

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
STATE MEDICAL BOARD

April 15 – 16, 2010
MINUTES OF MEETING

By authority of AS 08.01.070 (2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday and Friday, April 15 – 16, 2010, in conference room A, ninth floor of the State Office Building, Juneau, Alaska.

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Roll Call

Present were:

Jean M. Tsigonis, MD, Chair	David A. Miller, MD
John S. Cullen, MD	David J. Powers, MD
Edward A. Hall, PA-C	William W. Resinger, MD
Kathleen Millar, Public Member	Michael J. Tauriainen, Public Member

Also present were board staff members: Leslie Gallant, executive administrator, and Sher Zinn (filling in for Linda Sherwood) and Jamie Jolliff, licensing examiners. Ms. Jolliff was introduced to the board members and welcomed as our new licensing examiner.

A new agenda was distributed with public comment forum added at 2:15 pm. It was also noted that the July board meeting has been changed to July 29-30 in Nome.

Agenda Item I Malpractice Case Review

Case No. A

MOTION	CULLEN moved to take no action on Case No. A.
2nd	TAURIAINEN
VOTE	8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
	0 Nay votes
	0 Abstentions

Case No. B

MOTION	TAURIAINEN moved to take no action on Case No. B.
2nd	CULLEN
VOTE	8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
	0 Nay votes
	0 Abstentions

Case No. C

MOTION	HALL moved to take no action on Case No. C.
2nd	POWERS
VOTE	8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
	0 Nay votes
	0 Abstentions

Case No. D

Mr. Hall asked if a letter of response would be sent to the physician in Case D to respond to his/her comments in their letter of January 23, 2010. Dr. Tsigonis felt that a letter would be appropriate advising him/her that the board would not be changing their laws regarding malpractice reporting. Ms. Gallant will draft a letter and send to the physician involved.

MOTION **RESINGER moved to take no action on Case No. D.**
2nd **HALL**
VOTE **8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)**
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Case No. E

MOTION **MILLER moved to take no action on Case No. E.**
2nd **HALL**
VOTE **8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)**
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Case No. F

MOTION **MILLER moved to take no action on Case No. F.**
2nd **HALL**
VOTE **8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)**
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Ms. Gallant will revise the malpractice report form to reflect “total amount of settlement paid on your behalf” versus the total amount of the case which could include other providers and hospitals.

Agenda Item 2 Board Actions

An additional board action was distributed to the board members at the meeting.

In the Matter of Case No. 2850-10-001 - Tab G

Dr. Okasinski failed to list three states of licensure in his application for a license in Alaska. A consent agreement was prepared for the board’s consideration that provides for sanctions consistent with past similar violations. Mr. Tauriainen expressed concerns with the language in paragraph D, page 3, regarding obeying all laws. The board determined it would leave the paragraph as written.

MOTION **HALL moved to approve the consent agreement with Robert E. Okasinski, MD.**
2nd **RESINGER**
VOTE **7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger)**
 1 Nay votes (Tauriainen)
 0 Abstentions

The board would like the investigations unit to use consistent language in consent agreements. If there are changes to the consistent language, the board requests that the investigations unit advise the board why the language is different to avoid confusion and unnecessary discussions.

In the Matter of Case No. 2800-10-001 – Tab H

The board members reviewed the investigator’s report on the Richey case.

MOTION **HALL moved to accept the consent agreement signed by Dr. Richey.**
2nd **MILLAR**
VOTE **7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger)**

1 Nay votes (Tauriainen)
0 Abstentions

Mr. Tauriainen noted that he was voting against accepting the agreement because of his objection to the wording of paragraph B, page 3, "Compliance with Laws" which is the same as his 'no' vote for the previous case.

In the Matter of Kevin D. Rittger, MD – Tab I

Ms. Gallant gave the board an overview of the case involving Dr. Kevin D. Rittger who surrendered his Alaska license in 2003 because he was in violation of the board's CME laws. He is now seeking to have a new license issued in Alaska. The matter of his CME violation has been resolved with the consent agreement that he has signed and he has also submitted a new application for licensure for the board's consideration.

MOTION **CULLEN moved to approve the consent agreement signed by Kevin D. Rittger, MD**
2nd **MILLER**
VOTE **7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger)**
 1 Nay votes (Tauriainen)
 0 Abstentions

MOTION **CULLEN moved to grant a license to Kevin D. Rittger, MD**
2nd **MILLER**
VOTE **8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)**
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

In the Matter of Ernest J. Steinhilber, MD – Tab I

MOTION **CULLEN moved to accept the surrender of license signed by Dr. Ernest J.**
2nd **Steinhilber, MD.**
VOTE **HALL**
 8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Off the record at 10:05 am; on the record at 10:14 am.

