

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, November 3, 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
Krishna Jayaram, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kern at 2:15 p.m.

Introduction of Deputy Attorney General: DAG Krishna Jayaram was introduced to the Board.

Approval of the July 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of the July 28, 2017 meeting as circulated.

CE credit for Acupuncture and Psychology courses: Myron Berney, N.D., is requesting that acupuncture and psychology courses be acceptable to meet the CE requirements.

Dr. Chun questioned whether acupuncture is within a naturopathic physician’s scope of practice. Dr. Taketa-Wong advised clarifying that acupuncture is not with the scope of practice but that dry needling is. She also believed that psychology would be within the scope of practice as long as it is relevant to patient care.

Dr. Kern explained that acupuncture follows the theory of Chinese medicine and is just one of the modalities of Chinese medicine. Dry needling and acupuncture have different philosophies. In further discussion, it appeared to Dr. Kern that Dr. Chun was offering a functional view of acupuncture, whereas Dr. Taketa-Wong had a broader view of it.

Dr. Kern believed that CE would reinforce the credibility of naturopathic physicians by keeping them up to date on naturopathic medicine. He related that acupuncture courses would need to show direct relevance to

naturopathic medicine. Dr. Taketa-Wong believed that as long as the course is pertinent to naturopathic medicine, it would be acceptable.

The Board reviewed information relating to the National Certifying Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine ("NCCAOM"). Members also discussed psychology courses as being pertinent to naturopathic physicians.

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Chun, and unanimously carried to add NCCAOM and the American Psychological Association to its list of approved professional associations or organizations that may approve continuing education courses.

Waiver of CE
Requirements for
Renewal:

The Board considered waiving CE requirements for renewal. However, in reviewing its statutes, it was determined that there was no statutory authority to do so.

Next Meeting
Date:

Friday, February 9, 2018
2:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
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Adjournment:

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

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Constance Cabral

Constance I. Cabral
Executive Officer

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[x] Minutes approved as is.

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