

Board of Naturopathic Examiners

Monday, November 18, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
Public Minutes

The November 18, 2019 meeting of the Board of Naturopathic Examiners (the “Board”) convened at 9:05 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH with the following members present:

Deborah Sellars, ND, Chair
Erik Nelson, ND
David Olarsch, ND
Glee Corsetti-Hooper, absent
Bert Mathieson, ND, absent
OPLC staff: Yvonne Marcotte

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. The minutes of the October 21, 2019 public session were approved unanimously upon motion of Deborah Sellars, ND with a second by Erik Nelson, ND.
- b. Upon a motion by Deborah Sellars, ND with a second by Erik Nelson ND, the Board welcomed new Board member David Olarsch, ND. After Dr. Candice Scholl’s appointment by the Governor, she will be invited to join the Board at the January meeting.

2. RULES - NA

3. NEW BUSINESS – NA

4. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

5. DISCUSSION

- a. The board discussed compensation questions with feedback from rules counsel Thomas Broderick Esq.
- b. Erik Nelson ND informed the Board that the Formulary will be reviewed and revised once more by the Council at the December 16 meeting.
- c. The Board reviewed the PDMP annual report.
- d. Upon motion by Deborah Sellars ND with a second by Erik Nelson, ND, the Board unanimously approved adding the list of approved courses for continuing education to the website.
- e. The Board discussed the need to send out renewal notices to licensees with forms needed to renew their licenses.

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6. APPLICATIONS

Upon motion by Deborah Sellars, N.D., with a second by David Olarsch, ND, renewal applications submitted were approved unanimously:

Renewal Applications

- FANOUS, Mirielle
- MADORE, Linda
- MATHIESON, Bert – pending

7. QUESTIONS

Question #1 (from Korene Mosher)

What hours count towards the required 500 and how are they monitored? Can a resident add the education hours from their schooling? Can hours be collected while working under a NH licensed acupuncturist? Are there a certain number of hours required for observation vs. needling? Can someone in a NH NUNM official residency perform dry needling under the supervision of a NH licensed acupuncturist?

What will it take for someone in a NUNM residency educational program to be able to learn and perform acupuncture in the state of NH? and collect hours towards future licensure?

Answer: To use education credits to count toward the required 500 hours for acupuncture certification, the licensee must provide official transcripts from their school. Refer to Nat 305 Specialty Certification in Acupuncture:

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/nat100-500.html For further information on requirements for an acupuncture license, please to go to:
<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/acupuncture/index.htm>.

Question #2 (from Michelle Haff)

1) What is the process to renew? Do licensees receive advance notice that their license will expire?

2) If someone completes a Pain/Addiction course that is AMA approved (General CE), will that course be automatically approved by the Board, or would you prefer that we approve them for Pain / Addiction credits? Similarly, if a course is approved for General CE by a Naturopathic organization (OANP, WANP, etc.) do you want us to approve those courses for Pain / Addiction credits?

Answer:

1) Renewal notices are sent out 75 days in advance of the expiration date according to Nat 402.01 Biennial Renewal. A licensee who is renewing may go to the website and download the renewal application forms at http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/nat100-500.html. Approved courses may be found at <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/naturopathic-examiners/documents/approved-courses.pdf>.

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2) A pain/addiction course that is AMA approved (General CE), will be automatically approved by the Board. Pain/Addiction, General, Pharmacology/Pharmacogonosy and specialty CE all fall under the same criteria for automatic approval. According to 405.03 Continuing Education, Naturopathic Continuing credits are eligible for continuing education if they are approved or sponsored by a national or state naturopathic medical society. Examples:

[National: American Association of Naturopathic Physicians \(AANP\)](#)

[State: New Hampshire Association of Naturopathic Doctors \(NHAND\)](#) (Note: NHAND Members may contact the NHAND board for inquiries regarding credit eligibility)

[Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education \(ACCME\)](#)

Examples: ACCME AMA PRA Category 1 credit

Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA)

Continuing Education credit hours from colleges or universities accredited by the:

- ACCME
- ASPA
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- North American Central Association of College and Schools
- The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- The Western Association of Colleges and Schools

Continuing Education of Specialty License of Midwifery: Midwifery continuing education can also be approved by the “Naturopathic Continuing Education” and/or the American College of Naturopathic Obstetricians (ACNO)

Acupuncture continuing education can also be approved by the “Naturopathic Continuing Education” and/or the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)

8. NON-PUBLIC SESSION -

Motion to commence non-public session:

At 10:25 a.m. by motion of Deborah Sellars N.D., with a second by Erik Nelson, ND, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

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[Minutes kept separately]

At 10:26 a.m., upon motion by Deborah Sellars, N.D. with a second by Erik Nelson, N.D., the Board unanimously voted to go out of non-public session and back into public session.

At 10:27 a.m., upon motion by Erik Nelson, ND with a second by David Olarsch ND, the Board unanimously voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

On motion of Deborah Sellars, N.D. with a second by David Olarsch, N.D., the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.