

GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY
Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room
Terlaje Professional Bldg. 2nd Flr. Ste. 209, Hagatna, Guam 96910

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlene San Nicolas, O.D., Chairperson; Monica Hines, O.D., Secretary; Jay McDonald, O.D., Member
ABSENT: Kristina Woesner, O.D., Vice Chairperson
OTHERS PRESENT: Myrna Leon Guerrero, Word Processing Secretary II, HPLO

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Having to establish a quorum, the Chairperson, Marlene San Nicolas, O.D. called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. on February 27, 2018.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT – Confirmed Quorum

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. January 30, 2018 – *J. McDonald, O.D. Member, motion to approve minutes with amendments; The motion was seconded by M. Hines, O.D., Secretary; The motion pass all in favor.*
 - a. Co-Management and Anti-Viral – *J. McDonald, O.D., Member (instead of member agrees) motion to keep Co-Management and add in oral Anti-Virals; The motion was seconded by K. Woesner, O.D., Vice Chairperson; The motion pass all in favor.*
 - b. 10 GCA Chapter 12 Article1 §12101 (e) (1) *Independent Use* – J. McDonald, O.D., Member *(instead of recommended)* with consensus of board to do separate list: 1a – Diagnostic and 1b – Therapeutic.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion

The Practice Act Revision (TPA)

- c. 10 GCA Chapter 12 Article1 §12101 (e) (2) *Co-management Agreement*. On-going discussion.
- d. Suggested amendments to Article1 10 GCA Chapter 12(e) –was provided by M. Hines, O.D., Secretary - *on-going discussion*

- (1) Independent Use of the following therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for topical preparations: *on-going discussion to add:*
 - a. Anti-inflammatories
 - b. anti-allergic
 - c. anti-infectives
 - d. topical hyperosmotic
 - e. anti-parasitic agents (tea tree)
 - f. astringents/antiseptics (betadine)
 - g. Any combination of the above agents

- (2) Co-management with an ophthalmologist, additional agents may be utilized: *on-going discussion to add:*
 - a. oral anti-allergics
 - b. oral anti-infectives (antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals)
 - c. oral analgesics (ibuprofen, acetaminophen, naproxen)
 - d. oral topical anti-inflammatory (steroids, ibuprofen)
 - e. topical and oral anti-glaucoma agents
 - f. topical anti-inflammatories
 - g. emergency use agents (Diamox, epipen, apraclonidine, beta blockers)
 - h. Any combination of the above agents

- (3) Independent use of all Diagnostic agents – *on-going discussion*

- (4) Adding epilation, foreign body removal, concretion removal, pseudo membrane removal, suture removal – (J. McDonald, O.D. Member pending on response)

- (5) Add CPR - All therapeutic OD are required to have current CPR certificate - equivalent to the American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course. Certificate will be submitted during license renewal. TABLED

- (6) Accepting National Board Part III in lieu of Practical and adding law exam.
 - a. Revise practical for applicants who did not take National boards; add law exam for applicants
 - b. Remove Radioscope from Practical

Potential Law Topics: (*on-going discussion*)

- Drug categories for independent use vs co-management?
- What medication can you not prescribe?
- How long co-management agreement lasts?

- How often is GU optometric license is renewed? When?
- CE credits required: total? TPA?

Define Emergency situations

- Allergic reactions

Checklist for boards for licensing application – J. McDonald, O.D. Member, suggested to add.

- To show “Applicant has met requirements for diagnostic AND therapeutic certification based on the law.”

Qualifications:

- Accredited school with pharm class
- Completed post grad course 90hrs for TPA
- 70hrs post grad course

Are we going to accept non therapeutic OD’s in the future?

(7) Define Emergency situations – *on going discussion*

- Allergic reactions

Will we require Emergency kit for all therapeutic offices?

List of agents:

- Apraclondine, beta blockers, Diamox
- Irrigation system
- Eipen
- AED
- CPR Mask

How to enforce illegal CL prescribing? (*on going discussion*)

Step to changing the law - After all components of the law are revised to the Board’s satisfaction and to make sure Rules/Regs match the law then contact the AG.

V. NEW BUSINESS: None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

Next Regular Schedule Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

J. McDonald, O.D., member, *motion to adjourned the regular board meeting at 10:28 a.m. The motion was seconded by M. Hines, O.D., Secretary; The motion pass all in favor.*