

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
December 12, 2011

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

**Excused:** Dwight Adkins, Public Member

**Executive Session Motions:** **N11-01-01**, Y. Hu moved to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline, S. Ohgushi seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by all members present. In cases **N11-04-09; N11-09-25N; N11-11-28A; N11-11-29N; and N11-11-31**, Y. Hu moved to dismiss, P. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. In case **N11-11-32**, Y. Hu moved to open an investigation, S. Ohgushi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. And in case **N11-12-35**, Y. Hu moved to dismiss, S. Ohgushi seconded, and all members present agreed.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the October 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the Board with S. Ohgushi adding that the BCCP included increased access to patients outside the BCCP. S. Myers moved to approve the minutes with the correction, G. Eckel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Rules:** **OAR 850-030-0035** - Y. Hu moved to adopt as permanent this temporary rule concerning fees, G. Eckel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. S. Ohgushi moved to adopt as permanent **OAR 850-060-0215** (DEA schedules) and **OAR 850-050-0120** (self-reporting) if no comment was received by December 22, P. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion was held on **OAR 850-040-0210** –the Board felt that the rule’s current language was sufficient.

**General Business:**

**Natural Childbirth Certification** – Ms. Walsh began a discussion about a Natural childbirth applicant with a considerable amount of time passing since fulfilling the certificates birth requirements. The rule (OAR 850-035-0230) does not address a limitation from experience obtained to certification; discussion ensued. S. Ohgushi suggested this conversation include all OB certificate holders. It was tabled for a future meeting.

**Board Membership** – A. Walsh introduced the Board’s newest member, Sheila Myers, ND, filling the ND vacancy. Sheila Myers has been in practice since 1991 and resides in Bend Oregon.

**Continuing Education Requirement** – There was a discussion about the number of CE hours required and the absence of an in-person requirement. While the Board strongly encourages in-person CE, the consensus was the Board would not be changing the rule to require it at this time.

**Exam Questions** – A. Walsh again solicited the ND Board members with on-going request to supply questions for the formulary examination. CE credit is given to Board members who write usable exam questions.

**Legislation:** The Board does not have any legislation pending before legislature this session.

**Directors Report:**

**Renewals** – A. Walsh updated the Board on renewals. No major problems with renewals at this time; the majority of renewals come after the OANP’s December CE program.

**Requests for Information** – There was discussion around a request for information from an Alaskan Legislator, working to move licensure forward in that state. Additionally there was a request for

information from Harry Chen, Director of Vermont's Naturopathic Board, on expanding the prescribing rights of NDs.

**FNMRA** – A. Walsh updated the Board on her trip to Stamford CT, to meet with AANP representatives in September. The trip, paid in part by AANP, NABNE and OBNM, was to educate/share information on the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities. She will continue to work with the federation and update the Board on its progress.

**Miscellaneous:**

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

**Inquiries:**

**Patient Records** – An inquiry addressed to the Board asked if there was a rule on how long NDs must maintain patient files. There is no rule on this issue, at this time.

**IV Certification** – There was a question about whether the therapeutic and preventative IV education requirement was fulfilled by the general curriculum offered by SCNM. The consensus was that with the information available, it did not fulfill the requirement.

**Colonoscopy** – Dr. Mark Davis, ND. Spoke with the Board on colonoscopy being within the scope of practice when nitrous oxide is administered rather than general anesthetic. The Board asked for more research to be presented at a future meeting for further consideration.

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 2:25 pm.

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