

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
February 7, 2011

**PRESENT:** Glenn Taylor, Board Chair; Michelle Homer, ND; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Johanna Riemenschneider, SAAG; Anne Walsh, Executive Director;  
**Excused:** Donna Beck, ND; Greg Eckel, ND

**Executive Session Motions:** **N09-03-08** – P.Chapman moved to issue a notice of discipline, M. Homer seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N10-08-12N; N10-09-16N; N10-09-23N; N10-11-28N** – P. Chapman moved to dismiss, M. Homer seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** The December 6, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

**Administrative Rules:**

**OAR 850-060-0225 & 850-060-0226** – The Board proposed initiating a rule change to update the formulary rule to eliminate the reference to the AHFS drug book. **OAR 850-050-0200** – The Board proposed initiating a rule to limit the ability of someone to reapply for the license examination after being disciplined. M. Homer made a motion to initiate rule making to limit the ability for someone to reapply for the license examination after being disciplined, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**General Business:**

**Human Probiotic Infusion** – There was an inquiry from four-year medical student at NCNM, Mark Davis, about whether using human probiotic infusion was within the ND scope of practice. The Board listened to a presentation about the practice, training, and current medical literature surrounding human probiotic infusion. It was discussed and the consensus was that the practice was within the scope of practice with appropriate education and training.

**HCG** – Greg Smith & Pat Swansick from the Oregon Dept. of Justice came before the Board to discuss HCG. G. Smith explained the current situation where licensed health professionals are prescribing HCG for “off-label” uses such as weight-loss, without establishing a doctor-patient relationship and not adequately informing patients of the risks prior to treatment.

**Best Practices Review** – Board members filled out their annual “Best Practices” review survey.

**Formulary Council** – P. Chapman had nothing to report about the upcoming Formulary Council meeting on March 30, 2011.

**Mifepristone** - There was a request to include the use of mifepristone for medical abortions in the naturopathic scope of practice. It was determined that it would violate the statute prohibiting the performance of abortions by naturopaths and that licensees should be reminded of this through the newsletter. P. Chapman will inform the Formulary Council about the issue and report any comments or concerns to the Board.

**POLST** – The issue was tabled until next meeting.

**Board Chair** – The Board Chair needed to be reappointed. S. Ohgushi made a motion to re-appoint G. Taylor to continue as the Board Chair, M. Homer seconded, the motion passed unanimously. P. Chapman made a motion to appoint M. Homer as Vice-Chair, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**Legislation** – G. Taylor gave an update on the Board’s submitted Legislative Concepts. Public hearings will be held over the next few weeks. A. Walsh explained a proposed bill on “cultural competency” and how it might be implemented if the bill is passed.

**Directors Report:**

**Peer Review Audit Committee** - A. Walsh explained her participation on the “Peer Review Audit Committee”, and the standards adopted for auditing the “best practices” of other government boards. The Board will receive an audit sometime in the near future.

**Budget** – A. Walsh explained the timeline for having the Board’s bi-annual budget approved. The budget includes a fee increase, an increased limitation for AAG costs, computer hardware, and making the part-time investigator position permanent. The proposed increased budget limitation for the Office of Administrative Hearings was denied, as was funding for Board trainings.

**Semi-Independence** – The Board discussed the description of a semi-independent board and reviewed a listing of other semi-independent boards.

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

**Inquiries:**

**Epinephrine Training** – There was an inquiry from a licensee about training people to administer epinephrine through an “epi pen”, as the Red Cross training no longer includes this training in their instruction. There was some confusion about whether a licensed physician must be certified to train others in the use of an “epi pen”. The Board requested more information from A. Walsh, and the issue was tabled until next meeting.

**Theft of Computer Records** – A physician may be attending the next Board meeting to inform the Board about their experience around having electronic medical records stolen.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

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

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