In the Matter of Case No. 2806-09-005 (New Agenda Item)

Investigators David Newman and Sue Winton joined the meeting via telephone.

MOTION **RESINGER moved that in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) the board go into**
2nd **executive session for the purpose of discussing the case of Jesse Fenger, PA-C.**
VOTE **TAURIAINEN**
 8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Off the record at 10:15 am; on the record at 10:30 am.

MOTION **HALL moved to adopt the order for summary suspension of the license of Jesse**
2nd **Fenger, PA-C.**
VOTE **CULLEN**
 8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Dr. Miller noted that the letter from Dr. Sastic regarding Mr. Fenger was given to the board members for review. Dr. Sastic is a physician in Ft. Yukon who was proposing to hire Mr. Fenger.

Agenda Item 3 **In the Matter of D. Lynn Mickleson, MD**

Dr. Mickleson joined the meeting via telephone.

MOTION **RESINGER** moved that in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the case of Dr. Lynn Mickleson.
2nd **TAURIAINEN**
VOTE **8 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Off the record at 10:35 am; on the record at 10:57 am.

Dr. Mickleson requested the board's help on four issues related to his probation agreement with the board.

MOTION **CULLEN** moved to amend Dr. Mickleson's consent agreement to allow him to work in a urgent care center with a senior nurse practitioner or physician assistant with physician supervision.
2nd **TAURIAINEN**
VOTE **8 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

MOTION **RESINGER** moved to allow Dr. Mickleson to practice in part-time positions as long as there is physician supervision.
2nd **TAURIAINEN**
VOTE **8 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

MOTION **CULLEN** moved to reduce Dr. Mickleson's random drug tests to 14 per year.
2nd **TAURIAINEN**
VOTE **8 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Off the record at 11:03 am; on the record at 11:11 am.

Agenda Item 4 **Board Discussion: Internet-Based MICP Training**

Board members reviewed and discussed the material provided by Scott Davis, Fire Chief, South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department, regarding an Internet-based training program for paramedics.

MOTION **POWERS** moved to recognize the training offered by on-line programs as long as the applicant has passed the National Registry exam, has completed the 480 hours of field internship, and all other board requirements for licensure are met.
2nd **TAURIAINEN**
VOTE **8 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
 0 Nay votes
 0 Abstentions

Agenda Item 6 **Physician/Pharmacist Cooperative Agreements**

MOTION **CULLEN** moved to approve the cooperative practice agreements submitted by Dr. Michelle Rothoff.
2nd **MILLER**
VOTE **7 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger)
 1 Nay votes (Tauriainen)

0 Abstentions

New Agenda Item MIMR Committee Appointments and Trauma Review Committee Appointment

The board reviewed the appointments to the Maternal and Infant Mortality Review committee and a new appointment to the trauma review committee.

MOTION **CULLEN** moved to approve the appointees to the **Maternal and Infant Mortality Review Committee.**

2nd
VOTE **MILLER**
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION **MILLAR** moved to approve the appointment of **Richard Navitsky, MD** to the trauma registry review committee.

2nd
VOTE **TAURIAINEN**
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

Agenda Item 8 Minutes, Ethics

MOTION **HALL** moved to approve the minutes of the **January 21-22, 2010 meeting**

2nd
VOTE **RESINGER**
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION **HALL** moved to approve the minutes of the **March 19, 2010 meeting**

2nd
VOTE **RESINGER**
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

Ms. Gallant raised an issue with the board regarding physicians who close their practices and do not provide to their patients any information about how the patients can access their medical records. This problem has been on-going for the past several years and is continuing to occur causing unnecessary difficulties and patients and consuming staff time in trying to assist in locating records. The board adopted an opinion on what physicians should do when they close their offices but there is no force of law. She asked if the board would be interested in drafting a regulation on this issue. She advised that what she would like to do is require doctors to tell the board how patients can access their record.

Dr. Miller was concerned that this would be another thing doctors would not know that they have to do because they wouldn't know of the requirement. He is not necessarily opposed to a regulation but would like to see anything done to be well advertised.

