

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, December 16, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gibson at 2:05 p.m.

Additions and Revisions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of the February 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Chun, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to approve the May 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

RICO Naturopathy Advisory Committee: RICO requests that the Board review and approve RICO's Naturopathy Advisory Committee list and addendum language for the 2016 term. It was moved by Dr. Chun, seconded by Dr. Taketa-Wong, and unanimously carried to approve the list and addendum language.

Old Business: a. Natural childbirth

Members reviewed the Oregon law for requirements for certification of naturopathic physicians to practice natural childbirth provided by Dr. Taketa-Wong.

Dr. Taketa-Wong stated that the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians is still interested in proposing rule amendments.

Executive Officer Cabral indicated that amendments would have to be done at the legislature.

Dr. Taketa-Wong suggested that the Board needs specification/additional proof of training (midwifery) training program. She also suggested that the Board needs specific requirements such as those established in Oregon.

She indicated that the midwifery training program requires additional education and is an optional certification.

Dr. Gibson would like to have this issue vetted more with HSNP.

This matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

New Business: a. Increasing the Number of Public Members

The Legislature is asking each Board to provide an opinion on whether or not the public member representation on the board should be increased.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that there is no need to increase the public member representation. However, should it be increased, the Board is open to a percentage of perhaps 60% NDs and 40% public members

b. Intrauterine Devices

The Board received an inquiry regarding whether naturopathic physicians are permitted to administer and insert intrauterine devices.

At its August 29, 2014 board meeting, members informally opined that prescribing contraceptive devices falls within the definition of

"naturopathic medicine" as defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 455-1.

After discussion, it was the Board's consensus and informal opinion that administering and inserting contraceptive devices falls within the definition of "naturopathic medicine".

c. Rules revisions

A draft of the proposed administrative rules on Continuing Education was distributed to members for their review and comments.

Members discussed whether continuing education courses approved by other state boards and associations would be approved by the Board.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun and unanimously carried to revise the rules to include the American Chiropractic Association, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, and the licensing state associations of the following: the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians, American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, American Chiropractic Association, and Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

d. Accredited, degree granting institutions as continuing education providers

The Board received a request that it include accredited colleges of Naturopathic Medicine in the list of approved organizations to provide continuing education.

After discussion, the Board determined it would include accredited colleges of Naturopathic Medicine in its proposed administrative rules.

e. August 20, 2015 email from Grace M. Vo regarding naturopaths prescribing physical therapy

The Board received an inquiry regarding whether naturopathic physicians can prescribe physical therapy.

After discussion, it was the Board's consensus and informal opinion that prescribing physical therapy falls within the definition of "naturopathic medicine".

Naturopathic
Formulary:

a. Corlanor

The Board received an inquiry regarding whether Corlanor would fall under the naturopathic formulary for cardiovascular agents.

After discussion it was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to determine that Corlanor does not fall within the medication listed on the naturopathic formulary.

Applications:

a. Authorization to perform minor office procedures

i. Phuong D. Nguyen

Dr. Nguyen answered "yes" to the question "Has any license ever been revoked, suspended or otherwise subject to disciplinary action in any jurisdiction?"

Executive Session:

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 3:22 p.m. pursuant to HRS sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(1) and (4), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional license and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:25 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to return to open session. The room was reopened to the public.

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to approve Phuong D. Nguyen's application to perform minor office procedures.

b. Ratifications

i. Licensure

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

- Megan C. Choy
- Beth E. Laughlin
- Lillian A. Ratell
- Michele N.F. Sayball
- Caroline D. Strike

ii. Authorization to administer parenteral therapy

- Megan C. Choy

iii. Authorization to perform minor office procedures

- Megan C. Choy

Hawaii Administrative Rules: None.

Correspondence: a. NABNE August 4, 2015 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

The NABNE August 4, 2015 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes were distributed to the members for their information.

Announcements: Chairperson Gibson indicated that the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians ("HSNP") intends to submit legislation on requiring insurers to provide coverage for services provided by licensed naturopathic physicians. HSNP had also intended to submit legislation to authorize naturopathic physicians to prescribe testosterone. However, a bill was introduced to allow naturopathic physicians to prescribe controlled substances, with the exception of narcotic drugs.

The Board discussed the potential legislation and agreed that naturopathic physicians should be able to prescribe testosterone. The Executive Officer asked whether other controlled substances

should be included in the formulary. The Board felt that testosterone would suffice.

Executive Officer Cabral requested that the Board create a legislative committee to testify during the legislative session.

The members decided that Drs. Gibson, Taketa-Wong and Chun would represent the Board as its legislative representatives.

Next Meeting Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Date: 2:00 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 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 _____.