

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, March 20, 2019

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., L.Ac., Chairperson
Kathryn Taketa-Wong, N.D., Vice Chairperson
Kristen Coles, N.D., L.Ac., Member
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Jessica Mullin, Secretary

Guests: Rachel Klein, N.D., President, Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP)

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Kern at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of the February 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles and unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of the February 15, 2019 Board meeting.

Applications for License:

a. Ratifications

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

(i) Naturopathic Physician

a. ND 309 Jessica M. Brandes

(ii) Parenteral Therapy

a. ND 48 Eugene W. Kitts

Legislation:

a. HB673 HD2-Relating to Medical Cannabis Objectors

Board members reviewed the status of the bill, which allows naturopathic physicians and physician assistants to provide written certification for qualifying patients to improve patient access to medical cannabis. After some discussion, the Board agreed to continue to track this bill since medical cannabis certification language as it pertains to naturopathic physicians was removed.

b. SB777-Relating to Health Care Professionals

Board members reviewed the status of the bill, which would clarify the list of acceptable institutions or organizations that can meet the continuing education requirements needed by naturopathic physicians for license renewal. It was noted that SB777 HD1 and HD2 both removed the term “province” in the definition of “continuing education courses”. After some discussion, the Board agreed to continue supporting the bill with comments requesting that “province” be re-introduced to the bill’s “continuing education definition” on page 2, line 6, and on page 3, line 12.

New Business:

a. Scope of Practice and Formulary

(i) Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP): Request to Expand Formulary

The Board discussed administrative updates to the formulary for naturopathic physicians. It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles and unanimously carried to update the introduction of the formulary to remove references to controlled substances. Since its development, the formulary has been inclusive and does not contain medications that naturopathic physicians cannot prescribe, such as controlled medications. The Board also updated item #2 in the formulary to be consistent with the introduction.

The updates will be made available on the Board’s website.

(ii) Cosmetic Treatments: Botox and Dermatologic Fillers

The Board reviewed previous meeting minutes and discussed revisions to the formulary to include cosmetic treatments and dermatological fillers.

(iii) Collegial Relationships: Dispensing of Testosterone

The Board discussed collegial relationships and how they must be written in the statutes. Executive Officer Fernandez expressed to the Board that he

needs more clarity and will research the language used in the statutes for advanced nurse practitioners.

(iv) Medical Cannabis Certification and Controlled Substances

The Board discussed the process of medical cannabis certification and whether it falls within the scope of naturopathic physicians.

b. Discuss Draft Letter to the Department of Public Safety

The Board discussed drafting a letter to the Department of Public Safety regarding the change of language in the formulary per request from HSNP. After some due discussion the Board decided not to draft a letter to DPS at this time. The Board believes that there would need to be legislative changes to HRS §455 prior in order for naturopathic physicians have controlled substance prescriptive authority. Controlled substance prescriptive authority is currently required for physicians and APRNs to certify medical cannabis patients.

Old Business:

a. Hawaii State Association of Progressive Naturopathic Physicians (HSAPNP)

It was moved by Dr. Taketa-Wong, seconded by Dr. Coles and unanimously carried to defer the remaining items on the agenda until the next meeting.

b. Continuing Education Discussion Including Considering CE Waivers

Open Forum:

Public comments on issues not on the agenda may be considered by the Board at subsequent meeting.

Next Meeting

Date:

Fri., May 10, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
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Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez

Christopher Fernandez
Executive Officer

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Jessica T. Mullin

Jessica T. Mullin
Secretary

CF:jtm

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- Minutes approved as is.
- Minutes approved with changes.