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NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes May 21, 2006

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Carl Hangee-Bauer, ND, Chair Alexandra Cock, Vice Chair

Cynthia Watson, MD Soram Khalsa, MD Trevor Cates, ND David Field, ND

Daisy Ma, Public Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Mary Hardy, MD

Norine Marks, Legal Counsel STAFF PRESENT:

Tonya Blood, Bureau Chief

Linda Brown, Program Coordinator Francine Davies, Program Coordinator

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

II. Approval of the January 29, 2006 Meeting Minutes

On page 4 of the minutes, the word "ingestibles" should be changed to "injectables" in two places. Norine suggested that guests and members of the public not be listed on the first page. Ms. Cock moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Dr. Field seconded the motion. Roll was called and the minutes were approved as corrected.

III. **Chair Update**

Dr. Hangee-Bauer gave a brief update on the activities of the Council and the work of the Committees, as well as an overview of the subjects to be discussed during this meeting. He thanked all the Council and committee members for their hard work in advancing the goals of the Bureau and the legislative reports.

IV. Bureau Update

Chief Tonya Blood discussed the Bureau's fund condition. It is projected that there will be a surplus of approximately \$3500. The Bureau is pleased to get through the fiscal year without having to take out a loan.

There are currently 182 licensed NDs. There have been 32 complaints on mis-use of title and no complaints on patient care.

Patricia Harris, Executive Officer of the Pharmacy Board has requested that an ND come and speak at one of their Enforcement Committee meetings.

V. Election of New Chair and Vice Chair

Dr. Hangee-Bauer was re-elected Chair of the Advisory Council. Dr. Trevor Holly Cates was elected as Vice Chair.

VI. Discussion and Approval of Consumer Brochure

The Advisory Council discussed the draft of the new consumer brochure. It was decided that the paragraph on what NDs may and may not prescribe needs to be reworded. Also, the paragraph entitled "What NDs are NOT Supposed To Do Within Their Scope of Practice" was confusing and needs more work. The Bureau requested that anyone that had suggestions or additional changes email them to Francine Davies at the Bureau within the next two weeks.

VII. Committee Updates and Review of Draft Reports; and

VIII. Discussion and Approval of Formulary Advisory Committee and/or Minor Office Procedures Task Force Recommendatons

A. Formulary Advisory Committee:

Dr. Peter Wannigman, Chair of the Formulary Advisory Committee discussed the Committee's activities and the draft report. The Advisory Council voted to approve the following:

- > The IV Therapy Blueprint, as written.
- > The IV Formulary, with a recommendation to reconsider adding glandulars to the Biologicals category.
- The Chelation Blueprint, with a suggestion that the prerequisite for a current California IV certificate be clarified.

Dr. Khalsa stated that the omission of glandulars was because the MDs on the committee had reservations about the safety of available glandular products, and not about the ability of the NDs to administer glandulars.

The Formulary Committee is currently working on a pharmaceutical formulary for recommendation.

B. Childbirth Attendance Advisory Committee:

Dr. Watson reported that the Childbirth Committee has had three meetings. Dr. Watson and the Advisory Council reviewed a one-page synopsis submitted by Donnalee Hart, Chair of the Committee which listed the committee's goals, tasks, and the conflicts and issues which have been identified by the Committee.

C. Minor Office Procedures Advisory Group

Dr. Field presented the draft report prepared by the advisory group. The report enumerated five procedures that are safe to be performed independently by NDs. These recommendations would require a statutory change. Gloria St. John of the CNDA, had a question about one of the procedures, "Removal of benign skin and subcutaneous lesions." How would the ND necessarily know that it was benign before it was removed? The group was commended on their recommendations but asked to re-work that one recommendation for clarification.

IX. Future Advisory Council Meeting Dates and Locations

The following tentative meeting dates were set for 2007:

January 21, San Francisco May 20, Sacramento September 16, Los Angeles/Burbank

X. Public Comment

Jeff Goin, President, Coalition on Natural Health, asked if the public could make comments on the consumer brochure and if he could obtain a copy of the brochure. He was told that public comments would be accepted and that if he emailed his address to the Bureau that a copy would be sent to him.

Gloria St. John asked about the continuation of the advisory committees. The committees have no sunset date.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.