

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: Friday, April 28, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: David Kern, N.D., Chairperson
Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., Vice Chairperson
Rodney Chun, N.D.
Constance Cabral, Executive Officer
Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary

Excused: Rodney J. Tam, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kern at 2:06 p.m.

Approval of the January 27, 2017 It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to approve the open meeting minutes of the January 27, 2017 meeting as circulated.

Legislation: a. S.B. No. 223, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic medicine

This bill authorizes a naturopathic physician to prescribe testosterone, clarifies that naturopathic physicians who violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act can face disciplinary action, and makes technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

It was heard by the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and passed with amendments. It crossed over to the House and was heard by the House Committee on Health, which passed it out with amendments. However, it was not heard by the House Committee on Judiciary.

b. S.B. No. 823, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Physicians

This bill mandates health insurance coverage for services performed by naturopathic physicians.

It was heard by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health and passed with amendments. Subsequently, it was heard by the Committee on Ways and Means, which passed it out with amendments. It crossed over to the House but was not heard by any Committees.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

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

i. Ratifications list

Naturopathic Physician

- a. Robert Abell
- b. Lauren A Anderson
- c. Kelsey M Becker
- d. Tamara C Evans
- e. Pei Yun Hung
- f. Miranda R Labant
- g. Catherine A Nakamura
- h. Gilbert Winkelman

Parenteral Therapy and Minor Office Procedures

- a. Lauren A Anderson
- b. Kelsey M Becker
- c. Catherine A Nakamura

New Business:

a. Scope of practice: can NDs compound?

Compounding is a practice in which a licensed pharmacist, a licensed physician, or, in the case of an outsourcing facility, a person under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, combines, mixes, or alters ingredients of a drug to create a medication tailored to the needs of an individual patient.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried that compounding is within an NDs scope of practice.

The above interpretation is an unofficial, nonbinding opinion issued in accordance with HAR section 16-291-90 for informational and explanatory purposes only.

b. Scope of practice: can NDs draw blood?

The Board received an inquiry regarding whether NDs are able to draw blood.

Dr. Taketa-Wong stated that in § 455-1 HRS, you can draw blood, and use intravenous procedures.

Dr. Kern stated that there are different types of therapy used such as Prolotherapy, also called proliferation therapy or regenerative injection therapy. It's an alternative medicine treatment that uses injection of an irritant solution into a joint space, ligaments, or tendon insertion to relieve pain. Another type of therapy is Platelet Rich Plasma ("PRP"), which is a technique that specifically requires drawing blood. Blood is spun and

platelets are taken off the top and injected into the patient's ligaments or tendons. It is effectively used in sports medicine.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried that NDs can draw blood.

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c. North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners - Advisory Council meeting minutes of July 26, 2016

The Board reviewed the NABNE advisory council meeting minutes of July 26, 2016. The advisory council monitors and provides Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examinations ("NPLEX") testing, various states such as Hawaii have become the regulatory authority of NABNE so they operate somewhat under the acceptance for validation of what the Board does. As a result of each state's participation, yearly meetings would normally include representatives from the state's Boards.

d. NPLEX Elective Pharmacology Examination – Generic Drug List
e. NPLEX Part II – Clinical Elective Examination Elective Pharmacology Competencies and Drug Categories

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the NPLEX elective Pharmacology exam – Generic Drug List, and NPLEX part II clinical elective exam elective pharmacology competencies and drug categories.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Constance I. Cabral

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Executive Officer

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Taken and recorded by:

Ronni-Ann Bumgarner

Ronni-Ann Bumgarner
Secretary

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.