The meeting of the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery was held at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences Hyatt Conference Room, 3200 Inspiration Drive, Yakima, WA 98901

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

Staff Present: Susan Gragg, Program Manager  
Davis Hylkema, Program Support  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

Guests Present: none

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 and staff each provided a brief introduction.
   1.2 Approval of agenda. The April 8, 2019 agenda was approved with an amendment to add Item 4.6 Federation of State Medical Boards House of Delegates Meeting.
   1.3 Approval of February 22, 2019 business meeting minutes. The February 22, 2019 business meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. Discussion, Review, Finalization of Student Presentation
   The board reviewed and finalized their presentation to Pacific Northwest University (PNWU) osteopathic students scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. in Room 302 in the Butler Haney Hall.

3. Old Business – DISCUSSION/ACTION – Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
   3.1 Communication and Resolution Program (CRP)
      The board heard a report on the progress of initiating a Statement of Understanding with the Foundation of Health Care Quality to enter into a Patient Safety Collaboration on cases that complete the Communication and Resolution Program (CRP).

      The DOH contract process will soon be initiated to continue progress.
3.2 2019 Legislative Session Report
The board heard a follow-up report on legislation that impacts or may be of interest to the osteopathic physician and osteopathic physician assistant professions. The following Bills were highlighted as being of particular interest:
- Substitute Senate Bill 5380 concerning opioid use disorder treatment, prevention, and related services. This law, in part, would require prescribers to discuss risks of opioids with certain patients and give the patient the right to refuse opioids.
- Substitute Senate Bill 5292 concerning prescription drug cost transparency.
- Substitute Senate Bill 5386 concerning training standards in providing telemedicine services. This bill requires the University of Washington to provide training. Health care providers who provide telemedicine services would have the option to complete training. Training could be incorporated into existing trainings and be taken electronically.

3.3 Rules Project Update
The board heard an update on the following current rule projects:
3.3.1 Osteopathic physicians—full chapter review of chapter 246-853 WAC
3.3.2 Osteopathic physician assistants:
   3.3.2.1 WAC 246-854-076 – military spouse temporary permits, and
   3.3.2.2 WAC 246-854-086 – re-entry to practice

The CR 102 paperwork for the above rules is in process and hopefully will meet the timeline to have a hearing at the July board meeting. If not at July meeting, the hearing will happen at the meeting in September.

4. New Business—DISCUSSION/ACTION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair
4.1 Washington Osteopathic Medical Association (WOMA) request
The board considered a request to provide an exhibit at the WOMA 106th Northwest Annual Osteopathic Convention scheduled for June 6-8, 2019, in Blaine, Washington.

MOTION: The motion was made to approve expenditure of $1,500.00 to cover the cost of providing an exhibit at the WOMA 106th Northwest Annual Osteopathic Convention scheduled for June 6-8, 2019, in Blaine, Washington. The motion was seconded and passed.

Members of the board in attendance will variously be at the exhibit to field any questions. It was suggested that board membership recruitment information be provided as well as information on opioid prescribing rules. DOH staff, Gary Garrety, will be at the exhibit to provide information on the Prescription Monitoring Program.

4.2 Presentation to Pacific Northwest University (PNWU) Students – 11:00 a.m. Butler Haney Hall, Room 302
The board provided a presentation to osteopathic PNWU students. About 75 students were in attendance, and were very engaged in the presentation.
4.3 There was no Item 4.3 listed in the agenda.

4.4 Medical Marijuana Authorization Guidelines – Revised
The board reviewed proposed revisions to the Medical Marijuana Authorization Guidelines document. Representatives from the Board of Naturopathy, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, the Washington Medical Commission, and the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission work together to routinely review and update the standards in the guidelines and bring them forward for adoption.

MOTION: The motion was made to approve the proposed revisions to the Medical Marijuana Authorization Guidelines document as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

4.5 Correspondence
The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting:
• The Washington Osteopathic Medical Association submitted a request for renewal of Lists/Labels for osteopathic physicians and physician assistants.

MOTION: The motion was made to approve The Washington Osteopathic Medical Association’s request for renewal of Lists/Labels. The motion was seconded and passed.

4.6 Federation of State Medical Boards House of Delegates Meeting
Resolutions being presented for vote at the April 27, 2019 House of Delegates Meeting at the Federation of State Medical Boards annual meeting were reviewed by the board. Advisory votes were determined for the following resolutions:
• Resolution 19-1 – Correlation between Licensee USMLE or COMPLEX Passage Attempt Rate and Reports of State Medical Board Discipline. Vote yes.
• Resolution 19-2 – Call for FSMB to Update Its Ethics and Quality of Care Policy. Vote yes.
• Resolution 19-4 – Emergency Licensure Following a Natural Disaster. Vote no. Because other agencies have already done this work and procedures are already in place, there is no need for FSMB to convene a workgroup to develop model emergency licensure laws and rules.
• Resolution 19-5 – Informed Consent Policy. Further discussion on the floor of the meeting is expected. The board is allowing the delegate, Dr. Ludwig, to determine the vote.
• Resolution 19-6 – Model Policy on DATA 2000 and Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office Policy (2013). This resolution is for updating the policy to remain current and relevant. Vote yes.
• Resolution 19-7 – Policy on Physician Impairment. This resolution is for updating the existing policy. Vote yes.
5. **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:

5.1 **Budget and fee update** – The board reviewed the 2019 Biennium-to-Date, February 28, 2019, budget report. There were no concerns or questions.

5.2 **Statistics reports** – There are currently 2229 active osteopathic physician licensees, and 123 active assistants. There are now 46 interstate compact licensees.

5.3 **Continuing education audit report** – Ms. Gragg provided a detailed report of recent routine CE audits delegated to the program manager. The report shows the courses being approved should the board have any questions or direction. The board appreciated the report and there were no questions.

5.4 **Recruitment update**

5.4.1 **Board members** – No applications have been received. Both Dr. Sobel and Dr. Ware are interested in continuing to serve an additional term. Dr. Hunter’s term ends in July 2019. Recruitment continues for both a professional and a public member.

5.4.2 **Executive Director** – The process to fill the vacant executive director positions has restarted. The board will issue a request for representation on the formal interview panel.

5.4.3 **Program Manager** – The selection of a program manager for the osteopathic board is imminent.

5.5 **Other**

5.5.1 **Newsletter** – It was suggested that an article explaining the board’s intent of the opioid prescribing rules be included in the next newsletter to address some apparent misunderstandings and overreactions.

5.5.2 **Establishing a standard threshold number of hospital privileges required for out-of-state applicants for Washington telemedicine credentials** – it was identified that applicants must submit a complete list of the hospitals where they hold privileges. The board determined that five hospital reports, each from a different state, would be the required threshold. Once five have been received the process will proceed. Staff will draft a policy statement that will also address conditions and present it at a future meeting.

6. **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.

There were no public attendees.

7. **Future Business—DISCUSSION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair**
The board identified the following agenda item for a future meeting:


8. **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.

9. **Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION—Catherine Hunter, DO, Chair**

The public meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

10. **Discipline and Licensing**

The board will attend to licensing and disciplinary matters.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gragg, Program Manager

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