

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Naturopathic Medicine Advisory Committee
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215
Friday, June 16, 2017
MBP Board Room, Room 100

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Nicole Farmer, M.D., Eldon S. Miller, Ph.D., Mark Olszyk, M.D., Carrie Anne Runde, N.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Sandi Van Horn Health Policy Analyst, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst, Mark Woodard, Health Policy Analyst, David Finkler, Board Counsel

ABSENT: Kevin Passero, N.D. - Chair

GUESTS: Irene Catania

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Dr. Kevin Passero, Dr. Carrie Runde called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm and introduced the newest committee member, Nicole Farmer, M.D., to the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Olszyk, the Committee approved the Open Meeting minutes from June 19, 2015.

On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk and seconded by Dr. Miller, the Committee approved the Open Meeting minutes from January 20, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Naturopathic Formulary Council

Sandi Van Horn informed the Committee that the Naturopathic Formulary Council (the Council) held their first meeting on May 4, 2017. The Council reviewed the statute and will develop a formulary to present to the Board. They will also look at the formularies from other states and meet again in August 2017.

Mark Woodard updated the Committee regarding the revisions to COMAR 10.32.21, and distributed a copy of the revised regulations. The revisions include the addition of the criminal history record check requirement, initial licensure by reciprocity and clarification to the

continuing education credits requirement. He stated that the regulations were published on May 26, 2017 with the comment period ending on June 26, 2017. So far, the Board has not received any comments. The regulations could potentially be approved by the end of July 2017 or the middle of August 2017.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Medical Foods Question

David Finkler provided clarification for the question posed to the Committee regarding medical foods and a naturopathic doctor's (ND) scope of practice. Mr. Finkler reviewed the issue and determined that medical foods are foods and therefore, are within the scope of practice of NDs as described in the statute. He explained that the Board could not opine on whether NDs may prescribe medical foods under the federal statute because the Committee and Board have no authority to interpret federal statutes. On a motion made by Dr. Olszyk, the Committee unanimously agreed to endorse this response.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft FAQ Sheet for the Board's Website

The committee reviewed the draft of the FAQ sheet for the Board's website. The committee discussed how to track evidence of biennial CPR certification and adding the medical foods information to the sheet.

Dr. Miller brought up the following topic for discussion; the nationwide health epidemic of over prescribing opioids, opioid abuse and promoting alternative treatments/therapies that NDs practice. The Committee discussed the topics, but concluded that they were outside of its scope.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Submitted by,



Cecilia Laurent
Allied Health Analyst