

MINUTES

UTAH NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

October 20th, 2011

ROOM 402 (Fourth Floor) - Heber M. Wells Building
160 E 300 S
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:27 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:20 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Sally Canavan

Board Members Present:

Jeffrey V. Wright, ND; Chairperson
Ulrich G. Knorr, ND

Board Members Absent or Excused;

Joseph Humphreys, ND-Absent
Alisa Bangerter- Abs
Tim Apgood-Excused

DOPL Staff Present:

N/a

Quorum Information :

There is not a quorum present. No motions can be made nor can they be voted upon.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Minutes:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes from the June 10th, 2010 meeting were not reviewed. No motion was made. The minutes for June 10th, 2010 and the minutes for October 20th, 2011 will be approved at the next meeting, where we will hopefully have a quorum present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Most Current Rules

The Board reviewed the most current rules noting the last changes was too add and clarify with regard to the formulary. They became effective on August 15th, 2010 and are available on the website. The Board suggested all Naturopathic Physicians should print and read them.

Licensure by Endorsement

The Board discussed in the Naturopathic laws there is only a limited option for licensure by Endorsement. The laws states must be licensed in another state to get licensed in Utah. The Board noted that some states do not require licensing and in some states the Naturopathic Physicians are called Naturopathic

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practitioners or a Naturapath. To change this nomenclature would be a statutory change, meaning the Naturopathic Act would have to be opened and the change made by the legislators. This discussion was just for informational purposes.

Continuing Education Requirements for Licensee's

The Board discussed and reviewed the continuing education requirements for licensees. The Board may meet; review and pre approve a CE course it would have to meet the criteria listed in rule R156-71-304. The Board discussed before any course is approved we would have to know how they would do their record keeping as to who was there and what they would provide to those who were there, clearly stated teaching objectives etc. The Board noted the CE audit is random. The Board noted the purpose of adding additional CE units was so the Board could add substances to the Naturopathic formulary list. The Director will not sign off on perpetually changing formulary rules. The Board noted new substances need to be researched and then once it is submitted it takes approximately 6-8 weeks to get it where it can become active in rule.

The Board noted in the last legislative session a bill was passed requiring the Naturopathic Physicians include their full professional title on any advertising, letter head, flyers etc. The abbreviation of ND is no longer acceptable. When a Naturopathic Physician name appears it must be followed by spelling out the professional name, the way it appears on their licenses. The Board noted this law was well supported by the medical doctor's profession. This new law references a truth in advertising law. The Board suggested they need to make sure the people in the Naturopathic profession are aware of the change. The Board noted MD and ND can sound a lot alike sometimes.

Controlled Substance Database

The Board noted the Naturopathic Physician licenses renew on May 31st of the even year. If a Naturopathic Physician has a controlled substance license in the state of Utah the Naturopathic Physician must be registered with the Controlled Substance Database, will have to take a tutorial for the database and the licensee will have to take and pass the databases exam. This law was passed at the last legislative

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session, because Utah has a severe controlled substance abuse problem. Utah is one of the top five states in the nation for substance abuse. The Board noted doctors can use the controlled substance database to see if people are doctor shopping and to see how much of what people have in their system. The program will be available approximately 120 days before renewal.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Thursday, May 10th, 2012; Thursday, November 8th, 2012

ADJOURN:

10:20 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.
Abuse.

05/10/2012
Date Approved

(ss) Jeffrey V. Wright
Naturopathic Physician Licensing Board

05/10/2012
Date Approved

(ss) Sally A Stewart
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing