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Minutes of 02/12/2024

Board Members Present:	Joan Haynes, NMD – Chair Tara Lyn Erbele, MD, NMD Nicole Maxwell, NMD Kelsey Jae, JD Cory Szybala, NMD	Division Staff:	Stephanie Lotridge, Executive Officer Mark Kubinski, General Counsel Madyson Crea, Board Support Specialist
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The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Joan Haynes, NMD.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 07/25/2023 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Website Update: Division staff has updated the Naturopathic Medical Board’s website to a new format that will increase ease of use for licensees and provide consistency across all licensing boards. The Board provided feedback.

Financial Update and Five-Year Projection: The Board reviewed the quarter two financial report which shows the Board is still in debt. Ms. Lotridge reviewed the five-year financial projection with the Board and addressed the Board’s questions.

Legislative Update: Ms. Lotridge reviewed the current progress of the 2024 legislative session. The Division plans to propose five bills that apply to the Health Professions Bureau, including a proposed update to the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, changing licensure renewal to biannually on the licensee’s birthdate, updating fingerprinting language for consistency, and combining the Board of Midwifery with the Board of Nursing. Ms. Lotridge explained the Allied Health Advisory Board, which proposes to combine four boards under the Board of Medicine, including the Naturopathic Medical Board, into one advisory board.

Board Training – Discipline Process: Mr. Kubinski reviewed the Division’s disciplinary process, including license suspensions, administrative complaints, and hearings.

BOARD BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR): Ms. Lotridge informed the Board that their recommendations regarding rulemaking will be presented to the Board of Medicine at their May meeting. A public meeting will be held before May to receive feedback on the Board’s recommendations on the draft rule changes. The Board discussed the following draft rule changes:

002.01. Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME): The Board agreed to strike this definition and incorporate the term into licensure.

002.02. North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners (NABNE): The Board agreed to strike this definition and incorporate it into licensure.

002.03. Naturopathic Physician Licensing Exam (NPLEX): The Board agreed to strike this definition and incorporate it into licensure.

002.04. Naturopathic Medical Doctor: The Board approved the recommended changes to simplify this definition for clarity.

002.05. Primary Care: The Board agreed to strike this definition as it is duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-5102.

100.01 Application: The Board agreed to strike this rule as it is duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-5106.

100.02. Licensing Examination: The Board directed staff to create a draft that clarifies the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Exam is administered by the NABNE.

100.03. Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements: The Board approved of the recommendation to reorganize this rule under licensure as a renewal requirement.

200.022. Authority to Prescribe, Dispense, Administer and Order: The Board approved to reword this rule for clarity. In addition, the Board agreed to strike rule 022.01. Laboratory and Diagnostic Procedures as it is duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-5102 and commonly known standard of care.

300.032. Grounds for Discipline or Denial of a License: The Board agreed to reorganize this entire section under Ethical Standards of Practice. In addition, the Board agreed to strike rules 032.01 Ability to practice, 032.03 Education or Experience, 032.05 Untrained Practice, and 032.06 Sexual Misconduct as they are duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-5109.

041. Fees: The Board agreed to strike the Inactive License Renewal Fee as the process to reinstate an inactive license is the same as reinstating a lapsed license.

Lifestyles Injectables Guidance Document Discussion: The Board reviewed the guidance document regarding lifestyle injectables. Staff stated this document does not interpret the statutes or rules or define the scope of practice. This guidance document is intentionally vague to allow for its use across multiple professions and procedures. Ms. Lotridge walked through the question from an NMD perspective.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure, I.C. § 74-106(9). The vote was: Dr. Erbele, aye; Dr. Haynes, aye; Dr. Maxwell, aye; Dr. Szybala, aye; and Ms. Jae, aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session. The motion carried.

Prior to any motions being made Dr. Haynes recused from case number 2023-NMB-10135.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the Board of Medicine close case number 2023-NMB-10135 with a letter of concern. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

The next Board meeting is on 04/08/2024.