Dr. Tsigonis also suggested that the board ask the Alaska State Medical Association to put something about this in their newsletter.

Dr. Cullen felt that the board should wait a while longer and see what happens with electronic medical records in the future. EMRs are still under examination because of the problem of degradation of the record and incompatibility with new software.

The board agreed to wait and see what new developments occur and revisit this issue in a year or so.

Off the record at 11:39 am; on the record at 1:04 pm.

Ms. Lee Parham, EMS office, was present to let the board know she agrees with the board's decision regarding the on-line training programs for MICPs. The board thanked her for coming and making comments.

Agenda Item 5 In the Matter of Brian R. Donaldson, MD

The board reviewed the materials provided regarding Dr. Donaldson including a new evaluation done this year.

MOTION **CULLEN** moved that in accordance with **AS 44.62.310(c)(2)** the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the case of **Dr. Brian R. Donaldson.**
2nd
VOTE **RESINGER**
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

Off the record at 1:10 pm; on the record at 1:20 pm.

Dr. Donaldson joined the meeting via telephone. He petitioned to be released from his memorandum of agreement with the board.

MOTION **RESINGER** moved that in accordance with **AS 44.62.310(c)(2)** the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the case of **Dr. Brian R. Donaldson.**
2nd
VOTE **HALL**
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

Off the record at 1:23 pm; on the record at 1:52 pm.

[The board took no action on Dr. Donaldson’s request. The MOA remains in effect.]

Agenda Item 10 License Application Review

The board members began reviewing application files while awaiting the next visitor to the board meeting.

Agenda Item Public Comment Forum

There were no members of the public present to speak with the board.

Agenda Item 7 Board Discussion: HB 282 – Emily Kane, ND

Emily Kane, ND, met with the board to discuss the education and training of naturopaths. She introduced herself as a naturopathic physician who has been practicing for about 16 years in Juneau. She advised she has an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and was educated at Bastyr University in naturopathy. She has a Master’s degree in oriental medicine as well. She has been affiliated with Bartlett hospital for several years. She is deeply interested in coordinated care for her patients. Many of her patients have co-providers for their health care including MDs or DOs.

She advised that the scope of practice expansion bill for NDs did not go through this year and she attributed it to some physicians scaring legislators that NDs don’t know what they are doing, that they don’t get enough education to manage pharmaceuticals and that they are not trained in minor surgery. She asserts these are allegations that have no basis. She reported that there have been no malpractice suits against naturopathic physicians including NDs who have practiced with full prescriptive authority in states like Arizona, Washington, and Oregon. She indicates that there is a good track record of properly trained naturopathic physicians with access to a scope that is reflective of their training without any incident. She attributed this to naturopaths not being interested in going beyond their scope. She pointed out that Dr. Miller knows that she makes referrals and is not interested in going beyond her ability; that would obviously endanger patient safety. Sometimes those allegations that naturopaths do more than they are trained to do are not true, no properly trained medical provider would do more than they are trained to do. She would like to work as a team.

She pointed out that she knows more about pharmaceuticals than the board's 'crowd' knows about herbs and vitamins. As an example she described the case of a diabetic patient who needs to lose a little weight but no one has told them that they need to 'dial down' their diabetic medication as they are improving their risk parameters. She noted that she has been advised not to mention that she has been "dialing down" some of the physicians' medications because it may put the physicians on the defensive.

Dr. Kane asked why expanding her scope of practice to the level of her training would pose a threat? The allegation that it would be risky for patients really has no basis. She can understand a turf war but it is very unlikely that she will reduce a physician's bottom line. She will just help co-manage the chronic constipation, the patients that physicians don't really want to see, low level chronic problems that typically, drugs or surgical interventions are not a fix for. There is room for all in coordinated patient care. Her other concern is that as Medicaid expands to catch more people, we don't have enough primary care providers. Senator Davis has an important bill, SB 13 that is going to create more Denali Kid Care eligible families. Who are all these physicians who are going to take new Medicaid client patients? Where are they? We are already shy of those doctors. A lot of those patients will be coming [to naturopaths] because they have a minor otitis or digestive issues and we are perfectly capable of taking care of those relatively low level problems that you used to see every day in practice but isn't necessarily requiring specialty level training. Her point is there is room for all; they [naturopaths] are exceptionally well trained. Perhaps she didn't 'slog' through quite as many years but she put a good eight plus years into her medical training.

