



## **Naturopathic Medicine Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

February 14, 2011

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Koren Barrett, ND  
David Field, ND  
KT Leung, CPA  
Tara Levy, ND  
Gregory Weisswasser, ND

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Hirt, MD  
Beverly Yates, ND  
Caleb Zia, EdD

**STAFF PRESENT:** Spencer Walker, Legal Counsel  
Francine Davies, Interim Executive Officer (EO)

#### **1. Welcome & Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM.

#### **2. Establishment of a Quorum**

A quorum was declared

#### **3. Discussion/Approval: Finalize Language for Proposed Legislation Affecting the Naturopathic Doctors Act**

Dr. Field stated that public comment was welcome throughout the meeting where appropriate.

Dr. Field explained the reason the Naturopathic Medicine Committee (Committee) voted to develop legislative language in its last meeting was because of the inconsistencies that exist in the laws of the Naturopathic Doctors Act (Act), especially in the area of enforcement. He reported that he and Dr. Levy met two weeks prior with the Committee's executive officer (EO) and legal counsel to determine what language needed to be clarified and by what means (i.e. legislation or regulation). At that meeting, it was originally thought that the changes could be accomplished by regulation. However, legal counsel later stated that his office was told the Committee would need to develop legislation.

The Committee, EO, legal counsel, and members of the public discussed all proposed additions, changes, and deletions to the Act. The Committee voted on and accepted the language as amended.

In order for the Committee to have one point of contact for the legislative process, legal counsel stated that the Committee should vote to delegate authority to Dr. Field to finalize any language for any bill concerning the Act. The Committee approved that delegation.

Dr. Field talked about when and how legislation would be introduced if the regulatory process is not approved. The sub-committee and EO met with the B & P Committee chief consultant Bill Gage earlier in the day to discuss scenarios for legislation. The Committee sub-committee will pursue three tracks simultaneously by (1) preparing regulatory language, (2) preparing legislative language for a Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) omnibus bill, and (3) preparing language and finding an author for a bill that will be carried by the Committee. The Committee has been given a spot bill by the B & P Committee but must still find an author. Mr. Gage will be contacting DCA Legal Affairs Office and the Legislative Counsel Office to determine if regulations can be written. Mr. Gage will be contacting Dr. Field at the end of March with his determination.

A motion was made for the Committee to move forward in the legislative process as soon as possible in case the language requires legislation. The motion was carried. Ryan Arnold, DCA Legislative Office representative, will update Richard Woonacot and Luis Portillo on the outcome of the Committee meeting today.

#### **4. Public Comment**

There was no additional comment at this time

#### **5. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM