



Washington State
Department of Health
Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2016

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (board) was held at: Department of Health – Kent Regional Office, 20425 72nd Ave. S., Building 2, Ste. 310, Room 309, Kent, WA 98032.

Board Members Present: Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
John Finch, 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
Erica Brown, Credentialing Review Supervisor
Kitty Slater, Disciplinary Case Manager – Via phone
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

Guests Present: Kathie Itter, Washington Osteopathic Medical Association
Monica Morrison, PA-C, Washington Academy of Physician Assistants

Closed Session

The disciplinary portion of the meeting began at 9:06 a.m.

The meeting began with the board attending 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

The open public meeting was called to order by Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, at 10:35 a.m.

- 1.1. Approval of Agenda – The board approved the January 22, 2016 business meeting agenda with the following amendment: remove agenda item 10 and revisit at a later date. The agenda item concerned a draft Medical Quality Assurance Commission

guideline concerning the completion of death certificates by a physician or physician assistant.

2. Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- 2.1. November 13, 2015 business meeting
 - 2.2. November 13, 2015 discipline meeting
 - 2.3. December 10, 2015 conference call
 - 2.4. January 7, 2016 conference call
3. Legislative Review – The board reviewed and discussed the following bills introduced during the 2016 legislative session:
- 3.1. HB 1275 – Expanding the osteopathic board; the board asked staff to draft another letter in support of this bill for submission to the House Health Care and Wellness Committee.
 - 3.2. HB 2335 – Healthcare provider credentialing; this bill was reviewed and discussed, and no action was taken.
 - 3.3. HB 2304 – Prescriptive authority of naturopaths; this bill was reviewed and discussed, and no action was taken.
 - 3.4. HB 2319 – Prescriptive drug insurance continuity of care; this bill was reviewed and discussed, and no action was taken.
 - 3.5. HB 2350 – Defining the administration of medication by medical assistants; this bill was reviewed and discussed, and no action was taken.
 - 3.6. HB 2432 – Substance abuse monitoring fees; this bill was reviewed and discussed, and no action was taken.
 - 3.7. HB 2452/SB 6228 – Interstate medical licensure compact; this bill was reviewed and discussed, and no action was taken.
4. Draft Demographic Collection Questions – The board reviewed and discussed questions that will be asked of osteopathic physicians and physician assistants at their time of renewal as required by House Bill 1485 (2015).

MOTION: Dr. Acosta made a motion to approve the demographic questions with the amendments discussed and to authorize staff to move forward with developing and distributing the surveys.

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

5. Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) Supreme Court Dental Decision White Paper – The board reviewed and discussed a white paper issued by the CAC titled “Addressing the Supreme Court’s North Carolina Dental Decision: Options for the States.” This discussion was informational and no board action was taken.

6. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) 2016 Annual Meeting April 28 – 30 in San Diego, California. Dr. Finch indicated that he is available and willing to attend the annual meeting. Dr. Hunter will check her schedule and let staff know whether or not she is available. If both Dr. Hunter and Dr. Finch are available to attend, Dr. Hunter, the board's chair, will serve as the voting delegate. If Dr. Hunter cannot attend, Dr. Finch will serve as the voting delegate.
7. Correspondence – The board discussed correspondence received since the last meeting. This could include continuing education audits, requests for lists and labels, and any other general questions or requests.
 - 7.1. Application for lists and labels from Humana Inc.

MOTION: Dr. Acosta made a motion to deny this request because the information provided by the requester does not satisfy the definition of “professional association” that is required for approval.

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

- 7.2. Application for lists and labels from J. Knipper Company – Deny

MOTION: Dr. Ludwig made a motion to deny this request because the information provided by the requester does not satisfy the definition of “professional association” that is required for approval.

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

- 7.3. The board reviewed email correspondence received by staff asking the board to opine on whether or not a person who earned a Doctorate in Osteopathy outside of the United States may use “DO” after their name. The board agreed that a person who has not earned a degree as an osteopathic physician and surgeon in the US should not use the letters “DO” after their name while working in Washington State as it may confuse the public. Staff agreed to communicate the board's recommendation to the person who asked the question.
 - 7.4. For the past several years, the board has held a meeting in Yakima and then presented to the osteopathic students at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU) once a year. Staff informed the board that, while beginning to set up logistics for this meeting and presentation, PNWU staff requested that the board begin presenting to 2nd year, rather than 1st year students. Because the board presented to 1st year students last year, the board would present to the same students for this year's presentation. Thus, PNWU staff asked that the board take a year off, and resume their presentation next year.

Since the board will not be presenting to PNWU students, originally planned for the May 13th meeting, staff asked where the board would like to meet for their May meeting. The board agreed that they would like to meet in Vancouver, WA. Staff

informed the board that they would beginning planning the logistics for this meeting and would provide the board with updates as necessary.

8. Program Manager Report

- 8.1. Mr. Cain provided the budget update.
- 8.2. Mr. Cain provided a rules progress update.

9. Executive Director Report

- 9.1. Mr. Maresh provided a performance audit update.
- 9.2. Mr. Maresh provided an update regarding the progress of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

10. Adjourn – Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Brett Cain, Program Manager

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