

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Public Board Meeting
December 10, 2012

Present: Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND; Greg Eckel, ND; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

Excused: Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Sheila Myers, ND

The Board went into Public session at 12:15pm

CCO: Laura Farr, OANP Director, was invited to speak with the Board on the changes in health care for patients of naturopathic physicians, with the implementation of the Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) in Oregon. Through many meeting with persons in Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Governor's office, the OANP has a commitment for OHA that current patients seeing NDs on the open card, will continue to be seen by these doctors in the new system if they have an established relationship with a ND. The guarantee from OHA is if after 90 days, a CCO decides it does not want to work with a naturopathic doctor, a patient can go back on the open card to continue care by the ND. The biggest hurdle seems to be education. OANP put together a white paper on naturopathic care as naturopathic primary care for the CCO members.

OAR 410-141-0860 was discussed. Ms. Walsh continues to work on getting the language in this rule corrected.

Discussion was held on the potential bill on dry-needling being within the scope of practice for NDs. G Eckel, ND, LAc, stated that he does not understand why The Acupuncturists are bringing forth a bill to restrict a practice that is already within the scope for naturopathic physicians. More discussion needs to happen before the Board takes a position.

Executive Session Motions: Greg Eckel made all the motions for the executive session matters: In case **N11-06-12** the motion was to issue a notice of proposed discipline, S. Ohgushi seconded; in **N12-08-23** the motion was to take immediate disciplinary action, seconded by D. Adkins; in **N12-08-24** and **N12-10-25** the motion was to dismiss; in **N12-11-31N** and **N12-12-32N** the motion was to open an investigation, seconded by S. Ohgushi; and **N12-12-33** to open an investigation and take disciplinary action, seconded by P. Chapman. All motions were passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the October 8, 2012, and November 16, 2012 Special meeting were reviewed. D. Adkins moved to approve the minutes as written; S. Ohgushi seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Administrative Rules: **OAR 850-035-0230** the rule on natural childbirth was been revisited by S. Ohgushi, who requested input from all NDs holding a certificate in natural childbirth. Some changes have been recommended to include requiring case-review annually; removing the requirement that all births must be natural (as C-sections are not); require at least 5 births must have been attended within the two years prior to applying for certification; and to allow a ND with current certification to request an inactive status. The inactive status would have requirements for maintaining that status and for reinstating certificate to an active status. After further discussion on different aspects of the rule, the potential program restart-up at NCNM, and additional natural childbirth CE hours annually. S. Ohgushi moved to initiate rule-making; D. Adkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Walsh will initiate rule-making.

Ms. Walsh shared some definitions previously used by the Board to help define violations.

General Business:

Midwifery Update: S. Ohgushi did not have anything to add to that process; but was excited that Laura Farr shared that she believes the CCO will be less restrictive in covering OB care.

Legislation:

LC380 & LC381 – There is no update. Legislative session starts February 2013. There should be more information available at the February meeting. Ms. Walsh met with L. Farr to discuss the intent of SB 108 and its impact on licensees.

Greg Eckel shared that ACAM certification for IV Chelation therapy is good for seven years; OBNM requires certification be done every five years.

Directors Report:

Agency Requested Budget – There is no update on the status of the Board's requested budget; however, the Governor's Balanced Budget should be available by the end of January and the board will have a better sense of the OBNM limitation for 2013-2015 biennium.

Renewals – The online renewals were opened November 1. To date about 160 (17% of) licensees have renewed online. With the online renewal in place, less than 20 paper renewals are issued. The online renewal saves the Board time and is more efficient. The licensee is the one that updates their record (address, DEA, etc) so there is less chance of human error on our (agency) side.

Staffing: The 2013-15 budget request includes a request to make the Investigator II a permanent position. Ms. Walsh is working with Human Resources to move the Administrative Assistant position into executive service, prior to recruiting for the position. The position has been vacant since December 1.

Miscellaneous: *An inquiry on charging for lab fees:* The ND may charge the administrative costs attached to doing lab tests.

Scope of practice inquiry about treating out of state patients: A doctor/patient relationship must first be established before treating patients who are out of state.

Public Comment: Ms. Farr met with the Board at the beginning of the meeting; no other public comment. No other people were in attendance.

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

Board members worked on CE after the close of the meeting. Being the last few days before renewal are due, the Board worked on CE for more than 1-1/2 hours.