She described the education and testing requirements for NDs and that CME is required. She is concerned that part of the political problem in Alaska is the perception of the diploma mill NDs who cannot be licensed in some states but who call themselves naturopathic doctors. They may have some general healing potential but the certain don't have the medical school training. She thinks that may be causing confusion. She noted there are 40 NDs and 4,000 MDs in Alaska. In terms of political clout, they are not a threat but that doesn't mean they aren't well trained physician-level providers.

She was at the meeting to talk with the board with the hope that the physicians will not be threatened by the NDs who are trying to advance their ability to serve their patient base.

Dr. Tsigonis noted that the board's statement [letter to the legislature] was not based on money. That actually never occurred to her that this was money out of a pie. She also responded to Dr. Kane's comment that NDs take care of patients that she [as an MD] would not want to take care of because their complaint may be 'inconsequential' was not a truth. She likes taking care of every issue with her patients. The comment about taking care of otitis which is a medical diagnosis, a disease usually viral or bacterial that needs an antibiotic. That is more the crux of the rift. Our understanding is that naturopathic medicine is "natural," going beyond pharmaceuticals or interventional sorts of things. If you want to diagnose a medical problem which requires prescription, why don't you become a doctor, an MD or a DO. If that is your desire, we welcome you.

Dr. Kane responded that it is unlikely that she would prescribe an antibiotic for a kid with otitis first, especially if the kid had had several prescriptions for otitis that persists. So, the pharmaceutical intervention would not be her "go to." In fact, patients come to her because their kids have had several rounds of otitis and antibiotics and often what the kid needs is to stay off dairy products for six weeks. That is a miracle for clearing up otitis. That may seem naïve, but this is a personal experience and she's seen it over and over in practice. You can Google it and it works all the time. It is just a different therapeutic method.

Dr. Tsigonis stated that the board is not asking her to practice their type of medicine.

Mr. Tauriainen asked Dr. Kane about her statement about malpractice claims. He asked her to repeat it.

Dr. Kane stated that there have been no malpractice suits against properly training naturopathic doctors. She thought there are two main reasons for that. Their therapeutics are safe, if something can be cured by diet, it shouldn't be cured by any other way. She does carry malpractice insurance because it is required by Bartlett Hospital where she is affiliated. Her insurance costs \$800 because her risk factor has been assessed at a low level.

Mr. Hall commented that he thought the idea of naturopathy was not to include pharmaceuticals. He also pointed out that her comment regarding diploma mills points to a reason why the naturopaths should be regulated under the medical board rather than have their own board.

Dr. Kane left the meeting and the board turned to its telephone conference with Dr. Aaron Wolf.

Agenda Item 5 **In the Matter of Brian R. Donaldson, MD – Cont.**

MOTION

CULLEN moved that in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the case of Dr. Brian R. Donaldson.

2nd
VOTE

RESINGER
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

Off the record at 2:36 pm; on the record at 3:15 pm.

Ms. Gallant offered language for the board's consideration to tell Dr. Donaldson: The board suggests that he seek a position in a structured practice environment where he has daily professional contact with his peers. Board members approved that recommendation for Dr. Donaldson.

The board then called Dr. Donaldson to include him in the discussion and give him a decision on his request to be released from his agreement.

Dr. Tsigonis advised Dr. Donaldson that a letter would be provided to him about the board's action. The board will not be releasing him totally from the agreement but they will make some minor modifications. She advised him that the board is very encouraged with how he is doing. Dr. Wolf gave a good report for him that he has been off medications for a couple years, that he has improved his behavior from 2006, and he was very encouraging that you should seek employment elsewhere in a more traditional setting where you could be working with peers. When he is employed in a more traditional setting where there is a supervisor with him, the board would have some minor modifications they could make to his agreement that would be a little less restrictive. She asked Dr. Donaldson to let the board know when he goes into that situation.

Dr. Donaldson advised that he receives many inquiries about job possibilities but they all require unrestricted licenses. Many environments require an unrestricted license so he has been unsuccessful in securing other employment.

Dr. Tsigonis told Dr. Donaldson that the board would like him to continue the quarterly reports from Dr. Wolf and the board would like to continue to see him annually.

Dr. Donaldson noted that he has not been on any medications.

Dr. Tsigonis advised that if Dr. Donaldson is able to get a job in a clinic, the board would want a supervisor physician who would be in charge of chart reviews and reports to the board. That would eliminate the outside chart review. She asked that he continue with the chaperone. She stated that if he is a practice with another physician who supervises his practice, the board would agree to remove the requirement of the sign advising that a chaperone is required.

