The meeting of the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery was held at Department of Health, Creekside 2 at Center Point Suite 310, Room 309, 20425 72nd Ave South Kent, WA 98032

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

Staff Present: Susan Gragg, Program Manager
Brandon Williams, Program Assistant
Davis Hylkema, Program Support
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Sara Kirschenman, Supervising Staff Attorney
Ashley Maxwell, Staff Attorney
Nancy Elliott, Policy Analyst
Hyon Yi, Credentialing (remote)
Kitty Slater-Einert, Case Manager (remote)

Guests Present: Alex Vanden-Ende, 3rd year student

Open Session

1. **Call to Order.** The open public meeting was called to order by Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair, at 9:05 a.m.
1.1 Introduction of the board, staff, and guests. Board members, staff, and guests each provided a brief introduction.
1.2 Approval of agenda. The February 22, 2019 agenda was approved with an amendment to add a review of the Pacific Northwest University student presentation (under Item 4.5 Other).
1.3 Approval of January 11, 2019 business meeting minutes. The January 11, 2019 business meeting minutes were approved as presented.
3. Old Business – DISCUSSION/ACTION – Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair

3.1 Opioid prescribing rules follow-up
Ms. Gragg reported that questions have been received asking why there is a difference between the decision of the osteopathic profession and the medical commission on the new opioid prescribing rules and requirements. She stated that she shares the board’s reasoning for choosing “every ‘script, every time”.

3.2 Communication and Resolution Program (CRP)
The board continued discussion on processing and considering CRP cases.

MOTION: The motion was made to pursue a Statement of Understanding for the Communication and Resolution Program. The motion was seconded and approved.

Staff will work to create the statement of understanding and to submit it for approval on behalf of the board to the CRP.

3. New Business—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair

3.1 HEAL-WA presentation
This item was deferred to a future meeting as the individual designated to provide the presentation on the University of Washington, Health Sciences Library, HEAL-WA program was unavailable.

3.2 2019 Legislative Session
Ms. Gragg provided a report listing 29 house and senate bills that may impact or be of interest to the osteopathic profession that are currently before the legislature. Highlighted bills included:
- HB 1019 concerning vaccination and antibody titer test notification. This rule would require healthcare providers to notify patients, prior to a subsequent dose of a vaccine, of the option to obtain a serologic proof of immunity test in lieu of the vaccination.
- HB 1198 requiring health care providers sanctioned for sexual misconduct to notify patients.
- HB 1331 concerning opioid use disorder treatment, prevention, and related services. This is the governor’s request bill on opioid prescribing with a wide impact on many professions and practices.
- SB 5386 concerning training standards in providing telemedicine services. This rule would require any healthcare provider who provides telemedicine services to complete training established by the Collaborative for the Advancement of Telemedicine out of the University of Washington in collaboration with the DOH Medical Commission. The training would have to be renewed every four years.
- SB 5446 would require all prescriptions to be electronically transmitted beginning January 1, 2020.

The board requested staff to send board members an update on any of the listed bills that continue to be viable through the 2019 legislative process.
3.3 **Business Plan follow-up**
The board reviewed draft amendments to the business plan. The amendments include the addition of measurement dates identifying when the measure was last met and the next expected measure due date.

3.4 **Correspondence**
The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting:
- The American Lung Association submitted a request for Lists/Labels for osteopathic physicians and physician assistants.

**MOTION:** The motion was made to approve The American Lung Association’s request for Lists/Labels. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. **Program Reports—DISCUSSION—Susan Gragg, Interim Executive Director and Program Manager; Heather Carter, AAG Adviser**
Ms. Gragg and Ms. Carter updated the board on the following department issues and issues specific to the board’s professions:

4.1 **Budget and fee update** – The board reviewed the 2019 Biennium-to-Date, December 31, 2018, budget report. There were no concerns.

4.2 **Statistics reports** – There are currently 2211 active osteopathic physician licensees, and 119 active assistants. There are 47 interstate compact licensees, none of which have had a complaint filed against them. The January 2019 Active Case List was provided showing 111 cases including the stage and current action item for each.

4.3 **Continuing education audit report** – Ms. Gragg provided a detailed report of recent routine CE audits delegated to the program manager. The report gives the board information on the CE audits being approved. Any course that is not considered routine is forwarded to the board for determination.

4.4 **Recruitment update**
4.4.1 **Board members** – Recruitment for a professional member will be issued this year. Recruitment for a public member continues.

4.4.2 **Executive Director** – Three applicants have been moved forward for second interviews.

4.4.3 **Program Manager** – The first round of interviews are complete and some applicants have been moved forward for second interviews.

4.5 **Other**
4.5.1 **Newsletter** – The board reviewed the draft newsletter and approved it for publication.

4.5.2 **Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) 2019 Annual Meeting** – Board members were encouraged to identify a member delegate to attend the FSMB annual meeting on April 25-27 in Fort Worth, TX.
4.5.3 Student Presentation for Pacific Northwest University, Yakima. – With the goal of making the presentation more interesting and relevant, the board considered the following ideas:

- Redesign the slide presentation to have a lot fewer words and have graphics and words that complement rather than repeat what is presented verbally.
- Show a timeline beginning with where the students are now in their career path and noting the steps toward full licensure. Include limited licensure, steps to residency, and related paperwork,
- What does compact licensure offer, and how does one get it?
- How does the Washington State Board fit in?
  - The overall purpose(s) of the board.
  - Rulemaking (recent opioid rules for example).
  - How disciplinary cases lead to rulemaking.
  - Helps for doctors to get back on track to safe and successful practice.
- Disciplinary cases.
  - Identify the top five disciplinary complaints the board receives.
  - Use a role model to present the processing of a case.
  - How to limit exposure to complaint and disciplinary action.
- Offer a question and answer time.
- Resources the board and the department provide. The board is there for them as students and as practitioners.

5. Open Forum—DISCUSSION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting osteopathic medical practice and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

- Alex Vanden-Ende, 3rd year student, expressed appreciation for the board’s time spent toward making the student presentation interesting and relevant.
- Dr. Ludwig shared an article he had read about how Kaiser in California is developing its own medical school that is free to medial students. Changes in medical education are coming and will include education through commercial corporations. Also noted was that NYU Medical School is offering free tuition funded through a developing trust.
- Dr. Morrissette offered an idea to improve how the board processes its phone panel disciplinary cases. Currently the reviewing panel members preview the case independently, then the panel reviews the case together during the conference call, and then makes a determination. These can become long phone calls. Dr. Morrissette suggested that each panel members pre-submit their recommendation prior to the panel phone conference. Where all are in agreement, that recommendation can quickly be approved. There would be panel discussion for those cases where members submitted different recommendations.
  - Rather than pre-submitting recommendations, which might constitute conversation outside of a board meeting, the board determined that recommendations for each case be identified at the beginning of the panel’s phone conference.
6. **Future Business—DISCUSSION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair**
The board identified the following agenda item for a future meeting:

- Consider a 50% rule for number of confirmed hospital privileges as a standard threshold for determining out-of-state applicants for Washington telemedicine credentials.

7. **Settlement Presentations—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair**
Settlement and/or Agreed Order presentations are contingent upon agreements being reached between the parties prior to a board meeting. Decisions are made in Closed Session.

8. **Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair**
The public meeting was adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

9. **Discipline and Licensing**
The board will attend to licensing and disciplinary matters.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gragg, Program Manager

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