



Naturopathic Medicine Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: David Field, ND, Lac, Chair
Tara Levy, ND, Vice-Chair
Koren Barrett, ND
Michael Hirt, MD
Gregory Weisswasser, ND
Myles Spar, MD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Thyonne Gordon, PhD
Tabatha Parker, ND

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

Persons of Interest

1. Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

Roll Call was taken and quorum was established.

3. Review and Approval of March 30, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Barrett / Second – Weisswasser, to approve March 30, 2015, Meeting Minutes as submitted. Roll call vote taken, motion carried 3-0-2. (YES – Field, Barrett, Hirt / NO – none / Abstentions – Weisswasser, Spar).

4. Discussion / Action: Add and Amend Regulations Pertaining to the Disciplinary Guidelines, SB 1441 (Substance Abusing Licensees), and SB 1111 (CPEI).

During the March 3, 2014 NMC meeting, the Committee took action on the trigger language options for the SB 1441 – Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing

Licensees. There was a motion and second to adopt and the motion carried 5-1-0 as follows:

Option #1: Presumption – The committee will presume that if a violation involves drugs or alcohol, the licensee is a substance abusing licensee, and the uniform standards will attach. It will be up to the licensee to present evidence to rebut this presumption.

The Committee agreed to keep this trigger option as voted on previously.

Move to approve the proposed and amended regulatory language that adds and amends CCR, Title 16 sections 4261, 4207, 4213, 4260, and 4216 pertaining to the Disciplinary Guidelines, SB 1441 Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees, and SB 1111 CPEI regulations for noticing, set a hearing, and delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to make any technical or non-substantive changes in completing the rulemaking file.

Motion: Levy / Second: Spar. Roll call vote to move motion as outlined above Motion carried 6-0-0. (YES – Field, Levy, Barrett, Hirt, Weisswasser, Spar / NO – none / ABSTENTIONS - none)

5. Strategic Plan Presentation - SOLID:

Dennis Zanchi from SOLID presented the process of Strategic Planning Session. This will start in July 2015 with collecting information from staff, Committee Members and stakeholders. Information will be reported and planning meeting will be set during late September 2015.

6. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda:

The Committee and staff thanked Michael Santiago for his services as he has been a pleasure to work with and was able to provide excellent legal assistance to the Committee. The Committee welcomed the new legal representative, Ileana Butu, to the Committee and look forward to working with her on all of the upcoming issues/items.

7. Establish Future Meeting Dates & Locations

The next meeting will be scheduled tentatively for Monday, July 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., in Sacramento. Teleconferencing will be made available for the upcoming meeting.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Strategic Plan
- Discuss / Action: Executive Officer Annual Performance Evaluation
- Standard of Practice
- Legislation
- Title Protection – “naturopath vs. naturopathic doctor”

9. Adjournment

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