

Tennessee Board Osteopathic Examination September 22, 2009

Teleconference Minutes

A teleconference for the Board of Osteopathic Examination was held at 10:00a.m. in the Health Related Boards Conference Room located at 227 French Landing, Ste. 300 Heritage Place, Metro Center on September 22, 2009.

Members Present by telephone: Jill Robinson, DO, Paul G. Smith, Jr., DO, Rafael Sanchez, DO, Karen Shepherd, DO, Donald Polk, DO

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director, David Hoffman, Administrator, Alison Cleaves, Deputy General Counsel and Mona Jean-Baptist, Associate General Counsel

A teleconference of the Board of Osteopathic Examinations was held to consider reopening the rule making hearing regarding tamper resistant prescription pads for the purpose of considering a comment made by the Tennessee Medical Association. The meeting was opened and a roll call vote was conducted to determine that all participants were connected. Next, a roll call was taken to determine that each participant could hear the responses of the other callers. A motion and second was needed followed by a roll call vote to determine if the members wished to proceed electronically with the reopening of the rule making hearing. Karen Shepherd, D.O. so moved and Donald Polk, D.O. seconded the motion which passed unanimously pursuant to a roll call vote. Finally, a motion by Dr. Polk, seconded by Dr. Shepherd and passed unanimously by roll call vote declared that the matter to be discussed met the following requirements: (1) the subject matter requires timely action; (2) the physical presence of all members is not possible considering the period of time required for action, and (3) the participation by some or all of the members of the board by electronic or other means is necessary. With the requirements for a teleconference having been met, members were asked to introduce themselves each time they began to speak. The teleconference was turned over to Alison Cleaves, Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Health.

After discussion of the comment, Dr. Polk made a motion to not accept the recommendation of the Tennessee Medical Association which would have changed the definition of "prescribers" contained in the proposed rule from advance practice nurses with a certificate of fitness to nurse practitioner with a certificate of fitness. The motion was seconded by Paul Smith, Jr., D.O. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

The teleconference was concluded at 10:30 a.m.

These minutes were ratified by the Board November 17, 2009.