



Washington State
Department of Health
Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2016

The meeting of the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (board) was held at: BlackRiver Training and Conference Center 800 Oakesdale Ave. SW Renton, WA 98057

Board Members Present: Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
John Finch, DO, Vice-chair
Shannon Markegard, DO
Alex Sobel, DO
Juan Acosta, DO

Staff Present: Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Brett Cain, Program Manager
Cece Zenker, Program Support
Judy Young, Staff Attorney
Jennifer Herbrand, Credentialing Supervisor
Kitty Slater, Disciplinary Case Manager
Jack Bucknell, Assistant Attorney General

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

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 9:00 a.m.

1.1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- 2.1. January 22, 2016 business meeting
- 2.2. January 22, 2016 disciplinary session
- 2.3. February 4, 2016 conference call
- 2.4. February 18, 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; this bill was reintroduced by resolution, but never moved and died.
 - 3.2. HB 2350 – Defining the administration of medication by medical assistants; this bill passed the legislature and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.
 - 3.3. HB 2432 – Substance abuse monitoring fees; this bill passed the legislature and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.
 - 3.4. HB 2452 – Interstate medical licensure compact; this bill is in the House rules committee and is being voted on today.
 - 3.5. 2SHB 2681 – Pharmacists prescribing and dispensing contraceptives; this bill passed the legislature and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.
 - 3.6. SSB 6421 – Authorizing use of EpiPens; this bill passed the legislature and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.
 - 3.7. SSB 6519 – Telemedicine collaborative; this bill passed the legislature and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

4. Online Licensing and Information Collection (OLIC) Project – Dan Renfro, Business Project Manager with the Office of Customer Service presented information regarding the ongoing Online Licensing and Information Collection (OLIC) Project. Mr. Renfro explained that osteopathic licensees will be one of 12 professions to be field tested. He also predicted that application testing will take place in late summer or early fall of 2016 and will conclude in June of 2017, along with the implementation of the online survey.

This presentation was informational and no board action was taken.

5. Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) Annual Report – Charles Meredith, MD, Medical Director, provided an annual update.

This presentation was informational and no board action was taken.

Dr. Meredith informed the board that Chris Bundy, MD will be taking Dr. Meredith’s place as Medical Director. Dr. Meredith will be joining a private practice. The board thanked Dr. Meredith for his work with WPHP and wished him well.

6. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and Administrators in Medicine (AIM) 2016 Annual Meetings April 27-30, 2016 in San Diego, California.
 - 6.1. The board reviewed the agenda for the FSMB meeting. Board and staff members who are attending the meetings will report back on topics discussed during the meeting. These topics include medical marijuana, telemedicine, and social media.
 - 6.2. The board reviewed the FSMB House of Delegates resolutions and provided direction for Dr. Finch, the board’s voting delegate.
 - 6.3. The board reviewed the FSMB Nominating Committee report and provided direction for Dr. Finch, the board’s voting delegate

- 6.4. The board reviewed the FSMB Bylaws Committee report.
- 6.5. The board reviewed the FSMB Ethics and Professionalism Committee draft position statements and discussed whether or not they will provide comments.
 - 6.5.1. Practice drift - Don't work outside your scope – Following discussion, the board agreed that no formal comments were necessary.
 - 6.5.2. Duty to report - Pertinent to patient safety - Following discussion, the board agreed that no formal comments were necessary.
 - 6.5.3. Sale of Goods by physicians and physician advertising – Following discussion, the board agreed that no formal comments were necessary.
 - 6.5.4. Compounding of medications by physicians – Following discussion, the board agreed that no formal comments were necessary.
- 6.6 The board reviewed the agenda for the AIM meeting.
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. License waiver or exemption request – The board reviewed a request for a waiver to exempt an osteopathic physician who will be working with patients as part of a clinical trial.

MOTION: Dr. Acosta motioned to deny waiver.
ACTION: Dr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Program Manager Report
 - 8.1. Budget update – Mr. Cain provided a brief budget update. No action was taken
 - 8.2. Citrix update – Mr. Cain explained that the Citrix project was on hold and that he would provide further updates as necessary.
 - 8.3. Recruitment discussion – Mr. Cain explained that he had begun to recruit for the board member position that will be become vacant in July and that board members were invited to participate in new board member phone interviews in mid-May.
 - 8.4. Demographic collection update – Mr. Cain provided an update on this project.
9. Executive Director Report
 - 9.1. Performance audit update – The osteopathic and medical commission audit reports are currently being drafted. Mr. Maresh expects to have more information regarding the content of those reports at the May meeting.
10. Open Session - Settlement Presentations and/or Orders may be presented. Presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting. Deliberations are held in closed session. No presentations were made.
11. Closed Session

The disciplinary portion of the meeting began at 12:30 p.m. 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.

12. Adjourn – Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Brett Cain, Program Manager

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