

MINUTES

UTAH NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2008 9:00 a.m.

ROOM 402 (Fourth Floor) Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:09 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:45 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart, Bureau Manager

Board Secretary:

Penny Vogeler, Board Secretary

Board Members Present:

Jeffrey V. Wright, ND; Chairperson
Ulrich G. Knorr, ND
Joseph Humphreys, ND
Vacant Public Member position

Board Members Absent:

Marie Partridge, excused

Guests:

None

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director
Wayne Holman, Chief Investigator

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Stewart swore in Joseph Humphreys ND as a new member of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Board. The Board members welcomed him.

Mr. Stanley addressed the Board, thanked them for the time they give and welcomed Dr. Humphreys to the Board. Ms. Stewart mentioned to the Board there is an opening for a Public member. She asked if they were aware of anyone interested and wanting to become involved. She asked that they submit a resume to DOPL for recommendation to the Department Director and the Governor's office.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 6, 2007 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Ulrich and seconded by Dr. Humphreys to approve them as written. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Rule Change:

Ms. Stewart discussed the rule change to the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act Rule. A rules hearing was held earlier this year and the changes were approved at that time. Ms. Stewart later received a call from Dr. Matthew Burnett stating that “vaccines” had been deleted from the Naturopathic Physicians Formulary. This made it necessary to make another rule change to add it back in. The formulary is defined in The American Hospital Formulary Services (AHFS), published by the American Society of the Health System Pharmacists, 2006 edition. This 2006 edition was discussed and a comment was made that the edition is no longer available. The Board felt it would be appropriate to make an additional rule change to have it read that the newest edition be adopted as soon as it is available. The current rule change will go into effect on November 21, 2008. If there needs to be a change in the formulary, a meeting of the Formulary Committee will need to be scheduled. It was the decision of the Board to have the Formulary Committee meet prior to the next Naturopathic Board meeting. That Board meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2009.

Let it be known that chief investigator, Wayne Holman joined the meeting. Ms. Stewart introduced Mr. Holman and gave a brief explanation of his role at DOPL.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Irena Harder

Ms. Stewart discussed the application for licensure for Irena Harder. Her credentials were reviewed by a credentials evaluator to see if Ms. Harder met the qualifications for licensure. The evaluators stated Ms. Harder’s education did not meet the education requirements for Utah licensure. Ms. Harder will be notified of this decision. At that point an agency review may be requested by the applicant.

Scope of Practice: Naturopathic Physician

Ms Stewart requested information and education as to the practice of a naturopathic physician and what it involves.

Various Board members stated that a naturopathic physician specializes in the functions of the Body. The required schooling is a four-year program which is accredited and one-year of residency for licensure in

the state of Utah. They receive both clinical and academic schooling. They receive almost the same education as a MD for the first two years, however, when an MD goes into a medical hospital facility for their rotation, the Naturopathic Physician goes to a clinical facility to do additional course work in areas such as clinical nutrition, physical medicine, physical therapy, homeopathic medicine, botanical and herbal medicine, IV therapy ect. The ND's are also highly trained in prescriptive medications and other therapies.

ADJOURN:

9:45 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.

April 23, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Jeffrey V. Wright, ND, Chairperson
Naturopathic Physician Licensing Board

April 23, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Sally A. Stewart, Bureau Manager
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing