

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, January 27, 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
Rodney J. Tam, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Susan Reyes, Secretary

Guest: Dr. Lori Kimata

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kern at 2:02 p.m.

Additions and Revisions to the Agenda: The Executive Officer announced that the additions and revisions to the agenda was inadvertently placed on the agenda.

Approval of the October 21, 2016 It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to approve the open meeting minutes of the October 21, 2016 meeting as circulated.

Legislation: a. S.B. No. 2332, Relating to Naturopathic medicine (2016 session)

The Executive Officer had been advised that a similar bill to last year's S.B. No. 2332, relating to Naturopathic medicine would be introduced this legislative session. To prepare for that possibility, the Executive Officer asked the Board whether last year's position and testimony would suffice this year.

Last year, the Board testified that the prescriptive authority for naturopathic physicians should be limited to testosterone only. After much discussion, it was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun and unanimously carried to adopt that same position.

The Board also considered appointing a representative to speak on its behalf regarding all legislative matters relating to naturopathy. It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun and unanimously

carried to appoint Dr. Taketa-Wong as the Board's legislative representative.

Dr. Taketa-Wong volunteered to be the legislative delegate. Dr. Kern says that Senate Bill S.B. No. 2332 was originally supposed to read testosterone only, Dr. Taketa-Wong asked if the Board should amend the bill to say testosterone only. After some discussion the Board agreed to leave the bill the way it is written.

Applications:

Ratifications

i. Ratifications list

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

- Rachel A. Kushner

Old Business:

a. Natural Childbirth

Dr. Kimata requested that the administrative rules be revised to include natural childbirth. It was her opinion that it is within a naturopathic physician's scope of practice, however it is not specified in the law.

The Deputy Attorney General ("AG") believed that it would be clearer to put it into the law, similar to legislative action taken on parenteral therapy and minor office procedures. Although it was thought that these two were already in the scope of practice, the Board decided to make it clear by amending the law to include those two.

Dr. Kimata also spoke about midwifery and how it was illegal in Hawaii until 1989.

The Deputy AG advised that he will do research on natural childbirth to determine whether the law would need to be changed.

The Chair thought perhaps a "Bill of rights" might be a possible vehicle by which standards of practice could be developed for naturopathic physicians.

Announcements:

Dr. Taketa-Wong asked about the new continuing education requirements, and wanted to know when notices would be sent the licensees. In response, the Executive Officer Cabral advised that those would be sent out some time in February.

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Next Meeting Friday, April 28, 2017
Date: 2:00 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at
 3:19 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Constance I. Cabral

/s/ Ronni-Ann Bumgarner

Constance I. Cabral
Executive Officer

Ronni-Ann Bumgarner
Secretary

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[X] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.