

MINUTES

UTAH NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

April 23rd, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

ROOM 474 (Fourth Floor) Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:05 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:46 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Penny Vogeler

Board Members Present:

Jeffrey V. Wright, ND; Chairperson
Ulrich G. Knorr, ND
Tim Pagoda, Public Member
Marie Partridge, Public Member
Joseph Humphreys, ND

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

New Public Member:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Stewart swore in Tim Apgood as the new Member of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Board. The Board members welcomed him.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 13th, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Knorr, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, to approve them as written. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Open and Public Meeting Act change

Ms. Stewart informed the Board of a new procedure effective soon involving the posting of the minutes. The legislature passed a change to the Open and Public Meeting Act requiring the minutes be posted to the web-page within a "reasonable" time.

As not all Boards meet monthly, DOPL plans to implement a procedure where we post the minute "awaiting formal approval" before the next meeting. The proposed procedure was discussed. The question of recordings being posted was also discussed. No final decision has been made concerning whether to

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post recordings at this time. Currently they are available in CD form for a fee of \$12.00 for a copy of the CD.

Ms. Stewart conducted the discussion for the Naturopathic Physician Licensing Act Rule changes. The changes were identified by Ms. Stewart. A discussion took place among Board members. There was a change where the formulary in R156-71-202(1) changed from “2006” to read “**current**”. There were two major changes that were discussed.

The first was the addition of the Controlled Substance, Testosterone. This will require all Naturopathic Physicians to obtain a Controlled Substance license in order to prescribe and administer the drug.

The second was the addition of “Category 1” to the Continuing Education requirement. A minimum of ten of the 20 hours of continuing education specific to pharmacy or pharmacology must be recognized as Category 1 AMAPRA credit hours by the ACCME in each preceding two year licensure cycle. It was brought to the attention of the Board that Dr. Adelson (of the Formulary Committee) disagrees with this proposed change. After much discussion there was a proposal from Dr. Knorr to delete the AMAPRA. The ten hours was also an issue. “Category 1” was to keep the commitment for education. The concern is quality continuing education for pharmacy. Dr. Humphreys stated he felt that this requirement was placed in the rule by pharmacists/pharmacies and MD’s. A motion was made by Dr. Humphreys, seconded by Dr. Wright, to remove “AMAPRA Category 1” from the rule. Ms. Stewart reminded the Board that by removing these they are not excluding the Category 1.

Ms. Stewart discussed the requirement for a Naturopathic Physician to have a limited Controlled Substance license to use testosterone. The license itself will state limited to testosterone only. There will be a separate application at this time as this type of licensure has not occurred previously. The separate application process may change in the future.

A motion was made by Dr. Knorr, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, to approve the proposed changes to the Rule. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: 9:46 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.

Date Approved

Jeffrey V. Wright, ND, Chairperson
Naturopathic Physician Licensing Board

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

Awaiting Formal Approval