

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
February 9, 2015

Present: Greg Eckel, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Lissa McNiel, ND; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Charles Wiggins, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director.

Excused: Patrick Chapman, ND and Sheila Myers, ND

The Board went into Public Session at 12:30pm.

Executive Session Motions: S. Ohgushi made a motion to dismiss without action in the following cases: **N14-06-14, N14-10-35, N14-10-36, N14-10-37, N14-11-39N, N14-11-40** and **N15-01-01**, D. Adkins seconded; members present were in agreement. S. Ohgushi made a motion to take disciplinary action in case: **N14-07-28**, C. Wiggins seconded; members present were in agreement. S. Ohgushi made a motion to open an investigation in the following cases: **N15-01-02A** and **N15-01-03A**, D. Adkins seconded; members present were in agreement.

Meeting Minutes: C. Wiggins made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 13, 2014 and December 8, 2014 board meetings with noted corrections, G. Eckel seconded; members present were in agreement.

Administrative Rules: – S. Ohgushi made a motion to initiate rule making in **OAR 850-030-0195** (license renewal requirements-clarification of CE from inactive to active status), **OAR 850-035-0230** (certification to practice natural childbirth-clarification of requirements) and **OAR 850-040-0210** (continuing education-adding culture competency), D. Adkins seconded; members present were in agreement. S. Ohgushi discussed OAR 850-035-0230 regarding certification of natural childbirth because there has been some confusion. To receive your certificate of natural childbirth a doctor has to attend 150 prenatal visits which includes the care of at least 50 women. Doctors also have to attend at least 100 postnatal/postpartum visits. Language is being added to this rule to help clarify.

S. Ohgushi made a motion to initiate rule making to include LEADS check (background check) effective with the 2015 renewal cycle, members present were in agreement.

Oregon Work Force (OWF) – This is a program under the Oregon 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 \$5.00 fee from all health care professionals, along with the data. The intent of this program is to see what and where the health care workforce is in Oregon, and determine citizen needs. OWF has a bill that states it would be required OBNM to require as part of the renewal (cannot complete renewal without answering the questions). A. Walsh will be watching legislation on this program and will keep the board apprised and will work with the IT person to provide the information to OWF.

General Business:

Legislation/Board Membership – SB 281 will amend board terms to allow a new incoming Board member to serve a two full consecutive terms. It passed the Senate Committee on Health Care and will be headed to the House.

The Oregon Board of Medicine has submitted a bill to become semi-independent.

There is a bill to allow loan repayment in rural areas; at this time Naturopathic Doctors are not included.

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 by any ND prescribing opiates; and that a ND 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.

Strategic Planning Update – P. Chapman, S. Ohgushi and G. Eckel will be doing a Grand Round presentation at NCNM in the spring (May 11, 2015 7:30am), in an effort to bring better awareness of prescribing responsibilities, how to handle difficult patients and the OBNM's role in disciplining. ~A. Walsh put together a list of statutes that need to be updated, and will be working with D. Adkins to see what can be done to fix them. ~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. ~

Board Chair Appointment - A new Chair will need to be appointed at the April meeting to replace Greg Eckel whose term is expiring in June. The next retreat date needs to be set with three new board members in a short period of time.

Oregon Board of Pharmacy is working on a rule to regulate drug dispensing outlets; this may include ND offices. A. Walsh is on the list to be notified when any action is taken.

Directors Report: The budget hearing is in Salem in February; S. Ohgushi and A. Walsh will attend the hearing. There are seven HRLB looking to hire an accountant to better streamline the accounting processes.

Renewal Status – Renewals are just about completed; 50 people to date have not renewed because of licensure in other states. This trend may continue as more states get licensure. 1,050 renewed licensees and 30 natural childbirth certificates.

State Exams – There were nine examinees for the jurisprudence and formulary test on February 6. February exams are smaller.

Miscellaneous:

Bone Marrow Aspiration – The board doesn't have enough background information at this time to respond. The board would like to have more information presented to the Board at a future meeting. Ms Walsh will contact ND to provide more information.

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

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

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