

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NATUROPATHY

**THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NATUROPATHY
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018
1:00 p.m.**

**239 Causeway Street ~ 4th Floor ~ Room 417 A/B
Boston, Massachusetts 02114**

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Item	Documents	Staff Contact
1:00 p.m.	I	Call to Order Determination of Quorum Notice of Electronic Recording		
	II	Conflict of Interest / Approval of Agenda	Draft Agenda	Board
	III	Approval of Minutes: August 28, 2018	Draft Minutes	Board
	IV	Stakeholder Outreach A. Key Stakeholder Groups B. Methods for Outreach C. Communication Strategy	Verbal	Board
	V	ND Application A. ND Licensing Application B. ND Childbirth Attendance Specialty Application	Draft Documents	RC
	VI	Good Moral Character (GMC) A. Policy Review	Verbal	VB
	VII	Flex Session A. Announcements B. Topics for next agenda		RC
4:00 p.m.	VIII	Adjournment: Next Board Meeting Scheduled for October 23, 2018		

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MINUTES

Board Members Present: Paul Herscu, ND, Naturopathic Doctor 1, Chair
Anne Frances Hardy, ND, Naturopathic Doctor 2, Vice-Chair
Michelle Dossett, MD, PhD, Physician
Mattia Migliore, RPh, PhD, Clinical Pharmacologist, Secretary

Board Members Absent: Maria Maccario, Public Member

Staff Present: Roberlyne Cherfils, Executive Director, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Samuel Leadholm, Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH
Jonane Nicolas, Office Support Specialist, Multi-Boards, BHPL
Mary Hager, Temporary Office Support Specialist, Multi-Board, BHPL

Staff Absent: Vita Berg, Chief Board Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DPH

Dr. Herscu was on a conference call at 1:02 p.m.

I. Call to Order - Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Board was present. Dr. Hardy, Board Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Review of the Agenda & Conflict of Interest

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed there was no conflict of interest.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Dr. Dossett motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Migliore seconded the motion. All Board Members present voted in favor to approve the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Dr. Hardy requested that the times that Naturopathic programs are listed as a master's level programs be changed to reflect that a Naturopathic degree is in fact a doctorate level degree. Ms. Cherfils noted that these changes should also be implemented on the applications and checklists.

ACTION: Dr. Dossett motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Migliore seconded the motion. All Board Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes with Dr. Hardy abstaining.

Document: August 28, 2018 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Stakeholder Outreach

A. Key Stakeholder Groups

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils outlined the changes that had been made in accordance with the previous meeting's discussion. She informed the Board she had not received any edits between meetings, and if the Board wanted to make changes they just needed to notify her. Mr. Leadholm requested Mass General Hospital be moved from the Government Stakeholders column to the Professional Stakeholders column. Ms. Cherfils stated the list should be more specific, and denote that the stakeholder is Mass General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. Ms. Cherfils went over the purpose of the Key Stakeholder list. Dr. Dossett asked if there was an organization for hospitals within the state of Massachusetts. Ms. Cherfils confirmed that there is, the Massachusetts Hospital Association. Ms. Dossett suggested they also be added to the list.

ACTION: None

Document: None

B. Methods for Outreach

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils explained that for this she was looking for any research done to outline the merits of Naturopathic practices, and whether such treatment could cause a decrease in healthcare costs. Several Board Members agreed to find and submit such information. Ms. Cherfils stated this would be an ongoing agenda item until the Board goes live. Mr. Leadholm suggested a wording edit to make it clearer that once the Board begins licensing, a license will be mandatory for those looking to practice as Naturopathic Doctors.

ACTION: None

Document: None

C. Communication Strategy

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils explained all the methods the Department of Public Health will use to disperse this information when the Board begins licensing.

