



Washington State
Department of Health
Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2015

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (board) was called to order by Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, at 9:12 a.m. The meeting was held at: Blackriver Training and Conference Center, 800 Oakesdale Ave SW, Renton, WA 98507.

Board Members Present: Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
John Finch, Jr., DO, Vice Chair
Shannon Markegard, DO
Alex Sobel, DO
Juan Acosta, DO
Roger Ludwig, DO

Staff Present: Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Brett Cain, Program Manager
Cece Zenker, Program Support
Judy Young, Staff Attorney
Kitty Slater, Disciplinary Case Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

Guests Present: Kathie Itter, Washington Osteopathic Medical Association
Charles Meredith, MD, Washington Physicians Health Program

Closed Session

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The meeting began in executive session where the board attended to disciplinary matters. This part of the meeting may have included reviewing open disciplinary cases to ensure that they are being resolved in a timely manner, disciplinary case reviews, new reports for authorization or closure, and Stipulation to Informal Disposition or Agreed Order presentations for board discussion and approval.

Open Session

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Board, Staff, Guests, and Audience
 - 1.1. Approval of Agenda – Staff requested that a lists and labels request received from Cambia Health Solutions be added to the agenda under correspondence. The request was approved and the agenda was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- 2.1 July 24, 2015 business meeting
 - 2.2 July 24, 2015 disciplinary meeting (closed session)
 - 2.3 August 6, 2015 conference call
 - 2.3 September 3, 2015 conference call
3. 2016 Meeting Dates – The board decided upon the following dates for their 2016 business meetings:

January 22, 2016
March 4, 2016
May 13, 2016 (in Yakima)
July 22, 2016
September 23, 2016
November 18, 2016

4. Osteopathic Physician Assistant Mandatory Suicide Assessment Continuing Medical Education – Staff requested the board to authorize the development of a CR-101 to begin the rulemaking process for osteopathic physician assistant (PA) suicide assessment CME pursuant to the passage of ESHB 1424.

MOTION: Dr. Acosta made a motion to authorize staff to develop a CR-101 to begin the rulemaking process for osteopathic PA suicide assessment CME.

ACTION: Dr. Finch seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

5. Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) Draft Advisory Opinion and FAQ – The board reviewed a draft document developed by NCQAC regarding “prevention and treatment of opioid-related overdoses”. The review was followed by a brief discussion. No board action was taken.
6. Implementation of HB 1485 – The board discussed how they will implement this legislation by collecting demographic data from osteopathic physicians and osteopathic PAs. The board reviewed the current demographic survey used by the medical commission. The board agreed that their survey needs to be similar in format and ask similar questions as those asked in the medical commission survey so that data produced can be applied to osteopathic and allopathic physicians. The board also agreed that certain questions need to be amended so that they apply to osteopathic physicians and PAs and their training.

Staff agreed to take their suggestions, make amendments, and bring the survey to the November meeting for further review and discussion.

7. License Reactivation Packet for Osteopathic Physicians – The board reviewed the license reactivation packet for physicians whose licenses have been expired between one and three years. The packet for physicians whose licenses have been expired for more than three years requires hospital investigative and state license investigative letters. The expiration packet for

one to three years does not. Staff asked the board if they would like those whose licenses have been expired between one and three years to be required to submit hospital investigative and state license investigative letters.

MOTION: Dr. Markegard motioned to require those whose licenses have been expired between one and three years to submit hospital investigative and state license investigative letters.

ACTION: Dr. Sobel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

8. Guideline and Interpretive Statement Regarding Osteopathic PAs – The board reviewed and discussed a draft Interpretive Statement and draft guideline.

- 8.1 Interpretive Statement regarding PAs ordering patient restraint and seclusion – The board reviewed and discussed a draft interpretive statement clarifying an osteopathic PAs role related to ordering patient restraint and seclusion.

MOTION: Dr. Ludwig motioned to approve the Interpretive Statement as presented and to authorize department staff to forward for internal review and approval.

ACTION: Dr. Acosta seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Guideline regarding osteopathic PA clinic ownership – The board reviewed and discussed a draft guideline clarifying responsibilities for PAs who own clinics.

MOTION: Dr. Ludwig motioned to approve the guideline as presented and to authorize staff to finalize the draft and post it to the board's webpage on the department's site.

ACTION: Dr. Sobel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

9. Correspondence – The board discussed correspondence received since the last meeting.

- 9.1 Application for approval to receive lists and labels from RussoCME – The board reviewed and discussed this application to determine whether or not to grant the request.

MOTION: Dr. Ludwig motioned to approve the request from RussoCME because they meet the definition of an educational organization.

ACTION: Dr. Sobel seconded the motion and it was passed. Dr. Acosta abstained from voting.

- 9.2 Letter from the American College of Emergency Physicians – The board reviewed and discussed a letter that expresses concerns about the use of anonymous testimony by expert physicians during disciplinary processes. The board acknowledged the concerns addressed in the letter and agreed that the processes and procedures that the board uses prevent this potential conflict from occurring. No board action was taken.

- 9.3 Application for approval to receive lists and labels from Cambia Health Solutions – The board reviewed and discussed this application to determine whether or not to grant the request.

MOTION: Dr. Acosta motioned to deny the request from Cambia Health Solutions because the request does not clearly indicate that they meet the definition of an educational organization or professional association necessary for approval.

ACTION: Dr. Sobel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

10. Program Manager Report

- 10.1 Budget update – Mr. Cain provided the board with an update to their budget. This agenda item was informational and no board action was taken.
- 10.2 Washington Physicians Health Program report for the period of April through June 2015 – Mr. Cain provided the board with this report for informational purposes and no board action was taken.
- 10.3 Uniform Disciplinary Act biennial report – Mr. Cain provided the language pertaining to the board’s activities during the biennium for their review. This was provided for informational purposes and no board action was taken.

12. Executive Director Report

- 12.1 Performance audit update – Mr. Maresh provided the board with an update to the board’s performance audit being conducted by the State Auditor’s Office. Mr. Maresh provided the board with this update for informational purposes and no board action was taken.
- 12.2 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact update – Mr. Maresh informed the board that several states had adopted the compact and that the department is working with the medical commission to consider proposing the compact for 2016 request legislation. Mr. Maresh provided the board with this report for informational purposes and no board action was taken.
- 12.3 Board member CITRIX access update – Mr. Maresh explained that the department is working to provide board members with paperless and secure access to the department’s servers and would provide the board with updates on the project at future meetings. Mr. Maresh provided the board with this report for informational purposes and no board action was taken.

13. Adjourn – Dr. Hunter, Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Brett Cain, Program Manager