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Maine Board of Complementary Health Care Providers
Minutes of April 13, 2022, Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ackerly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sarah Ackerly, Naturopathic Doctor, Chairperson
Sarah Tewhey, Acupuncturist, Vice Chair
Cheryl Ann Sarton, Certified Nurse Midwife
Mary Ellen Corrigan, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Julie Taylor, Naturopathic Doctor and Acupuncturist
Jay Naliboff, Obstetrician-Gynecologist
Louisa Hope Jackson, Certified Professional Midwife, Complaint Officer

STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine Betts, Administrator
Megan Hudson-MacRae, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Jessica Gowell, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Dominic Cotone, Office Specialist II, Application Presentation

9:00 A.M. COMMISSIONER ANNE L. HEAD, ESQ.

Implementation of LD 149 (c. 167)

Foreign Trained applicants and license by endorsement.

Commissioner Anne Head addressed the Board regarding the implementation of LD 149 which went into effect October 18, 2021 that focuses on changes to address the need to reduce licensing barriers. Commissioner Head hopes by the implementation it will help foreign training individuals and applicants who hold a valid license in another State who want to live and work in Maine. LD 149 would allow applicants to receive a provisional license until all the licensing requirements are met. Commissioner Head asked the Board to review their licensing standards and rules to make sure there are not any requirements that are not necessary. Commissioner Head thanked the Board for their service to the people of Maine.

BOARD MEMBER REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY – DRAFT

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Opportunity for Public Comment will be provided.

Corrigan moved to adopt the policy as written, seconded by Tewhey. Unanimously voted.

An opportunity for the public to comment regarding the policy was provided and no comments were received.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACTION

August 18, 2021

Tewhey move to accept the minutes of August 18, 2021 as presented, seconded by Corrigan. Unanimously voted.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Review and accept the Pre-Approved Continuing Education Sponsors and Courses

Tewhey moved to accept the pre-approved continuing education sponsors and courses as amended, seconded by Corrigan. Unanimously voted.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

Samantha Maldonado, AC744 (Initial)

Sarton moved that the Board go into executive session at 10:20 a.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(E) to consult with its attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the Board, seconded by Corrigan. Unanimously voted.

The Board ended executive session at 10:38 a.m.

Sarton moved to preliminarily deny licensure to Samantha Maldonado as the educational requirements were not met pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §12512 Section 1(B)(1) and inform the applicant if she was to obtain licensure in another State she may apply for licensure by endorsement if the requirements are substantially equivalent, seconded by Tewhey. Unanimously voted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tiffany Wagner, prescribing authority of Naturopathic Doctors

The Board discussed the correspondence and believes that naltrexone is botanically derived and meets the criteria of other drugs that are a botanical extract or its derivatives and is acceptable to prescribe within the prescriptive authority of a naturopathic doctor.

REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY RULING

Nicole Egenberger regarding requirement of collaborative relationship

The Board requested that staff respond to inform Nicole Edgenberger Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 12522, Section 4, prior to independently prescribing noncontrolled legend drugs, a naturopathic doctor shall establish and complete a 12-month collaborative relationship with a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician to review the naturopathic doctor's prescribing practices.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Tewhey moved to adjourn at 11:35 a.m., seconded by Sarton. Unanimously voted.

Prepared By: Jessica Gowell, Professional Licensing Supervisor

Board approved: November 9, 2022