



Naturopathic Medicine Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2015

**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

David Field, ND, Lac, Chair
Tara Levy, ND, Vice-Chair
Koren Barrett, ND
Michael Hirt, MD
Thyonne Gordon, PhD
Tabatha Parker, ND

**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Gregory Weisswasser, ND
Myles Spar, MD

**STAFF
PRESENT:**

Michael Santiago, Esq., Legal Counsel
Ileana Butu, Esq., Legal Counsel
Rebecca Mitchell, Executive Officer (EO)

Persons of Interest Yeaphana LaMarr, DCA, Legislative and Regulatory Review

1. Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

Roll Call was taken and quorum was established.

3. Review and Approval of February 23, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Parker / Second – Gordon, to approve February 23, 2015, Meeting Minutes with amendment to include the names/votes on roll call votes. Roll call vote taken, motion carried 5-0-0. (YES – Field, Levy, Barrett, Hirt, Gordon, Parker / NO – none / Abstentions – none).

4. Discussion / Action: Position on Proposed Statutory Language: Scope of Practice, Prescribing Rights: SB 538 (Block)

After discussing the proposed language in its entirety, the Committee has made a motion to take a position of support on SB 538 (Block). It has been requested that the staff makes a recommendation to the California Naturopathic Doctors Association (CNDA), to amend the proposed language to read as follows:

3640 (c) A naturopathic doctor may utilize routes of administration that include, but are not limited to, oral, nasal, auricular, ocular, *cervical*, rectal, vaginal, transdermal, intradermal, subcutaneous, intravenous, ~~and intramuscular~~, and other areas of the body, excluding the ventral and dorsal body cavities.

However, the Committee states that if this amendment cannot be made at this time, the Committee is still in support of SB 538 as originally written.

Committee staff reminded the Committee that they would still need to clarify the statutes within Regulations if this bill passes.

Public Comment from Yeaphana La Marr, DCA Legislative and Regulatory Analyst. Ms. La Marr wanted to remind the Committee that anytime an amendment is made to expand the Scope of Practice, it opens up the entire bill for opposition from other entities, including the Department. Anytime an expansion to the Scope of Practice is made, there would need to be a well written justification as to why the change is needed and would require more work from the sponsor. Committee should always weigh the proposed changes with the possibility of opposition.

The Executive Officer, Rebecca Mitchell, wanted it documented that the current oversight protocol is a written protocol only and that there is no physical supervision currently in place by physicians and surgeons (MDs / DOs) over naturopathic doctors (NDs).

Motion: Barrett / Second: Levy. Roll call vote to amend Section 3640 (c) as outlined above to CNDA, bill SB 538 Sponsor. Motion carried 6-0-0. (YES – Field, Levy, Barrett, Hirt, Gordon, Parker / NO – none / ABSTENTIONS - none)

Motion: Barrett / Second: Parker. Roll call vote to take a position of SUPPORT on the CNDA, bill SB 538: Proposed Statutory Language. Motion carried 6-0-0. (YES – Field, Levy, Barrett, Hirt, Gordon, Parker / NO – none / ABSTENTIONS - none)

5. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda:

No public comment.

6. Establish Future Meeting Dates & Locations

The next meeting will be scheduled tentatively for Monday, April 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., in Sacramento. Teleconferencing will be made available for the upcoming meeting.

7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Discuss/Action on Disciplinary Guidelines, SB 1111 and SB 1441 – Uniformed Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees
- Discuss / Action: Grandfathering / Application Statute and Regulations

8. Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Motion: Parker / Second: Barrett. Motion carried to adjourn.