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Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine – Public Meeting Agenda

Public Session held according to OAR 192.610 to 192.690 Public Meetings Laws.

LOCATION: ZOOM & Conference Call

June 10, 2024 @ approximately 2:00pm-245pm/320pm-325pm

Members / Staff Present (NOT JTD)

Public Present – Amber Reding-Gazzini LAc, DACM, President, Oregon Association of Acupuncturists; Jennifer Briggs, L.Ac. Vice President & Membership Committee Leader, Oregon Association of Acupuncturists; Haylee Morse-Miller, Senior Legislative Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Office

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Complaint / Investigation / Discipline Recommendations / Case Resolution Update.
 - (22-12-32) - closed no discipline (9 members approved)
 - (22-12-33) – closed no discipline (9 members approved)
 - (23-01-01) – NOPD (1 member abstained, 8 members approved)
 - (23-06-23) – closed no discipline (9 members approved)
 - (23-08-32) – NOPD (9 members approved)

CASES OVER 120 DAYS AS OF JUNE 10, 2024 – Continue Investigation - Approved

2. Review/Discuss Consultant Retreat Report; no corrections / changes/ accept as delivered – Approved/no objections
3. April 14, 2024, Executive, Public Meeting/Retreat Minutes – Approved/no objections/no changes
4. Discussion regarding public comment on revised Oregon Administrative Rules - Division 40 – Continuing Education filed. <https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/Pages/Notice-of-Proposed-Rules-for-Public-Comment.aspx>. / Comments received by Friday, June 7, uploaded to the website at / about 4pm. <https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/Pages/Board-Meetings.aspx>
 - Discussion regarding minimal comments received, comments received primarily centered around asking for more explanation. At retreat members cautioned ED against sending a “Legaleeze” explanation with the rules, so MB did not. ED scheduled phone calls to discuss with people who needed further discussion. Seems it is still unclear that the list of “approved” providers is not an exclusive list. Board suggestion to add: “automatically approved” or “applications for approval not required” “If not listed see section 5.” Need to make it more explicit that this list does not require a request for approval.
 - Need to fix the “no more than 30days” v. “minimum of 30 days” prior to next round.
 - Public comment this round was not generally no a repeat / same from last round, evidence that Board listened to the feedback and made changes accordingly.

5. Legislative Update – 25-27 Legislative Session / Legislative Concept Update. General topics
 - LC 1 - Discipline Statute: expand scope, accountability measures updated for current scope, technology and manner of practice. Eval and Treatment in lieu of discipline.
 - LC 2 - Acupuncture: Discussion / development a combined Board of Nat medicine and Acupuncture Board.

6. Director's Report:
 - Budget / Changes to Board Leased Space: ED worked with DAS to release shared conference room to Emergency Management/OHA. Budget savings are approximately \$300 a month. Additional income may come in through selling off the conference room furniture. ED is attempting to relinquish current excess office space to OHA. Mixed success. DAS embarked on an enterprise wide “restack” process, redesigning the entire PSOB to make it more of a hoteling / community space. Because of this restack project getting OHA to move into excess Board space now is not getting traction. However, the restack process will reduce OBNM footprint and rent for 25-27 budget and will save the Board thousands of dollars in rent really helping the limitation. Board will remain in its current space until redesign and ultimately construction.

 - Budget / Meeting Expenses: Discussed whether to continue to meet in person each meeting, or save costs by meeting over zoom, or a hybrid. Preference for holding in person meetings with providing Board members the option / opportunity on case-by-case basis to remote in.

 - OANP new Executive Director Meeting Recap: ED met with Jade Deitrick, MPA, CAE new Exec Director of OANP. Positive discussion re: legislative concepts and current rule making, goals / challenges, opportunities to work together moving forward. Grounded and clear understanding of the differences of our roles, discussed areas where we can collaborate. Discussed Board participating OANP events (e.g. med talks) to educate members on functions of the Board, as well as hear feedback from OANP members for future rule making / changes. Productive meeting will meet approximately quarterly going forward.

 - DEI plan and Strategic Plan due / submitted on May 31. The DEI committee really supported ED in developing DEI plan, discussed wide swath of what can be included in the definition of diversity. Strategic plan – came together well because of the retreat exercises. ED anticipates the strategic plan will be very useful for the Board to use / aid Board moving forward. Writing the strategic plan made ED realize how valuable the retreat was for the staff and board.

Board Comment

Bill Walter re: question from Dr. Breckenridge regarding training / education re: prescribing of anti-psychotic meds. ED sent statutes / rules and commentary directed at their question.

Bill Walter discussed his opportunity to do a training program that is the 2nd Monday of the month, from 12-1pm, starting in January 2025. Bill discussed options regarding attending his last 2025 meetings - Feb / April and June to balance both obligations. ED discussed a “hard stop” at noon for those months for Bill to take his course, or early release from his term and recruit in fall/winter for spring appointment.

Public Comment

Jennifer Briggs thanked the Board for the opportunity to come to the meeting. Question regarding leaving public session to return to executive session and then back to public session for votes on discipline. ED explained Board must go back to executive session b/c there is one more case to finish and organizing case review/ discipline report. Because of extensive delay (approx. 2 hours) in starting public session, did not want to delay public session again for the guests. ED apologized for the delay, noting the ending time of the meeting approx. another 30m (330). Because of delayed start / finish of the meeting, Briggs and Reding-Gazzini were not available to meet with Chair Minarik and Vice Chair Larivee as previously planned (@2pm) to discuss potential LC regarding merging the Boards.

Closed public session / Reopened Executive Session

Reopened Public Session / Closed public session