

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
June 13, 2011

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

**Executive Session Motions:** **N10-08-14** – Y. Hu moved to take disciplinary action; G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N11-04-08N** – Y. Hu moved to take disciplinary action; S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously; **N10-11-27; N11-02-03; N11-02-04; N11-02-05; N11-04-07** – Y. Hu moved to dismiss, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** The April 4, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

**Administrative Rules:**

**850-060-0226** – P. Chapman moved to adopt the rule change to remove mifepristone from the drug category oxytocics in the Naturopathic Formulary Compendium, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **850-035-0230** - S. Ohgushi moved to adopt the rule change to clarify the process for a ND to obtain a certificate of natural childbirth, D. Beck seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**General Business:**

**POLST** - D. Beck gave an update on the Boards effort for ND's to be included in the POLST (Patient Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) process. D. Beck had written the POLST task force requesting ND's be included in the POLST process and the Board is awaiting their decision. Ms. Walsh will forward this letter and request consideration at a future POLST meeting.

**New Board Member** - G. Taylor informed the Board that a new member, Dwight Adkins, has been confirmed by the Governor's office and will be replacing G. Taylor as a public member on the Board.

**Board Chair** – G. Taylor's appointment is ending so the Board held a vote to replace G. Taylor as chair of the Board. S. Ohgushi moved to appoint M. Homer as Board Chair, G. Eckel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**Naturopathic Representation** - A. Walsh explained the need to have a naturopathic physician to represent the Board on the Pain Management Commission and Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The Board will put out information to encourage naturopathic physicians to volunteer, after Ms. Walsh provides some information on commitment and qualifications.

**Prescribing Guidelines** - P. Chapman presented to the Board regarding the way the Board informs licensees on prescribing guidelines. He suggested it would be helpful to increase the information available on the website. G. Eckel suggested coordinating with the professional association and the Pharmacy Board on how best to inform licensees about proper prescribing guidelines.

**2011 Board Meeting Dates** – The Board decided to hold the next Board meeting on August 8th. A change in the regular day will be set at the August meeting.

**Legislation:**

**SB138 – Recovery of Contested Case Costs** – The bill to recover the costs of contested cases has not moved forward in the Senate. A. Walsh is in contact with Rep. Boyle to craft a bill for the next session that would allow the recovery of contested case costs for several boards including the Naturopathic Board. A. Walsh will keep the board informed of any updates.

**SB139 – Housekeeping – Examination** – The bill that moves the Board's authority to limit exams by rule, has been signed into law by the Governor.

**Directors Report:**

**Budget** – A. Walsh informed the Board that the budget is awaiting approval by the Oregon Legislature. The budget includes a fee increase for all licenses, which will include a pro-rated initial license fee instead of a flat \$150.

**Semi-Independence** – Ms. Walsh has, and will be in continued contact with the Governor’s office about semi-independence and the likelihood of it being added to a bill for the 2012 legislative session is increasing.

**NPDB Training** – Ms. Walsh attended the National Practitioner Data Base training on June 6-7. The database is a national repository of disciplinary actions taken by licensing boards. There are many changes that may make it easier to use.

**Investigator Trainings** –CLEAR (Council on Licensing Enforcement and Regulation) may offer the Investigator training in Portland in the near future. Ms. Wash will keep Board apprised of status, since she needs to complete the Advanced Investigator program.

**Contact Log** – The Board office contact log was reviewed without any comments being made.

**Inquiries:**

**Scope of Practice: Circumcision** – There was an inquiry about whether circumcision by naturopaths is “ethical”. The consensus of the Board was that the decision to circumcise a child is between the doctor and the child’s legal guardians.

**Public Comment:** There was a public comment about HcG and the description of its use in the most recent NDNR publication. The Board reiterated its position that any use of HcG requires an established doctor-patient relationship as well as accurate charting and follow-ups.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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