – M. Homer moved to dismiss the case, Y. Hu seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N10-07-08** – M. Homer moved to issue a Notice of Discipline, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N08-08-18A (new case no. N10-11-29)** – M. Homer moved to issue a Notice of Discipline, Y. Hu seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N10-09-22** – M. Homer moved to dismiss the case, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N10-09-24** – M. Homer moved to dismiss the case, D. Beck seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N10-09-18A** – M. Homer moved to issue a Notice of Discipline, Y. Hu seconded, the motion failed to pass due to tie vote, the case was dismissed.

Meeting Minutes: October 4, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Administrative Rules:

OAR 850-060-0212 – No comment was received on the proposed rule. M. Homer moved to adopt the rule as permanent, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **OAR 850-060-0226** – No comment was received on the proposed rule. M. Homer moved to adopt the rule as permanent, D. Beck seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the possible need to initiate a rule that would set the length of time that people whose license is revoked or denied, must wait to re-apply for licensure. There was a discussion about whether there was a need for a temporary rule or to initiate the permanent rule making process. S. Ohgushi moved to initiate rule making to set a time limit on a person who has had their license denied or revoked, during which they may not reapply for licensure, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

General Business:

Doctor Patient Relationship – The Board discussed how to define “establish a doctor patient relationship” in rule. This is necessary because some naturopathic treatments, such as homeopathy, do not require a physical exam. The Board discussed the level of documentation that is appropriate for doctor-patient communications such as email and phone calls. It was decided that more information is needed on the issue. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Background Checks - There was discussion about a proposed rule requiring the periodic background check of licensees. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

Newsletter – The newsletter has received positive response from licensees. The Director will continue to work towards increased education of licensees. A discussion followed about possible e-newsletter topics.

Strategic Planning Goals – The Board discussed the issues, goals, and timelines from the strategic planning.

2011 Board Meeting Schedule – The Board discussed the 2011 schedule to accommodate Board member schedules and optimize meeting time.

PDMP – There will be an educational training for Board members, prior to the general release to licensees, of the Prescription Drug Monitor Program database. A. Walsh will keep Board members updated on this issue.

Formulary Exam – The Director made an appeal to the ND Board members to submit formulary questions for the Board’s formulary exam.

Legislation – A. Walsh gave an update on the upcoming legislative concepts that will be submitted to the Oregon Legislature.

Directors Report:

Budget – A. Walsh explained that the proposed fee increase will not have to be as large as previously discussed. A. Walsh has been in contact with OANP to foster communication and cooperation with the professional association regarding the proposed fee increase. The Board reviewed the tentative biennial budget, which includes a \$50 annual fee increase for the active license. Although not confident that it will, Ms. Walsh noted that this could change if SB138 (charging respondent fees in contested cases where the Board prevails) passes in session.

Inquiries:

Prescribing Authority Out of State - There was an inquiry about the filing of prescriptions or the ordering of compounded substances by licensees practicing out of state. The Board consensus is that it is outside the scope of the Boards authority to address the policies of pharmacies and compounding companies.

Harvesting Adipose Tissue – There was an inquiry about whether harvesting adipose tissue fell within the scope of ND practice. It was decided that the procedure is within the scope of practice as “biologicals” are listed on the formulary and the procedure does not constitute major surgery.

Dry Needling - It was the consensus of the Board that “dry needling” is within the naturopathic scope of practice.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

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