

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.

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
April 13, 2015

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

The Board went into Public Session at 12:02pm.

**Executive Session Motions:** –S. Ohgushi made a motion to dismiss without action in **N14-11-38** and **N14-12-41N**, P. Chapman seconded; members present were in agreement. S. Ohgushi made a motion to approve the license application in **N15-01-02A** and **N15-02-04A**, P. Chapman seconded; members present were in agreement. S. Ohgushi made a motion to open an investigation in the following cases: **N15-03-05**, **N15-03-06** and **N15-04-07**, P. Chapman seconded; members present were in agreement.

**Meeting Minutes:** – P. Chapman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 9, 2015 board meeting with noted corrections, S. Ohgushi seconded; members present were in agreement.

**Administrative Rules:** – P. Chapman made a motion to adopt as permanent **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-culture competency), D. Adkins seconded; members present were in agreement. One comment was received in favor of the addition of cultural competence to CE.

The addition of LEDS check (background check to be performed with renewals) has been initiated; public comment is open until April 30, 2015.

**North America Naturopathic Continuing Education Accreditation Council (NANCEAC):** – This will be the new national continuing education accreditation program which will approve CE providers and their CE offerings for the Naturopathic profession. This will take a weight off the OBNM office. OBNM may continue to approve more local, one time offerings. The OBNM will need to make changes to the CE approval process (OAR 850, Division 40) once this organization is fully operational.

**OAR 850-060-0226** – P Chapman presented the Formulary Council report, in which changes were recommended to the formulary rule. S. Myers made a motion to accept the recommendations from the formulary council, P. Chapman seconded; members present were in agreement.

**General Business:**

**Formulary Council Report** – Cerdelga is a new drug that was discussed at the March 17 meeting and the council would like Cerdelga added to the formulary list, even though it is very infrequently used. The council also recommended that the restriction of Barbiturates in 850-060-0226(8)(c) be removed with the allowance of barbiturates for anticonvulsant purposes only and other uses (850-06-0226(8)(f)) such as anxiolytics, sedatives, or hypnotics remain in rule as restricted; remove the restriction in (8)(d)(B) in the same rule allowing the use of atypical antipsychotics; and correct a few spelling errors. There was continued discussion on amending the rule to be exclusionary rather than inclusive; this request will again go to the OANP as legislatively it may be considered an expansion/change in the scope of practice. FC member Natalie Gustafson PharmD, is having interns review 850-060-0225 to make sure all listed drugs are found in a classification of -0226, before requesting that it be removed as a rule. Again there was discussion on ND's authority to prescribe medical marijuana, another matter for the OANP.

**Grand Round** – P. Chapman, S. Ohgushi and G. Eckel will be doing a Grand Round presentation at NCNM May 11, 2015 at 7:30am, in an effort to bring better awareness of who the board

is and what its responsibilities are including disciplinary process, prescribing responsibilities, record keeping/charting, and ND/Patient interactions (aka handling difficult patients). S. Ohgushi will work on an outline with C. Wiggins, P. Chapman, and G. Eckel.

**Legislation/Board Membership** – SB 281 passed the Senate and will be headed to the House. SB 230 under the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Workforce (OWF) will require the collection of data as part of the license renewal from all health care professionals within the state of Oregon. OWF plans on collecting a \$5.00 fee from all health care professionals with each renewal, 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. A. Walsh will continue watching legislation on this program and will keep the board apprised.

**Opioid Prescribing Guidelines/Policy** – P. Chapman, C. Wiggins and K. Wilson found a workable document suitable for policy to be adopted by the OBNM for ND practice. The document will be available on the OBNM website as a resource for ND's. A. Walsh will work with P Chapman of making sure the site provides useful and accurate resources for licensees.

C. Wiggins suggests the OBNM consider requiring the use of the PDMP by any ND prescribing opiates, and that an ND be required to notify the Board (in a manner established by the OBNM) when doing any prescribing that includes opiates and benzodiazepines or when prescribing controlled substances over a determined quantity/dosage.

**Strategic Planning Update** – A. Walsh put together a list of statutes that need to be updated, and is working with D. Adkins to see what can be done to fix them.

**Injection Therapy** – The FDA is defining compounding when you mix three or more prepared substances together. G. Eckel will do some additional research on the topic and report his findings at a future meeting.

