

# Board of Naturopathic Examiners

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Monday, January 27, 2020, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
Public Minutes

The January 27, 2020 meeting of the Board of Naturopathic Examiners (the “Board”) convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH with the following members present:

Glee Corsetti-Hooper, Chair  
Erik Nelson, ND  
David Olarsch, ND  
Bert Mathieson, ND  
Candice Scholl, ND

Guest: Michelle Haff, ND, NHAND

OPLC staff: Yvonne Marcotte

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. The minutes of the December 16, 2019 public session were approved unanimously upon motion of Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by Erik Nelson, ND as amended.
- b. Deborah Sellars, ND has vacated the Board as her term expired. Upon a motion by David Olarsch ND with a second by Bert Mathieson, ND, the Board unanimously voted Glee Corsetti-Hooper as Chair for 2020 meetings. Candice Scholl, ND has joined the Board; her term expires December 18, 2024.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS – NA

## 3. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

## 4. DISCUSSION

- a. Michelle Haff, ND, Vice President of NHAND, discussed with the Board the need for the NH Health Care Policy Commission to include naturopathic doctors. Michelle Haff will follow up by sending them a letter from NHAND 2020 proposed HB1520. Upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by David Olarsch, ND, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter to the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee in support of adding ND to all three (3) bills. A letter will be sent to the lead sponsor for lab testing legislation to include naturopathic doctors. Bert Mathieson ND, in his capacity as a private citizen, will support clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease on Lobby Day February 12, 2020.
- b. Health Human Service and Elderly Affairs Committee regarding HB 1275-FN informing them that the definition of “licensed medical practitioner” also includes licensed Naturopathic Doctors so that conflicts with RSA 328-E.
- c. Erik Nelson, ND informed the board that the Formulary Council has completed a draft of the formulary for approval. Upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a

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- second by David Olarsch, ND, the Board unanimously voted to suspend the meeting after completion of the public session agenda and reconvene after the Formulary Council. With a quorum of Glee Corsetti-Hooper, David Olarsch, ND, and Erik Nelson, ND, the board reconvened to approve the Formulary on an interim basis until further changes are made by the Council. OPLC will post the newly revised Formulary on the website.
- d. The reciprocity application and checklist to include fee, and fingerprinting and background check requirements will require a rules change. The new application form also requires a rules change to be approved by JLCAR. No rules change is required to update the website notice. Upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by David Olarsch, ND, the Board unanimously voted to add a cover letter to the previous new application notifying applicants about the background check and fingerprinting requirement.
- e. Candice Scholl, ND will discuss insurance reimbursement with Michelle Haff, ND.
- f. Upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by David Olarsch, ND, the Board unanimously voted to send an email to New Hampshire licensees asking if they want to voluntarily be notified of DHHS medical alerts. A rules change is required for mandatory notice.
- g. Upon motion by Erik Nelson, ND with a second by Candice Scholl, ND, the Board unanimously voted to approve proposed standing orders as amended:
- The Board authorizes board administrators, division directors, and executive director: 1) to act as representatives of the board and sign orders; 2) to approve renewals both online and by mail; 3) to sign voluntary surrenders and preliminary agreements *on an individual basis* when documents signed by licensee are filed by the APU.
  - The Board authorizes APU: 1) to share information with law enforcement and work in conjunction with law enforcement *with consent of the board*; 2) to issue subpoenas for documents and appearances for interviews for investigations that have been referred to the APU *with consent of the board on a case by case basis*.

## 5. APPLICATIONS

Upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by Bert Mathieson, ND, new applications were approved unanimously as follows:

IMRE, Krista – Approved for reciprocity when missing items are submitted

MENDELSON, Miriam – approved

HAFF, Michelle – acupuncture certification unanimously approved upon motion by David Olarsch, ND with a second by Erik Nelson, ND.

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Upon motion by Erik Nelson, ND, with a second by David Olarsch, ND, renewal applications submitted were approved unanimously:

HINES, Shaon

MULLIKEN, Scott

PACIA, Nichelle

## 6. **QUESTIONS**

Upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper, with a second by Bert Mathieson, ND, the Board voted unanimously not to provide advice to individuals regarding laws and rules; individuals will be encouraged to seek legal counsel for interpretations of the law and rules.

Question #1 (from Hillary Trojano)

I'm wondering if biopuncture fits in the scope of practice for naturopathic doctors.

Answer: Please consult the formulary as the Board does not provide individuals with legal advice. It is recommended that you seek legal counsel if you need further guidance.

## 7. **FOLLOW UP ON PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS** - NA

## 8. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION** - NA

On motion of Glee Corsetti-Hooper, with a second by David Olarsch, ND, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:54 a.m.