



OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

April 9, 2018 Board Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Board Members Present: Molly Cardenal, OD, President
Douglas Walker, OD, Vice-President
Derek Louie, OD
Steven Tronnes, OD
Renee Klein, Public Member

Board Staff: Shelley Sneed, Executive Director
Melissa Auman, Administrative Coordinator

Board Legal Counsel: Lori Lindley, Assistant Attorney General

Others in Attendance via conference call: Janet Baker, OOPA, Ashley McFerron, OOPA

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Cardenal called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. via conference call. Roll call was taken and attendance is noted above.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

The purpose of the Board meeting was to discuss submitting potential telehealth changes and language in legislation going before the Governor's Office for the 2019 legislative session. The Board members were asked to help define "telehealth" as it pertains to the practice of optometry.

In regards to ORS 683.010 to 683.310 Dr. Tronnes and Dr. Louie both suggested adding "contact lenses" to ophthalmic lens prescribing in section 13. Dr. Cardenal suggested wording in section 13 could be "ophthalmic lenses which includes contact lenses". Dr. Tronnes liked "ophthalmic lenses and contact lenses". Ms. Sneed stated that what is needed currently is approval for legislative concept and what the Board wants to include instead of the actual language at this time.

Dr. Cardenal was confused by section 8. She said sometimes telehealth might be by secure email. Ms. Sneed said she felt the intent in section 8 was that if it was a one-way communication then it was not telehealth.

Dr. Cardenal said the biggest question is how do we determine where a patient resides or is physically at the time of contact. Ms. Sneed asked if subsection 14 should include asking where the patient is located. Dr. Tronnes questioned what if a person is from another state and comes to his office? Is this instance not much like telehealth where a person from another state contacts an OD in Oregon? Dr. Cardenal added to that in suggesting the scenario of having a patient/OD relationship and the patient calls the OD while on vacation outside the state. AG Lindley said that the Board could do a Rule to address the question of relationship. Dr. Walker asked if this limits access to care. Ms. Sneed said the purpose of the legislation is to expand access outside large populated areas.

Dr. Tronnes suggested that an OD's license number and expiration date be added somewhere on the site. AG Lindley said this can be done in a Rule.

Dr. Cardenal suggested a motion to file the legislative concept and give Ms. Sneed the authority to work with the Board President and Vice President to make changes. Dr. Tronnes made the motion and Dr. Louie seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous oral vote. The legislative concept submission date is April 14, 2018.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Friday May 11, 2018
- Friday August 3, 2018
- Friday November 2, 2018

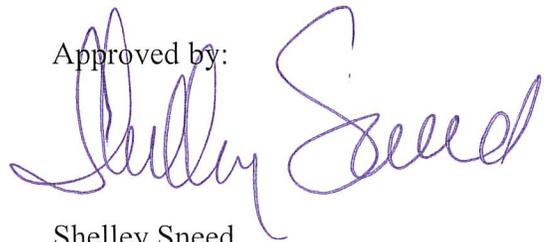
ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the Board, and President Cardenal adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Melissa Auman
Administrative Coordinator

Approved by:



Shelley Sneed
Executive Director