Ms. Gallant pointed out that the current agreement has a requirement that female patients must sign a statement that they have been advised of the chaperone requirement and that their records are subject to review. She confirmed with the board that if they removed the requirement for the sign that the requirement for female patients to sign a statement would also be removed.

Dr. Donaldson thanked the board for considering his request.

The board discussed the letter to be sent to Dr. Donaldson and that if he does get a different job, the changes to be made to his memorandum of agreement will occur after he gets a different job.

Mr. Tauriainen was concerned that Dr. Donaldson might miss an employment opportunity because his MOA could not be modified fast enough.

Ms. Gallant assured him that the board and staff are willing to assist Dr. Donaldson as much as possible by doing a mail ballot or teleconference to have the board approve a revision to his MOA. He will have difficulty finding a job though.

Ms. Millar brought up the letter that went out to the governor and legislators about the board's opposition to HB 282. She was in California when she got the email with the letter. She objected to the use of the words "unanimously strongly opposes the legislation." Being the new person, after hearing everything discussed at this meeting and before, that there is a unanimous opinion on this because the board has considered this matter before. She advised that she mentioned at the

last meeting that she disagreed with discussion at the last meeting regarding education for naturopaths because she did some research on her own and suggested that everyone take a look at the Oregon naturopathic board. When she saw the letter, she felt her voice had not been heard. Also, she probably would not have said that it was a unanimous decision on anything. She did feel she had enough information to form an opinion. From a public point of view, every person she knows has been to some sort of alternative medicine person at some point in their lifetime and probably appreciate having the ability to do so. She was not fully aware of everything that this bill would do and she did not have the passion that she felt the other board members had on this issue.

Dr. Tsigonis noted that the issue is not 'us against them' and they are fully capable in their field, but the passion of the medical board is that they [naturopaths] should not be practicing medicine. Dr. Tsigonis pointed out that wording in the letter came from Ms. Gallant ["unanimous decision"].

Dr. Miller felt that the unanimous part may have come from the unanimous consensus of the physicians and physician assistant on the board.

Ms. Millar acknowledged that she did not send a message to Ms. Gallant about the letter.

Dr. Tsigonis recalled that the instruction to Ms. Gallant had been to please send the same letter that had been sent before, it did not need to be re-written and she did not recall any discourse to that instruction. She did not notice the "unanimous" wording.

Dr. Cullen felt it was unfortunate that the board did not have a chance to discuss the matter further [when Dr. Kane was present]. He had some issues with it. In his opinion, the big issue is not that they should be able to practice naturopathy. It was whether they form their own board and then define their own scope of practice. If they consider themselves physicians, then they should be under the auspices of this [the medical] board. What they are planning on doing is have three naturopaths, one person from the public, and maybe an MD but it doesn't have to be an MD, just somebody from the public. For them to define their own scope of practice becomes very problematic.

Dr. Miller pointed out that difference between allopathic medicine and naturopathic medicine is that the allopathic model is based on scientific data that has been peer reviewed that what is being done is effective, not anecdotal evidence of efficacy. He suspects that naturopaths don't get sued because they don't have deep pockets. He has seen plenty of the problems in his own practice. The affiliation with Bartlett hospital was interesting because she [Dr. Kane] was escorted out of a medical staff meeting because she was not invited and had no right to be there. Allowing them to determine their own scope of practice is problematic because there is no oversight; everything becomes their scope.

Ms. Millar felt that she needed more information on exactly what was being asked for in the bill.

Ms. Gallant pointed out that Dr. Kane talked about her education; she has many more credentials than the average naturopath. But, what you are talking about is a baseline of individuals who have much less education than she.

Documents from the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education indicate that there is no entrance examination, no residency required, but basic lecture hours and post-graduate required. The Bastyr website states it is preferable that the candidate have a bachelor's degree or a science background but if not, exceptions can be made.

Off the record at 3:58 pm.

Friday, April 16, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

Roll Call

Present were:

Jean M. Tsigonis, MD, Chair
John S. Cullen, MD
Edward A. Hall, PA-C

David A. Miller, MD
David J. Powers, MD
William W. Resinger, MD

Others present were Leslie Gallant, executive administrator, Jamie Jolliff, licensing examiner, Colleen Wilson, licensing examiner, and Dr. Roger Cox.

