

MINUTES

**UTAH
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD**

MEETING

December 15th, 2014

9:00 AM

**ROOM 475 (Fourth Floor) - Heber M. Wells Building
160 E 300 S**

Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:01 a.m. ADJOURNED: 9:50 a.m.

**Acting Bureau Manager: Dane Ishihara
Bureau Manager: Maria Skedros**

Board Secretary: Sally Canavan

Board Members Present: Todd Cameron, ND
Ulrich G. Knorr, ND
Rachel A. Burnett, ND
Tim Appgood, Public Member
Alisa Bangerter, Public Member

Board Members Absent/Excused None

Guests: Matthew Burnett, ND for the UANP
Mark Brinton, UMA
Bryan Turner, Formulary Committee

DOPL Staff Present Ray Walker, Regulatory and Compliance Officer

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

**Drafted Naturopathic Board
Recommendations on the Rule Change**

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes from November 13, 2014 were reviewed. Dr. Burnett made a motion, seconded by Tim Appgood, to accept the minutes with a name correction. The motion passed with Ms. Bangerter abstaining, as she was absent during the previous meeting where the changes were discussed.

The hope of the Division is that any concerns or objections will be addressed at the Board meeting rather than at the rules hearing. Mr. Brinton from the Utah Medical Association (UMA) reported the UMA and some of their constituents had met and discussed the

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Naturopathic Formulary proposed changes. He addressed some comments and concerns from the UMA with the Naturopathic Formulary proposed changes to the scope of practice. He noted it appears the profession is expanding. Of specific concern was Serotonin, IM injections and Pitostin. One of his concerns was that if a Naturopathic Physician would be able to treat any possible reactions. The UMA is not in favor of allowing the proposed rule changes. The Board stated that there are other states where the Naturopathic Physicians have a much broader formulary scope of practice. The physicians stated they have respect for, and honor their profession as a Naturopathic Doctor. The Board also noted it is a common misconception there is a lack of training; however, the Naturopathic Doctors have forty-eight hours of Continuing Education every renewal cycle, which is more than any of the other profession in Utah. The reason for requesting IM injection is that when the oral medications are not working, they can use IM injection. Oxytocin helps to relax the cervix. There is some concern regarding Naturopathic Doctors using antidepressants. The Board discussed information that Naturopathic Doctors, after they graduate, must take the Boards in pharmacology, like Doctors of Osteopathic and Medical Doctors, to become fully licensed. The Naturopathic Doctors are primary care physicians. Bryan Turner, MD has been appointed to the Naturopathic Formulary Committee.

The Board Chair had requested he attend this Naturopathic Physician Board meeting. He stated that he opposes the UMA objection to the proposed rule change. The Board stated that pharmacology is an integral part of training for the Naturopathic Physicians.

They must pass the same pharmacy test that the medical doctors take. Mr. Walker suggested a comparison study to quantify the Naturopathic Doctor education. The Board stated that it had already been done. Dr. Burnett had the comparison file on her computer at the meeting.

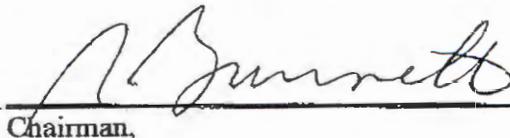
She will send copies to Mr. Steinagel, Mr. Walker, Ms. Skedros, and the UMA Board. Mr. Walker reminded the Board if they have additional information please submit it so it may be considered. The proposed rule will be submitted to Mr. Steinagel.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGMonday June 11th, 2015**ADJOURN: 9:50 a.m.**

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

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Date Approved


Chairman,

8/8/16

Date Approved

Allyson Pettit

Bureau Manager,
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing