

# NSBOM NEWSLETTER

Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210, Henderson, NV 89074

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE LAW..... SUPERVISING A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

The Board would like to caution its licensees to be mindful of Chapters NRS 663.469 and NAC 633.288–289. Here you will find the law and what the requirements are in order for you to be a supervising Osteopathic Physician.

- Special attention should be paid to NRS 633.469 (3) which states a supervising Osteopathic Physician **shall provide supervision to his or her physician assistant in person at all times during the first 30 days that the supervising osteopathic physician supervises the physician assistant.**
- The Nevada Osteopathic Physician is also required to review and initial at least 10 percent of the charts of the patients of the physician assistant at least four times each year.
- The physician assistant's scope of practice must also be clearly communicated by the supervising physician. At no times is a physician assistant to perform osteopathic manipulative therapy, NRS 633.434 (5).
- Prior to supervising any physician assistant, you must have completed the newly revised Notification & Collaborating Agreement forms which can be downloaded directly from our website, [www.bom.nv.gov](http://www.bom.nv.gov), Licensee Services, Licensee Forms tab. This must be signed by both the Osteopathic physician and the physician assistant, notarized and the original then submitted to the Board for approval. You will be notified in writing once the agreement has been approved.
- Please be mindful that the **Physician Assistant** must notify the Board in writing within 10 days of initiating and terminating any supervising agreement. NAC 633.288 (3)(a)(b).

### THE BOARD HAS MOVED!

Please come visit us at our new location:

**2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210  
Henderson, NV 89074**

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE NEW CME AUDIT POLICY



## NSBOM BOARD MEMBERS

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## Interested in applying for a position on the Board?

The interactive Boards and Commissions application may be completed and printed from the Governor's website:

<http://gov.nv.gov/contact/>.  
Contact is Annalyn Carrillo (702) 486-2500, or by email, [abcarrillo@gov.nv.gov](mailto:abcarrillo@gov.nv.gov)

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## SB 459 signed into law...

In May, Dr. Hedger and Barbara Longo attended the Nevada IN-STATE POLICY WORKSHOP - National Governors Association Policy Academy: Reducing Prescription Drug Abuse.

The workshop was very informative and showed the very real problem we have here in Nevada with prescription drug abuse. They learned first-hand what the new law will involve and how it will be implemented. In addition, Dr. Hedger and Ms. Longo were afforded the opportunity to contribute to the framework of this new law with ideas and suggestions to improve and enhance the process as the law moves forward.

Ms. Longo will be joining other state medical boards, policy makers and health care leaders for panel discussions about the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and its implementation. She will attend a National Press Club Briefing in Washington, DC on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 2015 REMAINING BOARD MEETINGS-NEW START TIME

August 11  
September 8  
October 13  
November 10  
December 8

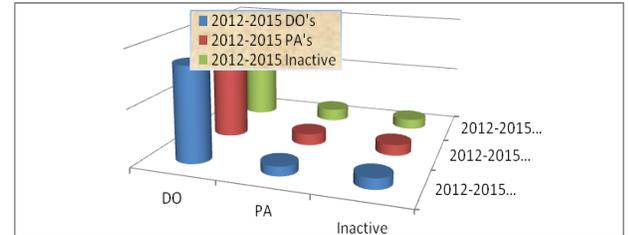
**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE BOARD OFFICE AT 5:30 p.m. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

### MORE ABOUT OUR BOARD AND STAFF...

Dr. Hedger has been invited to serve on the Federation of State Medical Board's Workgroup on Marijuana and Medical Regulation. He will be part of the group that will develop model policy guidelines regarding the use of medical marijuana in patient care.

Steve Ray, our Chief of Enforcement, has been asked to be on the committee for Certified Board of Medical Investigator workshops. Steve will be in charge of the Ethics presentation for the trainings.

Check out the following stats pertaining to NSBOM's licensees per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30<sup>th</sup>):



Discipline	2012	2013	2014	2015
Settlements	5	8	3	1
Hearings	1	0	0	0
License Surrender	0	1	0	0
License Suspension	1	0	1	0
License Denial	1	1	0	0
Public Reprimands	0	0	0	0
Private Letters of Warning	9	26	23	11
Probation	3	2	0	1
License Revocation	1	0	1	0

## RENEWAL CHANGES - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Please be on the lookout for your renewal reminder which is sent to you in early September. In an effort to ensure your confidential information is protected, we will no longer be using Social Security numbers for renewal passwords. Password information will be included in your renewal reminder.

**SB 21- Business License Reporting-** To clarify, if you have a Nevada Business License in your name only, you must report it on your renewal. For example, John Doe, PC or John Doe, LLC must be reported. John Doe Family Practice or Desert Family Practice does NOT need to be reported.

### NEW INFORMATION NEEDED ON RENEWALS

There are now reporting requirements per NRS 432B.220 regarding reporting of child abuse or neglect of a child. Additionally, there is also a more detailed requirement regarding Military Service on your renewal.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the contents of this newsletter constitute official notice from the Board to its licensees of the contents of this Newsletter, All licensees are responsible to read and understand the contents of this Newsletter.

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**  
**STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS**

Every renewal cycle, the Board's staff shall randomly audit a percentage of the registrants for compliance with NRS 633.471(3). For those licensees randomly selected for an audit, the Board's staff shall notify each by mail addressed to the licensees' last known address. The letter shall explain the audit process and require the submittal of all evidence of continuing education for the prescribed period by a certain date. Upon receipt of the evidence, the Board's staff shall review it to determine whether it complies with NRS 633.471 and NAC 633.250. If the Board's staff determines that the evidence demonstrates compliance with 633.471 and NAC 633.250, it shall notify the registrant, either by mail or email that the audit demonstrated that the licensees had passed the audit.

If the Board's staff determines that a registrant has violated any of the provisions of 633.471 and NAC 633.250 and does not qualify for the waiver exception under NRS 633.481(2), the Board's staff may, in lieu of filing a Notice of Charges, offer a summary resolution of the matter to the registrant. The offer of summary resolution shall:

(a) Inform the licensee of the facts upon which the Board's staff relies;

(b) Identify the statute or regulation that the Board's staff believes was violated;

(c) Inform the licensee that the matter may be summarily resolved by the payment of a fine in the amount determined below;

(d) Inform the licensee that if the matter is summarily resolved, it will not be treated by the Board as discipline; and

(e) Explain to the licensee that he or she is not required to summarily resolve the matter and that if he or she desired, he or she could require the Board's staff to prepare a formal Complaint and to pursue the matter through the Board's usual disciplinary process.

In every case involving a violation of NRS 633.471 and NAC 633.250, the licensee shall be required to provide evidence of completion of the number of continuing education hours that he or she was found deficient within 30 days of the determination.

In addition to completing the requisite continuing education hours, the licensee who has been found in violation for the first time will be audited in the next registration renewal period and shall be assessed a fine (whether through an offer for a summary resolution or at a hearing) which shall be \$50 per unit deficient. Registrants who have been found in violation for a second time will be audited for the next three registration renewal periods, will have to personally appear before the board and will be assessed a fine of \$100 per unit deficient.

For any licensee who has committed a third violation, no summary resolution shall be offered and, instead, the registrant shall be subject to a disciplinary proceeding in which the Board shall consider, among other things, whether the registration should not be renewed pursuant to NRS 633.481(1).

**Board Approved CME Policy Language Effective April 14, 2015**