

Vermont Secretary of State - Office of Professional Regulation
Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
89 Main St, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Approved Minutes
June 12, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am

Board Member(s) present: Daniel Wilson, DO, Chair; John Peterson, DO, Vice-Chair; Mimi Kevan, Public Member, Secretary; John Welch, Esq., Public Member; and Scott Perrapato, DO.

OPR personnel present: Ronald Klein, RPh, Executive Officer, Larry Novins, Esq., Board Counsel and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others present: none

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2013 meeting as written. Motion passed.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations/Reports of Concluded Investigations:**

Report of Concluded Investigation – 2013-734 and 2013-735. Ms. Kevan made a motion to accept the report as presented. Mr. Welch seconded the motion. Dr. Peterson did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

Report of Concluded Investigation – 2013-499. Ms. Kevan made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. Dr. Wilson did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

4. **Case Managers Report:**

The Board presently has nine (9) cases. One (1) case is currently under investigation, three (3) cases were closed at today's meeting, one (1) is in the intake process and four (4) have had charges recommended by the Investigative Team.

5. **Application formal approval:**

Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to approve the following applicants for licensure as an Osteopathic Physician (limited temporary and full licensure). Motion passed unanimously.

Ann Vo – Limited Temporary
Joshua Melito – Limited Temporary
Thomas Rogers – Limited Temporary

Cameron Cartier – Limited Temporary
Kaitlyn Vennard – Limited Temporary

David Rand
Krystine Spiess
Richard Daigle Jr.
Dedrick Luikens
Mark Mainella Jr.
Sung Choi

Elizabeth Sweeney
Nathaniel Harlow

6. Discussion:

Lyme Disease Policy Statement – Mr. Novins presented the Board with a policy statement for the Board to consider regarding treatment of Lyme Disease. The 2014 Vermont Legislature passed legislation which addresses Lyme Disease. Mr. Welch made a motion to adopt the policy statement. Dr. Cove seconded the motion. Motion passed. The policy statement will be added to the Board's website.

Review of Requirements for Limited Licensure – The Board discussed current requirements for limited temporary licensure for Osteopathic Physicians. The Board reviewed the applicable statutes; Title 26, Chapter 33, §1834, Limited Temporary License. The Board requested that Mr. Novins, as part of the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) housekeeping bill, request amendment to the applicable statute a requirement to pass parts 1 and 2 of either the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX), or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) as a requirement for issuance of a limited temporary license.

Naturopath Prescription Report – Mr. Klein updated the Board on the progress of adding an endorsement to Naturopathic Physicians licensure to prescribe prescription medication. Naturopathic Physicians who wish to prescribe prescription medication will be required to pass a pharmacology examination, as the current formulary will no longer be in effect as of July 2015. Naturopathic Physicians who have an endorsement added to their license will have their first 100 prescriptions reviewed by an Osteopathic physician or medical physician. Mr. Klein would like to form a "pool" of physicians willing to review the prescriptions.

Dr. John King-request for Vermont licensure – The Board was previously given a packet, submitted by Dr. King for review, to determine whether he would be able to obtain a "limited" form of licensure in Vermont. After conferring with Mr. Novins, Board Counsel, the Board requested Mr. Klein send a letter to Dr. King with their findings. Vermont laws and rules do not allow for the Board to "pre-qualify" applicants for licensure. Dr. King has the right to apply, however licensure is not guaranteed, as well as Vermont does not have a "supervisor" licensure option for Osteopathic Physicians.

Ms. Kevan and Dr. Peterson spoke to the Board about the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) conference they attended in April. If anyone on the Board would like to review the information from the meeting please let Ms. Kevan know.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 10:00 am.

8. There being no further business, Ms. Kevan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Welch. Motion passed.


Mimi Kevan, Secretary

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Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Officer

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