



Naturopathic Medicine Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Koren Barrett, ND
David Field, ND
Michael Hirt, MD
KT Leung, CPA
Tara Levy, ND
Beverly Yates, ND

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Weisswasser, 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 10:04 a.m.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was declared

3. Chair Report – Current Topics

Dr. Field gave the report. Last meeting the Committee approved statutory language and subsequently secured a bill with Senator Runner as SB 667. The largest task for the next 18 months is the Sunset Review Report (outline is Agenda Item 11). Clarification of bill language is another high priority for 2012.

4. Discussion/Approval: Meeting Minutes January 24, 2011

The minutes were approved with no corrections.

5. Discussion/Approval: Meeting Minutes February 14, 2011

The minutes were approved with no corrections.

9. Report: Sub-Committee on Executive Officer and Staff Job Description

Dr. Yates gave the report. She put together a list of duties and will forward the report to Francine who will then forward the information to the Department of Consumer Affairs Human Resources Department. The Committee approved the report and gave Francine the authority to make any necessary changes deemed required by Human Resources.

10. Discussion/Appointment of Sub-Committee: Update the 2007 Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine Reports to the Legislature (Legislative Reports Sub-Committee)

The reports will be updated as recommended by the Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee (B & P). The sub-committee was established; Dr. Field will make appointments at a later date. Dr. Barrett expressed interest in updating the Formulary Report.

11. Discussion/Appointment of Sub-Committee – Sunset Review Process (Sunset Review Sub-Committee)

The sub-committee was established; Dr. Field will make appointments at a later date. (Discussion continued later in the meeting)

12. Discussion/Appointment of Sub-Committee – Standard of Practice Document.

The sub-committee was established; Dr. Field will make appointments at a later date. Dr. Weisswasser, although absent from the meeting, expressed his interest to Francine on being on the sub-committee prior to the meeting.

6. Executive Officer Report: Licensing, Budget, Enforcement, Current Topics.

Francine reviewed the written report submitted as part of the meeting packet (copy available on web site <http://www.naturopathic.ca.gov/meetings/index.shtml> under “Meeting Materials”.)

Francine was asked why so many doctors have not renewed their licenses; she stated some had taken a leave to have babies, and some left the state to practice in Texas, Colorado, and Connecticut. She also gave an update on the five-day enforcement academy she attended. Cynthia Dines, supervisor in the Department of Consumer Affairs Budget Office, gave an overview of the state budget process including budget change proposals, spring finance letters, and the state of the Committee’s budget.

7. Bastyr University, California Campus Presentation - Timothy Callahan, PhD, Bastyr University Senior VP and Provost.

Bastyr has been studying the feasibility of a California campus since licensing began in California in 2005. A site was chosen in the Sorrento Valley area of San Diego, 4106 Rancho Valley Blvd. The first program to be developed will be the naturopathic program, anticipating enrollment of 40 students in the fall of 2012. The accreditation approval is in process. The Council on Naturopathic Medical Education will also be starting an accreditation process. The school has also interviewed for faculty positions. Francine stated there was a certification process required for any unlicensed persons practicing naturopathic medicine incidental to teaching at the new campus.

8. California Naturopathic Doctors Association: Current Topics

The association (CNDA) made a CD of a two-hour webinar they produced to answer basic legal questions regarding the practice of naturopathic medicine in California; they are giving away the CD at no cost to naturopathic doctors practicing in California. The association also created a non-profit organization – Foundation for Natural Health – to raise public awareness of naturopathic medicine. It has a consumer oriented web site at www.RealizeHealth.org. The CNDA is meeting with the California Medical Association to create understanding of the Committee's intentions regarding the Committee's bill SB 667. They are also looking for a co-author for the bill.

3. Chair Report – Current Topics – Dr. David Field, ND, LAc

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2011.

11. Discussion of Sunset Review Process (continued)

The sunset report is due in 14 months. After the report is completed in November 2012, any new information, such as new legislation, would be brought to the B & P Committee hearing that should be held in February 2013.

13. Establish Future Meetings and Locations

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2012.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.