



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OPTOMETRY
Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:08 a.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013, by Karen Preston O.D., Chair. The meeting was held in Conference Room 307 at the Department of Health, Center Point Corporate Park, 20425 72nd Avenue South, Kent, Washington.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Preston, O.D., Chair
Michael Noble, O.D.
Chris Barry, O.D.
Michael Van Brocklin, O.D.
Roy Brock, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judy Chan, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Linh Tran, Assistant Attorney General
Kirby Putscher, Acting Executive Director
Judy Haenke, Program Manager
Erlaine Diaz, Program Support
Danielle Welliever, Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brad Tower, Tower and Associates
Ernest Schlabach, O.D.
Lisa Fennell

OPEN SESSION:

9:08 a.m. Call to Order

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition that Diane Young, Credentialing Manager, will call into the meeting to address the Board.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1 September 30, 2013
The minutes were approved as presented.
 - 2.2 October 30, 2013
The minutes were approved as presented.
 - 2.3 November 21, 2013
The minutes were approved as presented.

REPORTS

3. **Karen Preston, O.D., Chair**
Dr. Preston introduced Chris Barry, O.D. to the Board as the newly appointed member and announced Dr. Chan's and Dr. Noble's re-appointment.
4. **Kirby Putscher, Acting Executive Director**
Ms. Putscher presented the budget and statistical dashboard report to the board.
5. **Linh Tran, AAG**
Ms. Tran supplied the board with answers regarding the Medical Assistant Attestation form. Optometrists will have to submit an attestation form as the applicant reaches proficiency in additional areas.
6. **Judy Haenke, Program Manager**
Ms. Haenke informed the board that the process for adoption of a rule related to credits for cultural competency and critical care was progressing.

Joanne Miller, credentialing lead, and Erica Brown, supervisor in credentialing, called in place of Diane Young for introductions. They provided a credentialing report regarding optometrists and licensed dispensing optician applicants to the board.

9:30 A.M. DISCUSSION:

7. **Continuing Education. Action**
 - 7.1 Review of Continuing Education Rules
Dr. VanBrocklin and Dr. Noble will defer their report to the March 2014 meeting.
 - 7.2 Grand Rounds
After review of the Grand Rounds form, the board discussed and approved the form as presented with suggested format edits.
 - 7.3 Is WAC 246-851-420 Optometrists with prescriptive authorization still applicable?
Ms. Tran will review the rule and report back to the Board at the March 2014 meeting.
8. **March 22-23, 2014, Post Graduate Seminar. Action**

Dr. Noble reported on the status of the speaker selection and time frame for the 2014 Post Graduate Seminar.

10:00 A.M. PRESENTATION

9. Association of Regulatory Board of Optometry. Information

Lisa Fennell, Executive Director and Ernest Schlabach, O.D., President of the Association Regulatory Boards of Optometry provided an overview of on ARBO programs including COPE (Council on Optometric Practitioner Education) and OE tracker.

10. Vision Therapy and Neuro-Visual Processing Rehabilitation Policy

Danielle Welliever, Policy Analyst, provided an overview on processing policies. The board reviewed and discussed the updated policy and moved to adopt the language.

11:50 a.m. Open Forum

The Board will accept comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession

Brad Tower informed the board of the upcoming proposals for the legislative season.

11. Correspondence: Action

11.1 Request for Lists/Labels: Walmart

The request was not approved.

11.2 Request for Lists/Labels: Verisys Corporation

The request was not approved.

11.3 Supervision of orthoptists: Continued discussion from September meeting.

11.4 Is the use of Diamond Burr to treat specific types of corneal diseases within the scope of practice of optometry?

The board determined that the use of Diamond Burr can be utilized as long as it's being used within the constraints of the law. Dr. VanBrocklin will draft the letter for Ms. Tran to review.

12:45 Discussion

12. Petition for Rulemaking. Action

The Board reviewed a petition for rulemaking to authorize a retired active status for optometrists. Following discussion, the Board voted to pursue rulemaking in response to the request.

13. Continuing Education. Action

13.1 The Board approved the following continuing education.

- Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute: Eyelid Surgery: Rejuvenation, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction (2 hours)
- The Vancouver Clinic: Surgical Glaucoma (1 hour)
- Northwest Eye Surgeons: CE Glaucoma Case Discussion (2 hours).

13.2 The reviewers for continuing education for the next CE meeting dates are Dr. Chan, Dr. Barry, and Dr. Preston.

14. Legislative Meet Me Call Representative. Action

Dr. Barry will be the Board representative.

15. Election of Officers for 2014. Action

The following officers were nominated and elected by the Board.

- Chair: Judy Chan, O.D.
- Vice-Chair: Karen Preston, O.D.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.