



Washington State Department of Health
Board of Naturopathy

SUMMARY OF MEETING – NO QUORUM

August 22, 2014

Location: This meeting took place at the following locations utilizing videoconferencing.

Primary Meeting Site

Department of Health

Creekside Two at CenterPoint, Suite 310, Room 307
20425 72nd Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032

Secondary Meeting Site

Department of Health

16201 E Indiana Ave Room 112
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

BOARD MEMBERS

Chad Aschtgen, ND
Jennifer Booker, ND, Vice Chair
Barbara Grant, Public Member (absent)
Mark Monwai, ND, Chair (absent)
Michael Whitney, ND, DC (absent)
Deborah Wright, Public Member (absent)

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Gragg, Program Manager
Chris Humberson, R.Ph. Executive Director
Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting opened at 8:45 am and convened with the following training and reports only:

- Gail Yu, AAG, provided training on the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 43.30 RCW) and the Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW).
- Chad Aschtgen, ND, provided an update on the Medical Marijuana Authorization Practice Guidelines Workgroup that met on August 8, 2014. The workgroup consisted of representatives from the Board of Naturopathy, board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Medical Quality Assurance Commission, and the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.
- Ms. Gragg and Ms. Yu provided an update regarding the current effort by the Department of Health (department) to strengthen the terms and definitions of the various sexual misconduct rules. The updates would establish clearer standards of conduct for health care providers and help to be consistent with enforcement activities related to RCW 18.130.062 and Executive Order 06-03. The clarification would include sexual contact with any person involving force, intimidation, or lack of consent; or a conviction of a sex offense listed in RCW 9.94A.030 as also constituting sexual misconduct.
- Ms. Yu provided a report regarding department request legislation for the 2015 session on alternatives to discipline that would include a non-disciplinary, education-based process through which a practitioner's deficiencies could be resolved with successful completion of a remediation plan. Eligibility for such a plan would exclude issues related to substance abuse, felony convictions, sexual misconduct, and other patient safety concerns.
- Ms. Gragg gave reports regarding current rule projects, budget, and statistical reports.

The meeting ended at 11:30 am.