**CE Program Considerations (OANP)** – With all the new regulations with ND's now recognized as PCPs, OANP would like to get CE approval for record keeping and patient management. The program OANP is putting together falls within the CE rules.

**Directors Report:** The budget is moving forward. There are seven co-located health boards who will be hiring an accountant to better streamline the accounting processes after July 1.

**Peer Review Audit** – The OBNM reviewed the peer review audit conducted by other peer health licensing agencies. The audit determined that the OBNM is a well managed state licensing agency. Ms Walsh will respond with the Board's approval.

### **Miscellaneous:**

**IV medication ordering** – If the medication is not FDA approved in the United States, can you order the medication and give to the patient? The OBNM cannot give approval or disapproval on this practice. The board discussed the question and needs more clarity before taking a position on this issue.

**Agricultural hemp** – The Board cannot give a written statement due to complications of state and federal regulations. The question will go to the formulary council.

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:37pm.

The Board went back into public session at 2:38 to take a vote on appointing the Board Chair. Dwight Adkins was nominated and with unanimous approval he was appointed the new Board Chair effective with the next Board meeting.

Board meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.

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

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Special Board Meeting

May 28, 2015

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

**Excused:** Patrick Chapman, ND

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:39am to discuss potential litigation with the OBNM Legal Counsel.

The Board went into Public Session at 9:00am.

**Executive Session Motions:** There were no motions from executive session.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:01am.

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
June 8, 2015

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

**Excused:** Greg Eckel, ND

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

**Executive Session Motions:** – P. Chapman made a motion to issue notice to propose disciplinary action in **N14-06-15** and **N14-09-33**, S. Ohgushi seconded, members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to dismiss without action in cases **N15-03-05** and **N15-04-07**, C. Wiggins seconded, members present were in agreement.

**Meeting Minutes:** – S. Ohgushi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 13, 2015 board meeting and May 28, 2015 special meeting with noted corrections, C. Wiggins seconded, members present were in agreement.

**Administrative Rules:** – **OAR 850-030-0020** adds LEDS check as part of the renewal. S. Ohgushi made a motion to adopt as permanent, C. Wiggins seconded, members present were in agreement.

**OAR 850-060-0226** – This rule has been initiated and out for comment until June 22, 2015.

**General Business:**

**Grand Round** – P. Chapman, S. Ohgushi and G. Eckel presented at the Grand Round at NCNM May 11, 2015 at 7:30am, with C. Wiggins also attending from the board, in an effort to bring better awareness of who the board is and what its responsibilities are including disciplinary process, prescribing responsibilities, record keeping/charting, and ND/Patient interactions (aka handling difficult patients). The Grand Round was well received. C. Wiggins brought up that this event should be presented annually to the graduating students. A. Walsh will contact NCNM to set up annual Grand Round presentation by the board to graduating students.

**Opioid Prescribing Guidelines/Policy** – A. Walsh is working with P. Chapman to make sure the OBNM website provides useful and accurate resources for licensees who may have patients they are caring for or who are new to their practice and on opiates, pain medications.

**Legislation/Board Membership** – SB 281, regarding board terms, passed and waiting for the governor to sign. SB 230 under the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Workforce (OWF) will require the collection of data as part of the license renewal from all health care professionals within the state of Oregon (SB 230 – passed). OWF will be collecting a \$5.00 fee from all health care professionals with each renewal, 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. HB 3301 (OANP legislation) addresses the definition of primary care or specialist in ORS 685.

**Injection Therapy** – The FDA is defining compounding when you mix three or more prepared substances together. G. Eckel is researching this topic and will report his findings at a future meeting.

**Strategic Planning Update** – A. Walsh put together a list of statutes that need to be updated, and is working with D. Adkins to see what can be done to fix them in the next legislative session which is February 2016. Grand Round at NCNM will continue annually to graduates with board members being the presenters.

**Directors Report:** The budget has been approved. A. Walsh has been meeting with potential board replacements but still waiting for request forms to be submitted. She expects appointments to happen after the August meeting, so there will be no new members until the October meeting.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Lunch and learn CE approval** – AANP is requesting that a lunch and learn be approved for CE. The board didn't see a problem with a lunch and learn; however, an application will need to be submitted as with any CE request.

