



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OPTOMETRY
Minutes of Meeting
December 14th, 2015

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:07 a.m. on Monday, December 14th, 2015 by Christopher Barry 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:

Chris Barry, O.D., Chair
Judy Chan, O.D.
Karen Preston, O.D.
Michael Noble, O.D.
Dale Heaston, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Director
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Katy Shockman, Secretary Senior
Tanya Mill, Credentialing
Hyon Yu, Credentialing

OTHERS PRESENT:

OPEN SESSION:

9:07 a.m. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Christopher Barry, O.D., Chair

1. Approval of Agenda
The agenda for this meeting was approved.
2. Approval of September 21st 2015 Minutes
The minutes of the September 21st 2015 meeting were approved.

REPORTS

3. Christopher Barry, O.D., Chair.
No report.

4. Christopher Wright, A.A.G.
Chris reported on the United States Supreme Court decision regarding the North Carolina Dental Board and discussed it is too early to know what the ramifications of this will be for other states like Washington. He gave the board some reference information should they like to read more about the ruling at a later time.

The board asked Chris about policy issues related the exemption in the Dispensing Opticians statute (RCW 18.34.010(1)) that does not restrict employees working under the personal supervision of a duly licensed physician or optometrist from the practices outlined in that statute. Department of Health staff will keep the board informed as policy discussions on this topic progress.

5. Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director
Kathy reported on budget revenue and expenditures. She updated the board on the Citrix transition and explained it is delayed until next year (2016).
6. **Public Records Training (Information)**
Chris Wright gave a presentation to the board regarding public records and how those public documents and requests relate to the board. There was further discussion regarding Citrix, and how it will help protect the personal computers & emails of board members from public record requests.
7. **Continuing Education FAQs**
The board reviewed the latest draft of the FAQ document that provides guidance on the new continuing education rule. The board added back in the question regarding the CE seminar. The board requested information about the seminar, along with a link to the association's website, be available on the FAQ webpage when it is posted. Dr. Noble moved to accept the changes and approve the FAQ draft; Dr. Heaston seconded. The board voted to approve the draft with the changes.
8. **WAC 246-851-580 through 590 – Concerning the use of hydrocodone products by licensed Optometrists in Washington State (Discussion/Action)**
The board held a second rule writing workshop to correct an error in the rule. The correction was made. Dr. Noble moved to approved the changes; Dr. Heaston seconded. The board voted to approve the changes.
9. **Prescription Monitoring Program (Information and Discussion)**
Gary Garrety, DOH Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), gave a presentation to the board regarding the current PMP activities.
10. **Update on rules in progress (Information/Discussion)**

Loralei Walker presented an update on the board rules in progress.

11. **Request for Lists & Labels (Action)**

The board reviewed a request from Cambia Health Solutions (Regence BlueShield & Asuris Northwest Health). Dr. Noble moved to deny the list and label request; Dr. Preston seconded. The board voted to deny the request.

12. **Operating agreement review**

The board reviewed its operating agreement with the Department of Health. Dr. Noble moved to accept the operating agreement; Dr. Preston seconded. The board voted to approve operating agreement with the DOH.

11:50 a.m. **Open forum**

The Board held an open forum for public comment. There was no public comment

13. **Priority board of optometry business for 2016**

The board brainstormed and discussed the work priorities for the coming year. Loralei went over a few rules that had previously been flagged for the board to address during 2016. The board agreed to prioritize them at a later date.

14. **Exception application process streamlining**

The board discussed options for delegating certain exception applications to the Department of Health for approval. The board expressed interest in creating a threshold matrix, and requested a list of common infractions/medical conditions going back over the previous 3 years. Once the board has that information it can reevaluate and even create an exception threshold matrix.

12:20 p.m. **Closed Session**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.