

**BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 92-7(b).

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Kevin Gibson, N.D., Chairperson  
Rodney Chun, N.D., Vice Chairperson  
Audrey Ng, Member  
Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., Member  
Constance Cabral, Executive Officer  
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Guests: Dr. Lori Kimata, HSNP Legislative Committee

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gibson at 2:07 p.m.

Additions and Revisions to the Agenda: It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Ms. Ng, and unanimously carried to add Natural Childbirth to New Business.

Approval of the January 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Ms. Ng, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to approve the January 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes with the following amendments:

On page 1, under Continuing Education requirements, the first line should read as follows:

"At the Board's August 29, 2014 meeting, it was determined that courses approved by the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians; the American Medical Association; and the American

Osteopathic Association may satisfy the continuing education requirements for renewal."

On page 2, under Continuing Education requirements, the third paragraph should read as follows:

"After discussion, it was **proposed** that courses approved by the respective professional associations or organizations **must also fall** within the scope of practice of naturopathic care **to** satisfy the continuing education requirements for renewal."

New Business:

Natural childbirth

Dr. Lori Kimata appeared before the Board to discuss proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 88 regarding requirements for licensed naturopathic physicians to practice natural childbirth in an out of hospital setting.

Dr. Chun indicated that the proposed amendments would require additional education and an examination.

Dr. Taketa-Wong also indicated that to be board certified would entail additional years of training and a specific examination.

Hawaii naturopathic physicians are not licensed by specialty and do not have a specialty board, unlike medical physicians.

Dr. Gibson indicated that safety measures are already in place at this time.

Executive Officer Cabral asked whether natural childbirth is within the scope of naturopathic physicians as there was a bill before the 2014 Legislature that seemed to indicate it was not. While Board members informally believed that natural childbirth is within their scope of practice, they felt that legislative amendments would clarify this position.

This matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

Legislation:

a. Legislative representative

Executive Officer Cabral requested that the Board delegate legislative representatives to provide guidance and testify at hearings for substantive legislative issues during the current legislative session.

Members decided that Dr. Gibson and Dr. Chun would represent the Board as its legislative representatives.

b. Senate Bill No. 1216 Relating to Colon Hydrotherapy

This measure: (1) adds a definition of "colon hydrotherapy"; (2) amends the definition of "naturopathic medicine" to include colon hydrotherapy; and (3) specifies that colon hydrotherapy shall be performed on another person only by or under the supervision of a naturopathic physician.

Dr. Gibson referred to the Board's March 7, 2011 meeting minutes which states:

"After discussion, the Board came to a consensus that in general, colon hydrotherapy performed on another person should only be performed by, or under the supervision of, a naturopathic physician or other licensed health care practitioner whose scope of practice allows the performance of this modality. However, one does not need a naturopathic physician or such other licensed health care practitioner if colon hydrotherapy is administered to oneself."

The Board indicated that it cannot comment on the scope of practice for a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse in performing colon hydrotherapy. The Board does not have oversight of the Hawaii Medical Board or the Board of Nursing.

Naturopathic physicians receive training to safely administer colon hydrotherapy.

After discussion, the Board reconfirmed their informal opinion that colon hydrotherapy is within the scope of practice of a naturopathic physician and should be performed by a naturopathic physician or other physician whose scope of practice allows the performance of colon hydrotherapy.

c. Senate Bill No. 318 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians

The purpose of this measure is to require insurers, mutual benefit societies, fraternal benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for health care services provided by a naturopathic physician.

The Senate Committee on Health and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection held a joint public hearing on February 10, 2015 and deferred the measure.

d. Senate Bill No. 1034 Relating to Health

The purpose of this measure is to increase the authorized benefit for naturopathic, chiropractic, and acupuncture treatments allowed under personal injury protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance. This measure was distributed to members for their information.

Continuing Education requirements:

At the Board's January 7, 2015 meeting, it was determined that courses approved by the respective professional associations or organizations subject to course materials falling within the scope of practice of naturopathic care may satisfy the continuing education requirements for renewal.

After discussion, it was determined that continuing education courses held by providers approved by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners and physical therapy associations or organizations would be satisfactory to the Board.

Naturopathic Formulary:

None.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

It was moved by Dr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to ratify the following applications for licensure:

- Marra, Susan
- Renfer, Jessica Lynn

It was moved by Dr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to ratify the following applications for authorization to administer parenteral therapy:

- Renfer, Jessica Lynn

Announcements: None.

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Next Meeting                    Wednesday, May 6, 2015  
Date:                            2:00 p.m.  
                                      King Kalakaua Conference Room  
                                      King Kalakaua Building  
                                      335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
                                      Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment:                There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Faith Nishimura  
Faith Nishimura  
Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Constance Cabral  
Constance Cabral  
Executive Officer

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[X] Minutes approved as is.  
[ ] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.