

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
October 4, 2010

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

Executive Session Motions: **N09-08-15, N09-09-18** – D. Beck moved to amend the combined notice, M. Homer seconded, motion passed unanimously. **N09-08-17** – D. Beck moved to propose settlement, G. Eckel seconded, motion passed unanimously. **N10-07-10** - D. Beck moved to dismiss, G. Eckel seconded, motion passed unanimously. **N10-08-11N** – D. Beck moved to dismiss, Y. Hu seconded, motion passed unanimously. **N10-09-20A, N10-08-13A, N10-08-15A, N10-09-21A, N10-09-17A, N10-09-19A** - M. Homer moved to approve application and issue a license; D. Beck seconded, motion passed unanimously. **N10-09-18A** - M. Homer moved to issue license with disciplinary action, Y. Hu seconded, motion passed unanimously. **N09-01-02A** (new case no. **N10-09-26A**) – M. Homer moved to deny licensure, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

M. Homer moved to give the director authority to approve license applications with disclosed criminal background checks that do not bear on fitness or ability to practice medicine, P. Chapman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: August 2, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Administrative Rules:

OAR 850-050-0010 - Five year review of “Sanctions for Violations” rule that was adopted in 2005. The rule was found to be relevant and useful as written. **OAR 850-060-0212** – After discussion, the Board amended this rule to clarify the education required for injection of vitamins and minerals, IV and non-IV therapeutic injections, and preventative injections (whether IM, SC, or IV). A motion to initiate rule-making was passed unanimously.

NPLEX: There was a discussion about limiting the length of time NPLEX scores would be valid. G. Taylor suggested waiting to see if NABNE decides to place its own limit. Issue was tabled until further notice.

Archive Rule: A. Walsh explained that the state mandates the destruction of non-essential records after 25 years, so she asked if the Board felt it was necessary to explore a way to maintain records past 25 years. The board felt the state limit is justified and decided to stay with the 25 year limit on maintaining records.

General Business:

Formulary Council – P. Chapman gave the Board an update on the Sep. 22, 2010 Formulary Council meeting. The drug classification of atypical anti-psychotics was approved by the FC and recommended for addition to OAR 850-060-0226. There was a discussion about requiring education for specific classifications of drugs. The Board felt that the required pharmacy continuing education was sufficient at this time. P. Chapman moved to initiate a rule change to amend OAR 850-060-0226 to adopt the Formulary Council recommendation and add atypical (2nd generation) anti-psychotics, S. Ohgushi seconded, motion passed unanimously. The Formulary Council, by rule, uses the 2009 AHFS edition as a reference. It would like to amend the rule to state “the most current edition” of the AHFS. P. Chapman moved to initiate a rule change to amend OAR 850-060-0225 and 850-060-0226 to adopt Formulary Council recommendation to change “2009” to “the current edition” of the AHFS, S. Ohgushi seconded, motion passed unanimously. Ms. Walsh will check with legal counsel to make certain that legally this can be done.

Newsletter: A. Walsh explained that there had been little feedback concerning the posting of names alongside disciplinary orders in the annual newsletter. Some board members heard more concern, than was

directed to the OBNM office. Discussion followed about what is appropriate and the consensus was that it was appropriate to post the names with final disciplinary action in the newsletter.

Strategic Planning Goals: Agenda item tabled until the December Board meeting.

PDMP: A. Walsh informed the Board the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program will launch the database and create training sessions soon. A. Walsh will update the Board at the December Board meeting.

OANP: The OANP has offered to supply the board with a table at the associations December seminar.

Renewal Survey Questions: A. Walsh presented the annual renewal survey questions to the Board for comment. G. Eckel offered suggestions on wording questions to show trends over multiple years and reducing redundancy. The Board felt there should be questions about the increased ability to prescribe pharmaceuticals. Ms. Walsh will work with Dr. Eckel on questions for the 2010 renewal.

Budget: A. Walsh explained the current budget process and the status of the Board's cash reserve. Increased costs of hearings, investigations, and Assistant Attorney General fees have lowered the Board's cash reserve and will necessitate a fee increase. The Board is mandated by the state to maintain a 3-6 month cash reserve. The Board's goal is to increase licensing fees as little as possible while maintaining fiscal solvency for several years to prevent additional increases in the licensing fee.

Dry Needling: The Physical Therapist Board and Acupuncture Board have inquired whether dry needling and trigger point injection is within the scope of practice of naturopathic doctors. While it was generally felt that the procedures are certainly part of naturopathic medical practices, G. Eckel offered to further research the issue and the subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Harvesting Adipose Cells: There was a question about whether the naturopathic scope of practice includes the suction and injection of fat cells. There was discussion whether it fell in the area of minor surgery. P. Chapman offered to research further and report back to the Board in December.

Medical Intuitive: The Board was asked to look at the profession of a medical intuitive. It was determined that it was not the purview of the Board to research or promote a medical intuitive as a profession.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 3:30pm.

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