**Bladder catheterization** – If a naturopathic doctor has been trained in catheterization there shouldn't be a problem performing this medical procedure.

**What is the age of a pediatric patient (18yr-old or younger)** – The OBNM could not answer and asked if legal counsel may be able to assist in a response.

The **board meeting** on August 10, 2015 has been changed to August 24, 2015.

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:26pm.

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

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Special Board Meeting

June 30, 2015

**Present:** Dwight Adkins, Board Chair; Lissa McNeil, ND; Sheila Myers, ND; Charles Wiggins, Public Member; Johanna Riemenschneider, AAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director.

**Excused:** Patrick Chapman, ND; Sara Ohgushi, ND

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:03am to discuss potential litigation with the OBNM Legal Counsel.

The Board went into Public Session at 8:22 am.

**Executive Session Motions:** There were no motions from executive session.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:22am.



Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
August 24, 2015

**Present:** Dwight Adkins, Board Chair; Patrick Chapman, ND, Sara Ohgushi, ND; Lissa McNiel, ND; Sheila Myers, ND, Anne Walsh, Executive Director.

**Excused:** Greg Eckel, ND; Charles Wiggins

The Board went into Public Session at 1:00pm.

**Executive Session Motions:** P. Chapman made a motion to issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary action in **N15-06-15, N14-08-29** and **N14-09-33**. S. Ohgushi seconded, members present were in agreement. P. Chapman made a motion to dismiss without further action **N14-04-08, N15-04-08** and **N15-07-13**; L. McNiel seconded, members present were in agreement. P Chapman moved to dismiss **N15-04-08**, S Ohgushi seconded, L. McNeil opposed, all remaining members were in agreement; P. Chapman made a motion to accept license applications in **N15-01-03A, N15-07-10A, N15-07-11A, N15-07-12A**, and **N15-07-14A**, it was seconded and approved by all members present.

**Meeting Minutes:** S. Ohgushi moved to approve the June 8 meeting; L McNiel seconded and all members approved; with one correction to the June 30 Special meeting, S. Myers moved to approve the minutes, S. Ohgushi seconded and all members present were in agreement.

**Administrative Rules:** **OAR 850-060-0226** amending the formulary compendium was approved for adoption as permanent with a motion by S Ohgushi, seconded by S. Myers, all members approved. Ms Walsh will submit to Administrative Rules for filing.

**General Business:**

**EBAS – Ethics and Boundary assessment Service** was discussed. And although the Board does not see this service as a fit for current disciplinary actions, they will join for future reference.

**Opiate Prescribing Guidelines** – P. Chapman has been working to create the verbiage, links, forms and general guidelines that will become part of the OBNM website resources for Licensees.

The Board reviewed and approved the materials submitted by Dr Chapman, for posting to the web site.

**MED form** – Through WA state Medical Directors group Opiate calculator, found at <http://agencymeddirectors.wa.gov/mobile.html> is being recommended by the Board to be utilized by any licensee who is caring for or prescribing opiates to a patient. This will be posted on the Board's new Opiate Web page.

**Legislation**– Discussion was held regarding statutory language that restricts or does not clearly authorize NDs in care/services provided. The Board approved moving forward and working with Legislators to submit language to clarify this confusion in the 2016 session.

**Injection Therapy** – Dr. Eckel was not at this meeting, but this issue will remain on the agenda. The FDA is defining compounding when you mix three or more prepared substances together. G. Eckel is researching this topic and will report his findings at a future meeting.

**Strategic Planning Update** – Ongoing work to fix the language in statute restricting NDs. A Walsh has contacted NCNM about being on the schedule every spring for grand rounds. S Ohgushi mentoring of new Board members will be used with the incoming Board members once appointed.

**Newsletter** – A Walsh asked for members to write articles to put in the newsletter that also serves as the renewal reminder. It needs to be ready by October 1. S Ohgushi, L McNiel and P Chapman volunteered to write on different subjects.

**Directors Report:** The new position of accountant for the HRLB, approved with the 2015-2017 budget, will be hired by September 1. The Board is on a monthly contract with SFS until new employee is trained. It will make processing and accountability easier as the accountant will be located on the fourth floor of PSOB.

**Miscellaneous:**

There were no inquiries submitted for the Board's consideration.

