

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Saturday, February 4, 2012

9:00 A.M.

Non Profit Center
BHME Board Office
1301 Cordone Ave
Reno, NV

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF:

Diane Kennedy, President - Present
Robert Eslinger, Vice President – Present
Bruce Fong, - Secretary Treasurer -*9Present
Leticia Gardea, Member – Present/Phone
Corazon Ibarra, Member - Absent
Nevada Attorney General Office, DAG Harry Ward - Present
Nancy Eklof, Executive Director - Present

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Tiffany Van der Stoker
Inge Gerber
Martha Boyce
John Forsythe, MD, HMD
Rita Glover

MINUTES - **DRAFT**

A. OPEN SESSION

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. by President Kennedy. It was determined that there was not a quorum at that time. The meeting continued with “Discussion” items only.
2. **The Chair will set the time for adjournment** – The meeting time for adjournment was set for 1:00 p.m.
3. **Verification of Posting and Mailing** – Diane Kennedy, President and Nancy Eklof verified that the meeting was duly noticed by posting and mailing in accordance with Open Meeting Law.
4. **Welcome all visitors/Determination of Press Presence** – President Kennedy welcomed the visitors and members of the public present. There was no press present.

- B. PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
- C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**– Postponed until there was a quorum.
- D. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**
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 2. **Presentation of Candidate Svetlana Khaiboullina (APH)** - Bruce Fong reported that he had reviewed the candidate’s file and everything was in order. The candidate was then escorted to the testing area to being the examination.
 - Candidate Robert Burkich, MD (HMD) was unable to be present for the exam as anticipated due to a family emergency.

E. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Postponed until there is a quorum.

- F. BOARD BUSINESS**
1. Reinstatement of Cyrus Pourzan, HMD – Postponed until there was a quorum.
 2. President Kennedy announced that pursuant to NRS 233B.062 the permanent regulations of the Board have been incorporated into the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This will replace 630A of NAC

G. POLICY & BYLAWS MANUAL - Bruce Fong read into the record the proposed revision to the Policy Manual.

Discussion: Bruce Fong spoke about the past precedent for these revisions with the Osteopathic Board. Dr. Bob Eslinger agreed with the change in policy.

H. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Kennedy announced that the effort to clean up the NAC is progressing and will be brought before the Board when a first draft is complete.

- I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
- Nancy Eklof reported that Cora Ibarra’s term will expire on 6-30-12. A request has been made to the Governor to reappoint her in May 2012. Dr. Robert Eslinger term will also expire and have requested the same with the Governor’s office.
 - Leticia Gardea has been reappointed to the Board.
 - A letter was received from LCB NRS233B.062. This will replace chapter 630A of NAC. The Board website has been updated to the new legislative link.

- The Profit and Loss statement indicates that there is approximately \$24,000. In the bank. The payments to the DAG’s office are up-to-date. There is slightly less revenue this year because some individuals did not renew their license.
- Expenses related to the AB 412
- There have been some reports of unlicensed people practicing as Homeopaths without a license.
- Oaths of office were distributed and will be forwarded to the governor’s office.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Development Committee** – Inge Gerber stated that the committee has been productive and is planning a wine tasting event for May 6, 2012. They are currently looking for an appropriate location. Tiffany Van Der Stoker will coordinate the event, wine tasting and a silent auction. The committee meets again on February 13, 2012.
Diane advised that the committee may wish to develop a volunteer committee to assist with the event but would not be an official committee of the Board.
2. **Education Committee** – Cora Ibarra’s report was given by Bruce Fong. He indicated that the Education Committee has been discussing the revision of the exam for licensure and renewal. They need someone to “vet” the exam. There will be a workshop with other practitioners to continue to develop the new exam. It was emphasized that the Board must be involved in this workshop. The new exam will emphasize integrative medicine and will have less emphasis on classic homeopathy.

The CME issue was discussed. There are new programs which can be included for CMEs. The committee reviews filed for candidates to ensure that they had adequate CMEs.

K. APPROVAL REQUEST FOR PROTOCOL TO ALLOW AUTOLOGUS “STEM CELL” THERAPY.

Dr. Forsythe proposed that the Nevada State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners approve a protocol written by Dr. Moon with CellGenix. He proposes that the provisions of Chapter 630A: NAC 630A.020, HMDs be allowed to draw blood on site for autologous Stem cell therapy. The blood would then be sent to Dr. Moon for stem cell stimulation. It would later be returned to the clinic for readmission to the patient.

He reported that Dr. Moon is achieving good results with this method in treating advanced cancer. Dr. Forsythe reported on the survival rates that CellGenix is achieving with this method.

Bruce Fong stated that NRS and NAC definition of Sarcoid includes umbilical stem cell. He is concerned that this could push the Board into a State vs. Federal issue. The Federal government has jurisdiction over all stem cell testing. But this proposal is simply for autologous donation and not umbilical cord stem cells. This should eliminate any controversy.

Dr. Eslinger asked if the Board was required to inform the Federal government if the Board passed this proposal or if they could take a “wait and see” approach.

The DAG advised that the Board could take action and then wait to see if the Federal government expressed any issue with it.

Dr. Fong advised that this issue should be referred to the Technology Committee to thoroughly examine the issue and return with a recommendation to the Board.

[At 10:27 a.m. Leticia Gerber joined the meeting. President Kennedy conducted a roll call to establish that a quorum was present. The meeting was then called to order.]

- C. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. Bruce Fong made a Motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting. Bob Eslinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- D. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES. Bob Eslinger made a Motion that the prior board meeting minutes be approved. Bruce Fong seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- E. **REINSTATEMENT OF CYRUS POURZAN, HMD. President Kennedy/Nancy v Eklof indicated that all the papers were in order and that the board office had received evidence of more than 50 hours of CME credits for Dr. Pourzan. Bruce Fong made a Motion that Cyrus Pourzan, HMD be reinstated to the Board. Bob Eslinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- M. **Old Business** – There was no old business.
- N. **New Business** – There was no additional new business.
- O. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

While the candidate completed her testing, the board went into recess until 1 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

- L. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPLICANTS:** President Kennedy informed candidate Khaiboullina that she had passed the test. **Bruce Fong reiterated that all her**

records were in order. Bruce Fong made a Motion to approve Svetlana Khaiboullina as an APH under the Board. Bob Eslinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Q. **ADJOURNMENT. Bruce Fong made a Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board. Bob Eslinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.