

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
February 13, 2012

**Present:** Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND; Greg Eckel, ND; Sheila Myers, ND; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

**Excused:** Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member

**Executive Session Motions:** In case **N11-05-10**, P. Chapman moved to withdraw the Notice of Proposed Discipline; D. Adkins seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. In cases **N11-06-13** and **N12-01-01**, P. Chapman moved to dismiss without action; S. Ohgushi seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the December 12, 2011 meeting, and the January 11, 2012 special meeting, were reviewed by the Board. G. Eckel moved to approve the minutes as written; S. Myers seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Administrative Rules:** Ms. Walsh has been in contact with the DEA to ensure coordination on the recently passed rule, **OAR 850-060-0215** (DEA schedules) adding the drug schedule IIN. A letter confirming the new schedule has been added for Oregon NDs has been received from the DEA; the rule has been updated and adopted. Nds must now contact DEA to amend their registration.

**General Business:**

**Semi-Independence** – Jim Heider, Executive Director of the Oregon Physical Therapy Board, gave a presentation about the semi-independence status of some regulatory boards. While there are many similarities, the main difference with a semi-independent board is in the administrative functions of the board, and the increased flexibility to more closely meet its administrative needs.

**Legislation:** Ms. Walsh explained that any legislative concepts must be submitted before May 1 to be considered for the 2013 legislative session. The Board discussed resubmitting the legislative concept to recover the costs of contested cases where the Board prevails, which did not pass the previous session. The Board decided to table the issue until the next meeting when Ms. Walsh will present more information. The Board discussed the proposed bill regarding the creation of Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO's) and OANP working to assure NDs are included as care providers.

**Directors Report:**

**February License Exam** – There were twelve applicants for the February license examination.

**FNMRA** – A. Walsh has been in contact with the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities. She will continue to work with the federation and update the Board on its progress.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Colonoscopy** – The Board continued a discussion regarding an inquiry at the December Board meeting from Dr. Mark Davis, ND about whether performing a colonoscopy is within the scope of practice for ND's. There was a discussion about the drugs used for patient sedation. Dr. Davis explained the several methods of sedation and non-sedation are used in connection with the procedure. The consensus of the Board was that, with proper training, colonoscopies are within the scope of practice for naturopaths. Dr. Chapman, OBNM representative to the FC, will ask the FC to consider which if any of the sedation methods Dr. Davis will provide are within the formulary compendium.

**Spinal Injection** – There was an inquiry about whether spinal injections are within the scope of practice for naturopaths. The consensus of the Board was that, with proper training, spinal injections are within the scope of practice for naturopaths.

**Continuing Education** – There was a discussion about proprietary materials in CE presentations. There is an issue about presenters using an educational presentation to promote their own products. The consensus was that the Board’s rules regarding proprietary materials being excluded from the educational material is sufficient. Any presenters/sponsors with questions needing more detailed explanation should contact the Board office.

There was discussion about a CE course that contained both acupuncture and herbal medicine, and whether the course should count towards naturopathic continuing education. While there is all lot of crossover material, the consensus of the Board was that if the use of herbal medicine content is only related through an acupuncture procedure, the content should not be approved for naturopathic CE.

**Public Comment:** Aside from Dr. Davis, there was no public comment.

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:35 pm.

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