

Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine  
Public Board Meeting  
August 8, 2011

**PRESENT:** Michelle Homer, ND, Board Chair; Sara Ohgushi, ND; Patrick Chapman, ND ; Donna Beck, ND; Yi-Kang Hu, Public Member; Dwight Adkins, Public Member; Anne Walsh, Executive Director

**EXCUSED:** Greg Eckel, ND

**Executive Session Motions:** **N10-11-29**– P. Chapman moved to authorize Ms. Walsh to offer a settlement; S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed with 4 "yea" - M. Homer, Y. Hu, S. Ohgushi, and P. Chapman; 2 "nay" - D. Beck, D. Adkins. **N10-08-14** – P. Chapman moved to issue a Notice of Proposed Discipline, Y. Hu seconded, the motion passed unanimously with D. Beck abstaining. **N11-07-15N** – P. Chapman moved to dismiss, S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously. **N11-04-09; N11-05-10; N11-05-11; N11-06-12; N11-06-13; N11-07-14; N11-07-16** – P. Chapman moved to continue the investigations; S. Ohgushi seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes:** The June 13, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

**Administrative Rules:**

There was a discussion about the need for ND's to self-report any action involving the ND made by other regulatory authorities, and the consensus was that the current language of the rule is sufficient.

**General Business:**

**POLST** - D. Beck gave an update on the Board's effort for ND's to be included in the POLST (Patient Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) process. Under the direction of the Board, D. Beck has written a petition to the POLST task force showing that signing POLST forms are within the scope of practice of ND's and requesting they be included in the POLST administrative rules. The POLST Board will meet in September. Dr. Beck and Ms. Walsh will attend this meeting. D. Beck will report back to the Board in October.

**Clinical Privileges** – Ms. Walsh received a letter from OHSU requesting standards of credentialing for ND's to be employed as independent physicians. After discussion, the Board decided to do some more work on the form and review at the October meeting before submitting anything to OHSU.

**Board Membership** –The Board's newest public member, Dwight Adkins, was welcomed.

**Renewal Survey Results** – Ms. Walsh outlined the results of the 2010 renewal surveys. The Board discussed using the same questions to be able to track trends over a several year period. Prescribing and Primary Care questions were discussed. A couple more questions will be added to the 2011 renewal.

**Naturopathic Representation** - The Board needs representation on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and the Oregon Pain Management Commission. The Board will solicit NDs to fill these positions.

**2011 Board Meeting Dates** – The Board decided to change the regular schedule of Board meetings to the second Monday of even numbered months. The next Board meeting will be held October 10th.

**OANP** – The OANP requested suggestions from the Board for its annual ethics seminar. Discussion on complaint issues suggest ethics in prescribing to family/friends and record keeping of such, and responsibility of Licensees to self-report any violation.

**Directors Report:**

**Semi-Independence** – Ms. Walsh continues to participate in discussion about semi-independence.

**Budget** – Ms. Walsh informed the Board that the budget has been approved by the Oregon Legislature. The budget includes a fee increase for all license renewals. *NOTE -Correction: the fee*

*increase was only approved for half of what was being requested, the investigator position was denied as permanent, and the increase in limitation for legal costs was also denied.*

**New Database** – Ms. Walsh explained that the Board will acquire new database software that will be easier to use and increase efficiency. One agency is working with IT to work out the "kinks", before OBNM moves over.

**Investigator Trainings** – CLEAR (Council on Licensing Enforcement and Regulation) may offer the Investigator training in Portland in the near future but Ms. Walsh will not be attending because they are not offering the Advanced Investigator program.

**FNPLA** – Federation of Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Agencies will be meeting on August 15 in Arizona. Ms. Walsh will be attending. The purpose is to coordinate the efforts of Naturopathic Regulatory Boards.

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

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

As there was no more business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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