

# Board of Naturopathic Examiners

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Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 9:00 AM  
Public Minutes

The October 21, 2019 meeting of the Board of Naturopathic Examiners (the “Board”) convened at 9:08 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

Glee Corsetti-Hooper, Public Member

Bert Mathieson, ND

OPLC staff:

Hallie Pentheny, Finance Director, OPLC

Yvonne Marcotte, Board Administrator

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. The minutes of the September 23, 2019 public session were approved unanimously as amended upon motion of Deborah Sellars, with a second by Glee Corsetti-Hooper.
- b. Board members agreed to check through legislation submitted during the 2019 legislative season on bills that impact naturopathic doctors.

## 2. RULES - NA

## 3. NEW BUSINESS – NA

## 4. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

## 5. DISCUSSION

- a. The board discussed compensation questions with OPLC Finance Director Pentheny. Upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by Deborah Sellars ND, the Board unanimously approved a rules change for board members to receive per diem and mileage compensation, a waiver for renewal fees, and compensation for state association membership fee and conference costs.
- b. Erik Nelson, ND reported to the Board the work done on updating the Naturopathic formulary completed by Pharmacy intern Zachary Haber.
- c. Upon motion by Deb Sellars ND with a second by Bert Mathieson, ND, the Board unanimously approved adding the requirement for background checks to begin immediately for new applicants after the NH State Police Criminal Records Unit.

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## 6. APPLICATIONS

Upon motion by Deborah Sellars, N.D., with a second by Glee-Corsetti-Hooper, applications submitted were approved unanimously:

### New Applications

- CHRISTOFOROU, Alyssa – pending
- KHUAT, Christine
- ROWE, Tristian

### Renewal applications

- DONAHUE, Holly
- LUCIUS-PASTERNAK, Khara
- MIKULIS, Margrit – pending
- MEDREK, Robert
- TAYLOR, Jennifer

## 7. QUESTIONS

### Question #1 (from Jen Taylor)

1) Harvard Medical CME Online offers 3 8-hour courses on opioid use disorder and pain management training. I have been completing the courses, and they are AMA PRA Category 1 credits. The certificate states that the course meets the Massachusetts requirement for opioid education and pain management training, but also claims to check with an individual state licensing boards before claiming credit. If these credits are approved by the New Hampshire Naturopathic board, will the credits fall into pharmacology hours?

2) [Botanicalmedicine.org](http://Botanicalmedicine.org) offers continuing education that is approved by the Arizona Naturopathic board (SCNM CE Board) and the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (OBNM). The CE materials are tracked on a single page document with no formal course certificate. What additional proof is needed for the New Hampshire Board to approve these courses?

Answer: According to Nat 405.03, NHAND does not need to approve courses that have already been approved by other naturopathic or medical boards.

### Question #2 (from Margrit Mikulis)

I have a separate inquiry about Western Schools- since some of the changes with the Naturopathic profession in New Hampshire can we confirm that Western Schools who is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education is an organization approved for continuing ed?

Answer: Check the rules at 402.7 and approved courses on the NHAND website at <https://www.nhand.org/for-doctors/continuing-education/>. If a course is listed, then the licensee may use the course for continuing education credits.

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## 8. NON-PUBLIC SESSION -

### **Motion to commence non-public session:**

At 11:55 a.m. by motion of Deborah Sellars N.D., with a second by Glee Corsetti-Hooper, 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.

### **[Minutes kept separately]**

At 12:10 p.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 12:11 p.m., upon motion by Glee Corsetti-Hooper with a second by Erik Nelson, N.D., 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 Erik Nelson, N.D., the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.