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:55pm.

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

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
October 12, 2015

**Present:** Dwight Adkins, Board Chair; Patrick Chapman, ND, Sara Ohgushi, ND; Lissa McNiel, ND; Sheila Myers, ND, Greg Eckel, ND, Charles Wiggins and Anne Walsh, Executive Director.

The Board went into Public Session at 10:05am.

**Executive Session Motions:** In case **N15-07-09N, N15-08-15N, N15-09-17, and N15-09-18, P.** Chapman moved to dismiss and L. McNiel seconded the motion, all members agreed. An investigation was opened in **N15-09-19A, N15-09-20, N15-09-20, N15-09-21, N15-09-22, and N15-10-23** with a motion by P Chapman, seconded by L. McNiel.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the August 24, 2015 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

**Administrative Rules:** The Board discussed amendments to **OAR 850-060-0226** as recommended by the FC from the September 16 meeting. These recommendations include: (8) Remove “Selective Serotonin Agonists”; (19) Change “Hormone and Synthetic Substitutes” to “Endocrine Metabolic Agents”; Add “Corticosteroids” and “Prostaglandin”; (21) Remove “except for Mifepristone” and add “not to be used as an abortifacient”; (25) Add “and Nutrients”; (26) Delete limiting language after Biologic Response Modifiers; and add “Hyaluronic Acid” and “Oxygen”

Discussion was held on the compensation received by Board members. After review of ORS 685.190 and ORS 292.495, the Board voted to increase the daily compensation in OAR 850-005-0190 to \$200 for a full day, and \$60 for less than 3 hours.

S. Myers made a motion to initiate rule-making in 850-060-0226 and 850-005-0190; S Ohgushi seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**General Business:**

**Formulary Council Update** – P. Chapman reported on the September 16 FC meeting. The amendments to 850-060-0226 were approved after discussion. The FC is working to make sure that all the drugs listed in 850-060-0225 are classified in 850-060-0226 and then that rule (-0225) will be deleted which will reduce confusion for pharmacists and NDs. Discussion on medical marijuana was held with no decision to ask the Board to move forward with any changes in current law, the OANP will be asked to take the lead on this matter.

**Opiate Prescribing** – P. Chapman informed the board that the opiate prescribing information is posted on the OBNM website. If anyone has other resource links regarding opiate prescribing they should be forwarded to A. Walsh who can add them to the web site as a reference.

**Legislation 2016 Session** – A. Walsh and D. Adkins have discussed the 2016 legislative session regarding redefining of physician in statute. D. Adkins has spoken with some legislators who may be able to assist in trying to get this heard in the 2016 session.

The OBNM will need to make a decision on any legislative concepts they would like considered in the 2017 session and have them ready sometime in the spring (April). Further discussion will be had at the December meeting.

**Injection Therapy** – G. Eckel informed the board that Dr. Paul Anderson will have a session at the OANP conference in December which will go over standard of care and what the law states regarding the compounding practices.

**Strategic Planning Update** – no update on Strategic Planning until new members are appointed, The Board will look to set a date for a retreat at the December meeting if possible.

**Directors Report:** The newly hired accountant is doing a wonderful job. The 2015-2017 budget has been finalized and Ms. Walsh is just waiting on reports to finish the LAB report.

Ms. Walsh is still looking to recruit a part time investigator, but is utilizing a temporary investigator for the time being.

Renewals should be ready to open online November 1, with notice going out in the newsletter and online. The newsletter is slow getting to press this year, but should be ready and to licensees by November 1.

**Miscellaneous:** Inquiry: Is PICC line placement l within the scope of practice? The use of a previously placed PICC line is common in practice. There is no prohibition on NDs inserting the peripherally inserted central catheter; however, the general practice is to refer this out to a medical professional with this specialized training.

Is Artesunate within the scope of practice? Artesunate is within the scope of the naturopathic formulary. It would be listed as an anti-malarial (850-060-0226(2)(f)(B)). The formulary does not determine, except with a few drugs, the administration of a medication either the administration or purpose. The physician decides on the use of medicines as deemed medically appropriate.

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:00pm.

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

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
December 14, 2015

**Present:** Dwight Adkins, Board Chair; Patrick Chapman, ND, Sara Ohgushi, ND; Keivan Jinnah, ND, Jennifer Gibbons, ND, Charles Wiggins and Anne Walsh, Executive Director.

