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

Board Members Present: Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
John Finch, DO, Vice-Chair
Sharon Gundersen, PhD, Public Member
Roger Ludwig, DO
Shannon Phipps, DO
Lisa Galbraith, DO
Kevin Ware, DO
Joel Quiroz, PA-C

Staff Present: Susan Gragg, Program Manager
Blake Maresh, Deputy Director
Brandon Williams, Program Assistant
Davis Hylkema, Program Support
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Sara Kirschenman, Supervising Staff Attorney
Maura Craig, Policy Analyst

Guests Present: Brett Cain, (Past Program Manager)
Jacob Berg, student
Shreya Chandrashekhar, student
Guadalupe Diaz, student
Andrew Good, student
Jameson Laub, student
Megan Linders, student
Michael Loi, student
Allen Swanson, student
Rachel Visconti, student
Christine Vu, student

Open Session
The open public meeting was called to order by Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, at 9:04 a.m.

1. Call to Order and introduction of the board, staff, and audience. Board members, staff, and guests each provided a brief introduction.

Included in the introductions were the announcements that, as of November 1, 2018, Mr. Brett Cain has left the agency to take a new job at the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board; and Mr. Blake Maresh has been promoted within the Department of
Health to the position of Deputy Director in the Office of Health Professions. Ms. Susan Gragg will serve as the Osteopathic Board Program Manager position until recruitment has been completed.

1.1. Approval of agenda. The November 2, 2018 agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of minutes. The September 28, 2018 business meeting minutes were approved as presented.

3. Review Patient and Provider Education and Outreach Materials and Webpage for New Opioid Prescribing Rules – The board reviewed the materials developed for providers and patients affected by the new opioid prescribing rules for osteopathic practitioners. Ms. Gragg led an orientation to the board through the DOH Opioid Prescribing webpage and its linked resources. In-person and webinar presentations are being provided to the public by various staff and board members.

4. Rules Workshop 10:30 A.M. – The board reviewed draft changes to chapter 246-853 WAC – Osteopathic physicians and consider authorizing staff to file paperwork (CR-102) to formally propose the draft changes.

- WAC 246-853-070 Categories of creditable continuing professional education activities.

**MOTION**: The motion was made to simplify the language by requiring ABMS, AOA, or other specialty board certification. The motion was seconded and approved.

Staff will bring back draft language for final approval at the next meeting.

- Changes to presented drafts of sections -100, -140, -230, -245, -630 were grammatical and non-substantive.

- WAC 246-853-136 Temporary practice permit-Military spouse eligibility and issuance. The board reviewed the new rule and determined no changes were needed.

**MOTION**: The motion was made to accept these rules as presented with changes as determined. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Medical Commission Communication and Resolution Program (CRP)

The board reviewed the medical commission’s procedure for processing and considering CRP cases. Ms. Gragg explained the alternate procedure proposed by the medical commission where a practitioner (applicant) can report an adverse medical event to a Communication and Resolution Program as an approach to reducing medical error. The
CRP provides an Event Review Report which the applicant can forward to the Commission.

The board requested expert commission staff be invited to present additional information at a future meeting.

6. Medical Commission Draft Interpretive Statements – The Medical Commission is inviting comment from other boards and commissions on two interpretive statements.

The board reviewed the two draft interpretive statements: one that addresses the intent of the new opioid prescribing rules, and one that exempts skilled nursing and long term-acute care facilities from the opioid prescribing rules.

After careful discussion the board determined to provide no comment on either interpretive statement, and to review them again as they develop.

7. Correspondence – The board discussed the following correspondence received since the last meeting.
7.1. Lists and Labels request – Washington Medical Association

**MOTION**: The motion was made to approve the request from Washington Medical Association to receive lists and labels for Washington state licensed osteopathic physicians and osteopathic physician assistants. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. Program Manager Report/Executive Director Report
8.1. Mobile anesthesia providers
No new information was available to report.

8.2. April 8, 2019 meeting in Yakima/student presentation

**MOTION**: The motion was made to change the April 5, 2019 meeting to Monday, April 8, and the location to the Pacific Northwest University in Yakima.

8.3. Meet me call representative for 2019 legislative session

Dr. Ludwig and Dr. Ware agreed to be the board’s representatives on the Meet-Me calls during the 2019 legislative session.

8.4. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact update

Mr. Maresh explained the Interstate Licensure Compact for the benefit of the visiting students. He reported that the IMLCC is in full operation doing its work processing applications and issuing licenses. Mr. Maresh informed the board that, because of his promotion, he is unable to continue as board commissioner.

**MOTION**: The motion was made to appoint Dr. Galbraith as interim representative on the IMLCC
8.5. Budget Report
The board reviewed the 2019 Biennium-to-Date July 01, 2017 through October 31, 2018 Budget Report. It was noted that the cost of investigations is likely due to the growth of the profession. Related account figures will need to be increased in the next biennium budget.

8.6. Other
- CE requirement changes – Changes to CE requirements will probably go into effect in mid-2019.
- Visiting students were invited to ask questions. Board members were asked what inspired each of them to become involved on the board.

9. Settlement and/or Disciplinary Order Presentations – This is a standing agenda item and presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting. Deliberations are held in closed session. There were no settlement or disciplinary order presentations.

10. Adjourn Business Meeting – Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gragg, Program Manager

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