



Washington State Department of Health
Board of Naturopathy
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2015

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

Primary Meeting Site
Department of Health
Point Plaza East, Rooms 152/153
310 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Secondary Meeting Site
Department of Health
16201 E Indiana Ave Room 112
Spokane Valley, WA 99216

BOARD MEMBERS

Amira Ahdut, ND, LAc
Chad Aschtgen, ND, Chair
Marsha Moody, Public Member (absent)
Dean Neary, ND
Elizabeth Prater, ND
Michael Whitney, ND, DC (absent)
Deborah Wright, Public Member, Vice Chair
(absent)

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Gragg, Program Manager
Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Debra Defreyn, Assistant Attorney General
Irina Tiginyanu, Health Services Consultant
Ericka Brown, Office of Customer Service
Bill Kellington, Senior Staff Attorney
Chris Baumgartner, Drug Systems Exec Director
Gary Garrety, Operations Manager, PMP
Tom Graham, AAG

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert May, ND, WANP
Adam Geiger, ND, WANP

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Chad Aschtgen, ND, called the meeting of the Washington State Board of Naturopathy (board) to order at 8:51 a.m. on November 20, 2015. All those in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Consent Agenda

The board approved the following by a single action:

- 2.1. Approval of November 20, 2015, meeting agenda
- 2.2. Approval of August 28, 2015, meeting minutes
- 2.3. Approval of the September 4, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes
- 2.4. Approval of the October 2, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes
- 2.5. Approval of the October 16, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes
- 2.6. Approval of the November 13, 2015, case review, investigation authorization meeting minutes

3. Discuss Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent agenda.

4. Old Business

4.1. Update regarding CITRIX efforts

The board heard a brief update regarding the delay of the Department of Health's (department) planned rollout of CITRIX to board and commissions. There have been some technical issues regarding hardware compatibility that need to be worked out before further efforts at adding additional boards and commissions to the CITRIX rollout. CITRIX is a secure network gatekeeper that facilitates mobile and remote access to information and materials.

4.2. Business plan update

The board heard a brief update regarding the creation of a board business plan. The board asked for additional examples of other boards'/commissions' business plans.

4.3. Rule Projects Update

Ms. Gragg provided the board with the following updates on current board rule projects:

- 4.3.1. Suicide prevention training as continuing education. This rule has been filed with the Office of the Code Reviser and the scheduled rule adoption hearing is set for December 18, 2015.
- 4.3.2. Non-surgical cosmetic procedures. A committee working meeting was scheduled for October 24, 2015, with committee members Amira Ahdut, ND, and Deborah Wright, Public Member. Additional information was identified for further research and another working meeting will be scheduled to follow up.
- 4.3.3. Continuing education. This rule project will be reopened once the suicide prevention rules have been adopted and finalized with filing a CR 103.

MOTION: The Chair entertained a motion to authorize moving forward with the next planned phase of rulemaking, which will be to file the CR 101 to begin working on putting clarity into the continuing education rules. This project is dependent upon adoption of the suicide prevention rules and filing of the CR 103 documents. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- 4.3.4. Temporary permits for military spouses and domestic partners. Ms. Gragg has moved forward with documentation to begin rule making.

5. New Business

5.1. Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) update

Chris Baumgartner, Executive Director, and Gary Garrety, Operations Manager, provided the board with the annual Prescription Monitoring Program update.

5.2. Medical Marijuana Program update

Chris Baumgartner, Executive Director, provided the board with an update regarding the implementation of Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052, the Cannabis Patient Protection Act.

5.3. 2016 Legislative Session

The board asked for volunteers as primary and backup members to participate on the Health Systems Quality Assurance (HSQA) Legislative Meet-Me conference calls. Amira Ahdut, ND, LAc, volunteered as primary board member participant and Elizabeth Prater, ND, volunteered as backup.

5.4. Correspondence/Inquiries

The board discussed the following correspondence/inquiries:

5.4.1. Request for a letter regarding naturopathic physician use of particular medical devices for health conditions. This item was deferred.

5.4.2. Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians (WANP)

5.4.2.1. FYI – proposing to reintroduce an amended version of Senate Bill 5815.

5.4.2.2. FYI – complaint made to Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission about two chiropractors referring to themselves as “Doctors of Natural Medicine”; they chose not to pursue the issue.

5.4.2.3. MQAC Telemedicine Guideline – potential example for the board to consider. The board requested this be deferred to the February 12, 2016, meeting.

5.5. Request for Lists – The board will consider requests to receive lists of licensed naturopathic physicians for the indicated purposes:

5.5.1. TAS Services, Inc., Dan Labriola, ND, for continuing education purposes.
This request was deferred in order to request additional information.

5.5.2. Cambia Health Solutions for license status verification purposes.

MOTION: The Chair entertained a motion to deny this information is available via the department’s Provider Credential Search website. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Program Reports

6.1. Program Reports – Susan Gragg

Budget – Ms. Gragg gave a brief overview of the board’s budget.

Statistical Reports – Ms. Gragg provided the credential count report (1,269 active licensees).

Active Case Report – Ms. Gragg shared the current active case report; there are currently 52 open complaint cases.

Credentialing Report – Ms. Brown provided an overview of the application/credentialing process.

6.2. Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Report – Debra Defreyn, AAG Adviser
There was no AAG Adviser report.

7. Open Forum/Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Presentations

There were no Agreed Orders for presentation.

9. Adjournment

The meeting’s open session adjourned at 11:34 am.