**Guests:** Anthony Medina, CFO BAM Analyst; Eric Davis, JD Health and Wellness

**Excused:** Lissa McNiel, ND

The Board went into Public Session at 12:25pm.

**Executive Session Motions:** In cases **N15-09-20** and **N15-11-26**, S. Ohgushi moved to dismiss and C. Wiggins seconded the motion, all members agreed. In case **N15-10-24A**, S. Ohgushi made a motion to let applicant apply for a license when eligible, C. Wiggins seconded the motion, all members agreed. In case **N12-08-23**, S. Ohgushi made a motion to allow license renewal for one year, C. Wiggins seconded the motion, all members agreed. In cases **N15-10-25**, **N15-11-27**, **N15-11-28**, **N15-11-29**, **N15-11-30**, and **N15-12-31**, S. Ohgushi made a motion to open an investigation for each case, seconded by C. Wiggins, all members agreed.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting were approved with minor corrections, by unanimous vote.

**Administrative Rules:** P. Chapman made a motion to adopt 850-060-0226 with the changes recommended by the Formulary Council and discussed at the October 12, 2015 meeting; and adopt 850-005-0190 which increases board member compensation, C. Wiggins seconded the motion, all members agreed.

**General Business:**

**New Board Members** – D. Adkins and those present welcomed Jennifer Gibbons, ND and Keivan Jinnah, ND, LAc. Dr. Gibbons is replacing Dr. Myers who retired early from the Board. She will also be the Natural Childbirth representative after this meeting, as Dr. Ohgushi will no longer be serving on the Board. Dr. Jinnah is filling the position left vacant by Greg Eckel, ND LAc. Dr. Ohgushi and Chapman will be leaving the Board after this meeting if replacements are appointed at the February hearings.

Although she was only present during Executive Session, Katharine Lozano was publicly welcomed as the OBNM's new AAG. Johanna Riemenschneider served the Board for many years and her service and guidance was very much appreciated.

**Legislation 2016 Session** – A. Walsh and D. Adkins met with Representative Nosse regarding the possibility of redefining “physician” in statute during the 2016 session. Although it was not possible with the 2016 session, the OBNM will work with the OANP to submit it as a concept in the 2017-2019 session.

The Board will need to make a decision on any other concepts they would like considered in the 2017 Legislative session and have them ready sometime in the spring. Preliminary discussion was had on removing the language on the Peer Review from ORS 685 since it does not serve a need for the Board, and is confusing at times. There was discussion on defining “Minor Surgery” in a way that will allow greater clarification and delineation of procedures in rule; as well as defining “physician” as used in other statutes. The Board will discuss these possible concepts in more detail ongoing.

**Exclusionary Formulary Rule** – There was discussion by the Board on creating a new rule that would list the restricted formulary items, making it clearer for the doctor and pharmacist. Ms. Walsh will work on draft language for the Board to ask the FC to discuss and consider at their next meeting in March 2016; a usable draft will be considered by the Board at a later date.

**Certified Addictionologist Certification** – Eric Davis from JD Health and Wellness Center spoke to the Board on addictionologist certification. The Board agrees this could be a good training program but will need more information to understand the program better. C. Wiggins volunteered to do some research on addictionologist certification and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

**Strategic Planning Update** – The Board will look to set a date for the retreat at the February meeting.

**Directors Report:** As of December 13, there have been 523 completed renewals, out of 1100 licensees. With a December 15, deadline, the Board may want to discuss moving the renewal date up at the February meeting if renewals continue to be slow.

The annual review of the Delegation of Authority was discussed, and no changes need to be made to the Director's delegated authority.

**Miscellaneous:** An inquiry was discussed: Would the following behavior be grounds for discipline? A physician verbally makes a derogatory statement against another physician to a patient and a complaint is submitted to the Board. All complaints are investigated and depending upon evidence available and the potential for harm, discipline may be necessary. Additionally, if a physician has concerns that this could negatively impact practice, the physician should contact his/her attorney to see if there is legal action to be taken.

**Public Comment:** Anthony Medina introduced himself as the OBNM Budget Analyst for the 2017 budget session. There was no other public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:55pm.

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