

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.**

**ROOM 464 (Fourth Floor) Heber M. Wells Building  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114**

**CONVENED:** 9:04 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 9:55 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Sally A. Stewart, Bureau Manager

**Board Secretary:**

Penny Vogeler, Board Secretary

**Board Members Present:**

Ulrich G. Knorr, ND  
Tim Apgood  
Alisa Bangerter, new Public Member  
Jeffrey V. Wright, ND; Chairperson

**Board Members Absent:**

**Board Members Excused:**

Joseph Humphreys, ND

**DOPL Staff Present:**

none

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Apgood was the acting chairman until Dr. Wright arrived a few minutes after the meeting was called to order.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Ms. Stewart swore in Alisa Bangerter as a new member of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Board. The Board members welcomed her.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 meeting were read and reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Apgood, seconded by Dr. Knorr, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Rule Change:**

Ms. Stewart discussed with the Board that the DEA is not currently issuing DEA numbers to the Naturopathic Physicians who have been issued a limited Controlled Substance license. The license category or type, Naturopathic Physician, is in the

process of being added to the Controlled Substance Rule R156-37-301(k). If all goes smoothly, the change will become effective in January. This failure to include was an oversight at the time the change for Naturopathic Physicians was made.

Ms. Bangerter, the new member of the Board, had some questions as to what a naturopath can prescribe as far as Controlled Substances are concerned. Ms. Stewart explained the Naturopathic Physicians Formulary found in the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act Rule. Ms. Stewart discussed the rule change process can take six months. The process involved in making a rule change was explained to the Board. Reference was made that the most current published edition of the American Hospital Formulary Service is the 2008 edition as noted in the Rule.

Ms. Stewart asked if the Board was aware of any changes to the formulary that may be taken to the legislature. The Board stated they are not aware of any changes anticipated to the Act at this time. Ms. Stewart explained to Ms. Bangerter what is required for a Naturopathic Physician to become licensed in the state of Utah. It was also discussed that a Naturopathic Physician has a year of Pharmacology included in their training.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
**Irina Harder**

The hearing was held with Ms. Irina Harder earlier this month. Ms. Harder was issued a temporary license in 2007 which has since expired. She has been denied a naturopathic physicians license due to failure to meet the education requirements. The denial appeal is now in the hands of the Special Appeals Board. She was granted a temporary license which was extended another 12 months. She was also asked to obtain a second evaluation of her foreign education. She does not have a doctorate of naturopathic medicine. She feels she has the training in Germany and feels she is qualified for a license in Utah. She failed to pass the pharmacology section of the first half of the German clinical examination; or the entire second half of the clinical examination. Dr. Wright discussed the law being opened up a few years ago to allow foreign trained naturopaths to come to Utah. Later it became a concern that they needed to meet the education equivalency.

The difference in the foreign trained applicant and the United States trained applicant was the wording of Physician versus Practitioner. The SB81 certification also requires a Social Security Number and it is unclear at this time if Ms. Harder has one. DOPL is awaiting the findings of the Special Appeals Board.

Dr. Wright stated the purpose of this Board is to protect the public and that all licensee's meet requirements for licensure. Ms. Stewart explained the make up of the Special Appeals Board. If Ms. Harding is found to have the education she may be granted a license.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Unless the Board notifies Ms. Vogeler prior to the meeting, if there are no matters to be addressed, the meeting will be cancelled.

**ADJOURN:**

9:55 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.*

February 11, 2010  
Date Approved

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

February 11, 2010  
Date Approved

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

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