ACTION: None

Document: None

V. ND Application

A. ND Licensing Application

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils requested Ms. Hager introduced the changes that were made to the draft licensing application. Ms. Hager explained that the first page was general information about the licensing process, and was essentially a mirror of the information at the beginning of the physician assistant's application. Mr. Leadholm noted that the Boards full title is "The Board of Registration in Naturopathy", and not "The Board of Registration of Naturopathic Doctors". This wording is to be changed throughout the document. Mr. Leadholm expressed concern at the wording, "The Board of Registration in Naturopathy ("The Board") highly recommends that you refrain from accepting a naturopathic Doctor Position in Massachusetts until you are licensed." Mr. Leadholm stated since Naturopathic Doctors can be sole practitioners; this wording does not seem to include them. The Board decided to change the sentence to, "You are unable to practice in Massachusetts as a Naturopathic Doctor until you are licensed by the Board of Registration in Naturopathy." Dr. Hardy asked how this would affect people like her who began their practice before the state of Massachusetts began licensing Naturopathic Doctors. Mr. Leadholm explained the Board would have to decide on a grace period to allow such practitioners time to become licensed without having to suspend their practice. Dr. Herscu asked how this would affect students gaining clinical experience. Mr. Leadholm explained that the law provided an allowance for students practicing under licensed supervision. The Board decided to include a sentence about the grace period once they had decided what the length of that period would be. Mr. Leadholm suggested that the grace period start on the date the regulations are promulgated. The Board decided to include a paragraph to the bottom of the first page that would explain the three application pathways, with examination, without examination, and by reciprocity. Ms. Hager asked for clarification on what the board would like to have included in the Naturopathy Practice History. Dr. Dossett suggested such a document should include a practice history outlining the locations, dates, and specializations of an applicants practice, as well as an explanation of the percent of time the applicant spent actually practicing naturopathic medicine. The Board also felt the document should include information regarding the scope of practice and the modalities of medicine used. Dr. Dossett requested consistency between the second and fifth pages and how they refer to the application pathways. The Board decided the pathways will be referred to as "By Examination", "Without Examination", and "By Reciprocity". Dr. Hardy inquired about the difference between the address of record and the most recent previous address. Ms. Cherfils explained that the address of record is the address that will be linked to the license, which means the city, state, and zip code of that address will become public record. Ms. Cherfils went on to explain most people fill in the spot for most recent previous address with their personal address since this information will not be public record but will provide the Board Staff a point of contact with the licensee. Dr. Hardy requested the wording be changed to provide clarity. The Board decided to change "Most Recent Previous Address" to "Permanent Residence Address".

The Board decided that under section nine on page five of seven regarding the verification of other licenses, a sentence will be included stating, "If applying by reciprocity include the relevant license here." The Board debated whether or not they should specify that they only require verification of health related professions licenses as opposed to any professional license. The Board decided to keep the wording general to include all professional licenses.

ACTION: The draft application will be revised and brought back at the next meeting for review.

Document: Draft Licensing Application

B. ND Childbirth Attendance Specialty Application

DISCUSSION: Dr. Hardy stated all four proofs are required when applying so the application should not ask for just one of the four. Board staff debated whether applicants should be required to re-answer the good moral character (GMC) questions, and resubmit for a new CORI background check to be run. The Board felt the CORI did not need to be resubmitted, but thought they should check with Ms. Berg, Chief Board Counsel before removing the GMC questions.

ACTION: The draft document will be revised and brought back at the next meeting for review.

Document: Draft Childbirth Attendance Specialty Application

VI. Good Moral Character (GMC)

A. Policy Review

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cherfils introduced the Board to the existing Good Moral Character Policies held by the other multi-Boards. Ms. Cherfils did not recommend the Board adopt a policy at this time since they have not had to deal with any GMC cases yet, but requested that they keep these other formats in mind.

ACTION: None

Document: None

VII. Flex Session

A. Announcements

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leadholm announced that regulations one through nine had been forwarded on for administrative review.

- B. Topics for next agenda
ND applications
Application grace period
Proposal package for application fees

DISCUSSION: None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, Dr. Dossett moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Maccario seconded. Motion passed with Board members present voting in favor unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Registration in Naturopathy is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul Herscu, ND, Chair

2-26-19

Date

Anne Frances Hardy, ND, Vice-Chair

Date