

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 16, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Anne Runde Paddock, N.D., Kevin Passero, N.D., Gregory Porkrywka, M.D., Suresh K. Gupta, M.D., Eldon S. Miller, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Acting Deputy Director, Dierdra Rufus, Licensure Supervisor, David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel, Yemisi Koya, Communication/Education/ Policy, Director, Mark Woodward, Public Policy Analyst, Sandi Van Horn, Public Policy Analyst, Darryl London, Fiscal Services Chief, Todd O'Banner, Agency Budget Specialist

GUESTS: Kristaps Paddock, - Maryland Naturopathic Doctors Association

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Passero called the meeting to order at 2:02p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Runde Paddock, the committee voted to approve the December 19, 2014 open meeting minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Changes in Naturopathic Draft Regulations

The Committee reviewed the changes to the definitions, scope of practice and continuing medical education requirements. The committee decided to define cardiopulmonary resuscitation as BCLS – Basic Cardiac Life Support, and ACLS – Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

On a motion made by Dr. Runde Paddock and seconded by Dr. Passero, the Committee voted to approve the modifications made to the definitions, scope of practice and continuing medical education. .

Maryland Naturopathic Doctors Association Letter of Recommendation Concerning Licensure Fees

The Maryland Naturopathic Doctors Association are concerned with amount of the fees and are recommending language that would allow the Board to reassess the fees in the future as the number of licensed naturopathic doctors increases and the costs associated with licensure also change.

The recommended the following language:

After March 1, 2016, the licensing fees shall be determined and promulgated in regulations by the Board in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §14-205(a)(16).

On a motion made by Dr. Gupta and seconded by Dr. Miller, the committee voted to add the language from the MNDA letter to the fee section of the regulation.

FYI-

- a. Naturopathic Medicine Study Report – Board staff distributed the report to the Committee for their review.
- b. Study Guide for the NPLEX – Board staff distributed the study guide to the Committee for their review.
- c. More detailed Naturopathic Curriculum
- d. Fiscal Analysis and Fiscal Note – Mr. London provided an overview and a breakdown of the information used to determine licensure fees.
- e. Mr. Woodard gave an overview of the Corrected Letter from Douglas Gansler, Attorney General, for House Bill 402 and Senate Bill 314. The letter addressed some discrepancies between the House Bill and the Senate Bill.
- f. Ms. Smith spoke briefly about the mileage reimbursement rate increase.
- g. Ms. Smith informed the Committee that the 2014 financial disclosure statements are due by April 30, 2015
- h. Ms. Smith informed Committee that the February and March meeting locations may change due to the construction going on in the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Naturopathic Doctors Regulations – Mark Woodard, Public Policy Analyst

Review of Draft Regulations for Naturopathic Medical Doctors

- Advisory Committee
- Qualifications for Initial Licensure
- Attestation – The Committee tabled this discussion until the next Committee meeting.
- Exceptions to Licensure
- Renewals, Reinstatement, and Inactive Status – This was discussed in place of attestations.

The Committee reviewed and approved Board staff recommendations of the regulations listed above with corrections.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee
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Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dierdra Rufus". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Dierdra Rufus
Supervisor, Licensure Unit