Ms. Gallant asked Dr. Tsigonis to sign the order for the regulations packet that was approved at the January meeting. The regulations specialist had requested that the order be signed in order to move the project forward.

Dr. Tsigonis read the order to the board members. Following her review of the documents, she signed the order to be returned to the regulations specialist.

Dr. Tsigonis asked the board to remember to include in their motions why the decision being made was being made, especially in precedent-setting decisions. Since the executive sessions are not recorded, it is essential that the reasons behind decisions must be stated on the record.

Agenda Item 9 Full Board Interview – Roger Cox, MD

Dr. Cox was present to discuss his application with the board.

MOTION CULLEN moved that in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the application of Dr. Roger Cox.

2nd
VOTE TAURIAINEN
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

Off the record at 9:15 am; on the record at 10:23 am.

MOTION MILLER moved that after reviewing the application, it has been determined by the board that the application is incomplete due to inadequate verification of postgraduate training and the file is to be returned to the staff for complete verification.

2nd
VOTE TAURIAINEN
8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

Agenda Item 10 License Application Review

MOTION HALL moved to approve the physicians for licensure in Alaska:

Atkinson, Obbie Ted	Kallock, Erin Kay
Azzazy, Hossam Salah	Kirman, Eleen Ann
Bateman, Terry Alan	Leavey, James Francis
Bauer, Amanda Feldman	Longphre, John Paul Morgan
Byrne, William John	Means, John Ryan
Chang, Denise	Nakamoto, Lisa Akemi
Culver, Gregory Leroy	Naughton, Thomas Michael
Dodds, Heather Lea	
Eddy, Allison Audrey	O'Brien, David Michael
Eisnor, Derek Lee	Olson, Carroll Browd
Farzin, Bernard Reza	Ryan, Kathleen Therese
Florence, Lisa Savage	Saltzman, Michael Jacob
Fullerton, Devon Marie	Shein, Melissa Grace
Gerhardt, Christina Michael	Smithey, Tracey Erin

Goddard, Christine Leigh
Golden, Christina Z.M.
Gordon, Alexia Leontyne
Guildenbecher, Tracey Marie
Holt, Richard Lewis
Humphreys, Steven Craig

Sparks, Kristen Lynn
Stadnick, Michael Edward
Stevens, Anne Marguerite
Toney, Sam Dean
Viroslav, Alice Barnes
Zangerle, Kurt Frederick

**2nd
VOTE**

MILLER

8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION

HALL moved to approve the following physicians for licensure in Alaska pending completion of their application files:

Avila-Haskell, Virginia Marie
Brown, Aaron Paul

Pappenheim, John Eugene
Wheeler, David Timothy

**2nd
VOTE**

MILLER

8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION

HALL moved to approve the following doctors of osteopathy for licensure in Alaska:

Cabeen, James Sterling
Mudge, Kimberly Yu
Randall, Kirsten Marie

Sheinmel, Margit Lisa
Werrell, Bradley Harrison
Wu, Joy Chia-Shan

**2nd
VOTE**

TAURIAINEN

8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION

HALL moved to approve the following doctor of podiatric medicine for licensure in Alaska:

Reed, Michael Brendan James

**2nd
VOTE**

MILLAR

8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION

HALL moved to approve the following mobile intensive care paramedics for licensure in Alaska:

Carlson, Peter Daniel
Craig, Jason Stuart
Johnson, Tyler West

Spangler, Charles Philip
Tegerdine, Matthew Aaron
Wetherell, Kili Grace

Gedlinske, Amber Marie

Xayavongsy, Somchay Hom

**2ND
VOTE**

Ream, Randy Allen

MILLER

8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)

0 Nay votes

0 Abstentions

MOTION

HALL moved to approve the following physician assistants for licensure in Alaska:

Angel, Larry Racasa

Gale, Carolyn Jean

Bigelow, Sarah Elizabeth

Hoger, Amy Louise

Brown, Robert Thomas

McGrail, Molly Susan

Clairmont, Ryan Allen*

Wright, Tamra Jean

**2nd
VOTE**

* No active collab plan in place

MILLER

8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)

0 Nay votes

0 Abstentions

**MOTION
2nd**

HALL moved to adjourn this meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board.

TAURIAINEN

VOTE 8 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Millar, Miller, Powers, Resinger, Tauriainen)

0 Nay votes

0 Abstentions

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Leslie A. Gallant, Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

Jean M. Tsigonis, MD, Chair
Alaska State Medical Board

Date

Date