



Washington State
Department of Health
Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2015

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (board) was called to order by Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, at 8:32 a.m. The meeting was held at: Oxford Suites, 1701 E. Yakima Ave. Yakima, WA 98901, Town Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

Board Members Present: Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
John Finch, Jr., DO, Vice Chair
Sharon Gundersen, PhD, Public Member
Shannon Markegard, DO
Peter Kilburn, DO
Alex Sobel, DO

Staff Present: Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Brett Cain, Program Manager
Cece Zenker, Program Support
Mike Ellsworth, Supervising Staff Attorney
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

Guests Present: Kathie Itter, Washington Osteopathic Medical Association
Mike Urakawa, PA-C, Washington Academy of Physician Assistants
Justin Gusching, DO

Open Session

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Board, Staff, Guests and Audience
 - 1.1. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.
2. Approval of Minutes

All of the following minutes were approved as presented:

- 2.1 March 13, 2015 business meeting
 - 2.2 March 13, 2015 disciplinary meeting (closed session)
 - 2.3 March 26, 2015 conference call
 - 2.4 April 23, 2015 conference call
 - 2.5 May 7, 2015 conference call
3. Legislative Wrap Up – The board discussed bills of interest that have passed during the 2015 Legislative session. These discussions were informational and no board action was taken.
 - 3.1. 2SSB 5052 – Cannabis patient protection act – Mr. Maresh provided a recap of this bill that, among several other things adds qualifying conditions for the use of

medical marijuana, creates a registry for medical marijuana patients, and beginning July 2016 will require health care professionals who authorize the medical use of marijuana to use an authorization form developed by the department.

- 3.2. SSB 5175 – Telemedicine – Mr. Cain provided a recap of this bill that mandates insurance carriers to reimburse providers for health care services delivered through telemedicine when certain conditions are satisfied.
 - 3.3. ESHB 1424 – Mandatory suicide prevention training – Mr. Cain provided a recap of this bill that amends a previous bill requiring certain disciplining authorities, including the board, to adopt rules requiring their licensees to take continuing medical education in suicide prevention. This bill extends the timelines for satisfying the CME requirement and clarifies that the disciplining authorities may exempt individuals from the requirement, but not entire specialties.
 - 3.4. 2SHB 1485 – Family medicine residencies – Mr. Cain provided a recap of this bill that addresses family medicine residencies in health professional shortage areas. This bill also requires the board to collect demographic information from its licensees upon renewal and requires the licensees provide the requested information.
 - 3.5. ESHB 1671 – Opioid antagonists – Mr. Cain provided a recap of this bill that will increase the access to opioid overdose medications.
4. Follow up Communication Regarding HB 1275 – The Washington Osteopathic Medical Association (WOMA) ran a bill to increase the size of the board from seven members. The bill did not make it out of the house rules committee. The board discussed what they can do to help ensure the bill will pass during next year’s legislative session. The board agreed to draft and send a letter to the leadership of the house rules committee explaining the need for the legislation and to offer any clarification or assistance that is necessary.
 5. Rules Hearing – The board held an open public hearing for proposed changes to chapter 246-853 WAC. Amendments to the chapter include create a retired active license for osteopathic physicians (DOs), setting requirements for DOs returning to practice after a period of time, allowing DOs to delegate light, laser, radiofrequency and plasma devices to other qualified and licensed professionals not credentialed by the Department of Health, and other general housekeeping changes.

Kathie Itter, Executive Director of WOMA, testified that WOMA supports the proposed changes to the chapter.

MOTION: Dr. Markegard made a motion to adopt the proposed rules as presented.

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

6. Physicians Assistants (PAs) Ordering Restraint and Seclusion – The board discussed how they will work to clarify that it is within the scope of practice of a PA to order restraint and seclusion provided that it is included within the PA’s approved delegation agreement.

Mr. Cain explained that this issue is being considered by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and asked if a board member would like to participate in discussing this issue with commission members. Dr. Sobel volunteered to work on this issue and Mr. Cain committed to contacting Dr. Sobel with further details and instruction.

7. CITRIX Access for Board Members – Mr. Maresh explained that the department is researching systems that will provide more secure ways for board members and staff to communicate. He explained that they would likely use the CITRIX system to accomplish this. Mr. Maresh will report with more details at the July meeting.
8. Correspondence – The board discussed correspondence received since the last meeting.
 - 8.1. The board was asked to reconsider a lists and labels request initially denied from the National Center for the Analysis of Healthcare Data. The request explained that their organization meets the definition of an educational institution as they are a research institute directly affiliated with and housed within the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

MOTION: Dr. Finch made a motion to grant the lists and labels request.

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

- 8.2. Mr. Cain presented the board with an application for Washington State licensure from a physician who is a radiologist licensed in over 40 states. The physician has over 400 hospital affiliations and has requested that he not be required to submit all verifications.

MOTION: Dr. Finch made a motion to require the physician to submit 5% of the over 400 verifications. The 5% will be randomly chosen by the board and not the physician.

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

- 8.3. Mr. Cain provided the board with a document prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services alerting providers that Gallant Pharma was selling and distributing drugs or devices not cleared or approved by the FDA. This correspondence was informational and no board action was taken.
9. Program Manager Report
 - 9.1. Budget update – Mr. Cain provided the board with an update to their budget.
10. Executive Director Report
 - 10.1. 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.
 - 10.2. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact update – Mr. Maresh informed the board that several states had adopted the compact and that the department is considering

putting forth the compact as part of its agency request legislative agenda for next session.

- 10.3. Recap of the 2015 Administrators in Medicine/Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meetings in Fort Worth, TX – Mr. Maresh briefly recapped his experience attending these annual meetings and shared that the House of Delegates resolutions that the board had instructed him to vote on passed.
11. Open Session – Settlement Presentations and/or Orders. Presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting. Deliberations are held in Executive Session. There were no settlement or order presentations.
12. Adjourn

Dr. Hunter, Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The board presented to the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences osteopathic students following the business meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Brett Cain, Program Manager

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