

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma

GUESTS: Steven Sumter, Idaho Academy of PAs; Jonathan Thompson, Idaho Academy of Physician Assistants; Melinda Merrill, NW Grocery; Chelsea Wilson, PPH

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Wagoner** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8 and 9, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Wood turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Wagoner**.

DOCKET NO. 22-0101-1801: **Anne Lawler**, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine, presented **Docket No. 22-0101-1801**, with changes to consolidate seven chapters into three chapters and reduce twenty percent of their regulations. License portability will also be enhanced for those already practicing in other states.

Updates include definitions, licensing, and application requirements. Malpractice settlement reporting is increased to \$250,000. International school requirements are now in alignment with the majority of other states. Also removed are the endorsement requirements for board certification and five-year practice in another state. Disruptive physician behavior has been added to the grounds for discipline. Also added is the provision for registration of interns and residents, while the medical student registration requirement has been removed. The number of physician assistants has been increased to four.

Answering questions, **Ms. Lawler** explained disruptive behavior would be a behavioral pattern in a healthcare setting and interfere with or have the potential to interfere with patient care. She cited an incident and how the board did not have language to address the situation because the person met professional standards. The board's disciplinary approach might be education or evaluation to determine if something else is going on with the individual to cause the behavior. The increased malpractice reporting amount will lessen the report and interview number for board members. At renewal they request all malpractice information from licensees.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 22-0101-1801**.

Responding to a suggestion, **Ms. Lawler** said there is a due process for all licensees for any disciplinary action which includes appearance before the Committee on Discipline and the district courts.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Wagoner** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 22-0101-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 22-0103-1801: **Anne Lawler**, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine, and Physician Assistant Advisory Committee Member, presented **Docket No. 22-0103-1801**. The updates delete unnecessary provisions, remove language for clearer definitions, delete registration of PA trainees, and increases the Advisory Committee with a fourth physician member and a public member, in alignment with other boards.

Application procedures remove reporting every state or country where applications have been submitted. The Delegation of Services Agreement is no longer required at the time of application and changed to provide only a general statement of the specialized procedures. Supervising physician attestation is still required.

The discipline section is updated to align with physician rules and add disruptive behavior language, as with the previous rule.

The prescription form is changed with the removal of the supervising physician name, address, and phone number, which proved burdensome and incompatible with some emergency room (EMR) systems, unless entered manually. PA dispensing only under a physician has been deleted. Additional changes rearranged language for clarity.

Ms. Lawler, responding to questions, said the supervising physician knows what the PA is doing and is meeting, reviewing charts, and identifying procedures the PA can perform, based on their scope of practice. The supervising physician assures the PA is duly licensed in the state, which is education evidence. PAs do not have residency. Supervisors and PAs typically work in the same setting.

The board receives information from a national practitioner data bank, which receives application denial reports from every state.

Nathan Thompson, PA, Past President, Idaho Academy of PAs, Lead PA, St. Luke's Regional Medical Hospital in Boise and Meridian, testified **in support of Docket No. 22-0103-1801**. The Idaho Academy of PAs is in favor of the changes to increase access and decrease the reporting burden.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 22-0103-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 22-0105-1801: **Anne Lawler**, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine, presented, **Docket No. 22-0105-1801**, to update the general provisions for all of the board's licensees and assure there is a single section for all the general provisions. This consolidates several rules, impacting everyone, and making it possible to repeal those sections to decrease rule volume.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Davis** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 22-0105-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKETS NO. 22-0102-1801, 22-0104-1801, 22-0107-1801, 22-0114-1801, 22-0115-1801: **Anne Lawler**, presented **Dockets No. 22-0102-1801, 22-0104-1801, 22-0107-1801, 22-0114-1801, and 22-0115-1801**, which are all chapter repeals. The five chapters are included in the previous three Rules and in alignment with the Executive Order to reduce regulations.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve **Dockets No. 22-0102-1801, 22-0104-1801, 22-0107-1801, 22-0114-1801, and 22-0115-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Representative Wagoner
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary