

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS FORMULARY COUNCIL (NDFC)
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christina G. Marrongelli, OTA, BScPH, PharmD.; Paul Faust, N.D.; Joylene John-Sowah, M.D., MPH; and Carrie A. Runde, N.D.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE PHONE: Dr. Howard Haft, Maryland Department of Health, Public Health Services; and Melissa A. Clark, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brenda Baker

STAFF PRESENT: David Finkler, Board Counsel; Yemisi Koya, Director, Communication, Education and Policy (CEP) Unit; and Sandi Van Horn, Health Policy Analyst, CEP Unit.

GUESTS: Rachel Burch (via phone) and Laura Cummins.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Marrongelli called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., and individuals present introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Koya stated that this meeting is being held to meet the statutory requirement that the NDFC review the formulary at least annually.

Ms. Van Horn noted that the formulary was posted on the Maryland Board of Physicians' (the Board's) Website and that the Maryland Board of Pharmacy included an item about the formulary in its newsletter.

Mr. Finkler discussed Maryland statute regarding restrictions on certain concurrent service by individuals on a health occupations board or advisory committee.¹ NDFC members with concerns may contact Board staff or the State Ethics Commission.

LETTER FROM THE MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY

Ms. Van Horn reported that the Board received a letter from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy in response to NDFC questions from the last meeting.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE NATUROPATHIC FORMULARY

Dr. Marrongelli opened discussion about reviewing the formulary. Mr. Finkler noted that there was no legislation on this subject introduced in the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session, so the law has not changed.

¹ See Health Occupations Article, §1-222, Annotated Code of Maryland.

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Dr. Marrongelli suggested that the NDFC vote to make no changes to the formulary. Dr. Haft moved the motion, and Dr. Runde seconded. The members present voted in favor.

Before adjourning, Dr. Marrongelli spoke about prescription-only, botanical-source drugs.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Marrongelli adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Dr. Yemisi Koya
Director, Communication, Education and Policy Unit