

AGENDA

STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC EXAMINERS

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 8:30 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

CALL TO ORDER

I. Minutes

Review and approval of the minutes from February 26, 2021.

II. New Business

A. **License Reinstatement Review**

Mitchell Kennedy, ND

Presented by Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst

III. Additional Agenda Items

ADJOURN

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The Connecticut State Board of Naturopathic Examiners held a meeting on February 26, 2021 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 3-C, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan S. Raistrick, ND Chairman
Lauren Young, ND

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer

The meeting commenced at 8:35 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

I. MINUTES

The minutes from December 4, 2020 and December 18, 2020 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Dr. Raistrick, seconded by Dr. Young.

II. New Business

Approved Schools of Naturopathic Medical Education

Dr. Raistrick made a motion, seconded Dr. Young, that pursuant § 20-37, the Board recognizes only those schools accredited by or in candidacy status with the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education. The motion passed.

The Board submits the following list to the Department of Public Health as being the approved list of Naturopathic colleges or institutions from which graduates are eligible for licensure in Connecticut.

Bastyr University
Naturopathic Medicine Program
14500 Juanita Dr., NE
Kenmore, WA 98028
Phone: (425) 823-1300
www.bastyr.edu

National University of Natural Medicine
049 S.W. Porter
Portland, OR 97201
Phone: (505) 552-1660
www.nunm.edu

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences
2140 E. Broadway Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85282
Phone: (480) 858-9100
www.scnm.edu

The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine
1255 Sheppard Avenue, East
Toronto, Ontario M2K 1E2
Phone: (416) 498-1255
www.ccnm.edu

The University of Bridgeport
College of Naturopathic Medicine
60 Lafayette Street
Bridgeport, CT 06601
Phone: (203) 576-4109

<https://www.bridgeport.edu/naturopathy>

Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine
435 Columbia Street
New Westminster, BC V3L 5N8
Phone: (604) 777-9981

www.binm.edu

National University of Health Sciences
200 E. Roosevelt Road
Lombard, Illinois 60148
Phone: 800.826.6285

www.nuhs.edu

Universidad Ana G. Méndez
(Candidate Status)
P.O. Box 3030
Gurabo, Puerto Rico 00778
Phone: (787) 743-7979

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III. **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan S. Raistrick, ND, Chairman
Connecticut State Board of Naturopathic Examiners

TO: Connecticut Board of Naturopathic Examiners

FROM: Celeste Dowdell
Licensing Applications Analyst
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

RE: Mitchell Kennedy, ND

Dr. Kennedy is an applicant for Connecticut Naturopathic physician licensure reinstatement. Dr. Kennedy meets all requirements for reinstatement except he has been out of active clinical practice since 2011

Applicants for reinstatement who have been out of the active practice for longer than 6 months are presented to the Connecticut Board of Naturopathic Examiners. The Department seeks the Board's recommendation as to the applicant's suitability for reinstatement.

Typically, applicants for reinstatement who have not been in active, clinical practice for longer than five years are required to complete a period of refresher training.

Please accept this as a summary of the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Kennedy's application.

Education: Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences- 2001

Dr. Kennedy previously held a license in AZ. There is no history of discipline against this license.

Activities since License expired: Dr. Kennedy since the license expired

Dowdell, Celeste

From: Dr. Mitch Kennedy ND <drmitch@healwithnature.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Dowdell, Celeste
Subject: Re: Board information

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Celeste,
Thank you for the note. Here it is:

"In terms of continuing my passion for natural health, I have ongoing participation in the Naturopathic Physicians clinical Facebook group, the Environmental Medicine Chat group, in addition to conducting my own medical journal research. And, I have recently completed writing a book I began 10 years ago on environmental illnesses and depuration of toxicants.

Prior to becoming a Naturopathic Doctor, I was an Environmental Engineer working with factories to help them reduce their toxic pollution emissions and reduce energy use. Since I retired my license, I went back to my first career as an engineer. My company information is available at <https://www.designwithnature.us>"

Thank you for your assistance,

Mitch Kennedy, ND, CEM, LEED-AP
(860) 712-4792

On Apr 27, 2021, at 2:10 PM, Dowdell, Celeste <Celeste.Dowdell@ct.gov> wrote:

Can you provide me a brief summary of what you have been doing since your license expired?
I am preparing your file for the board.

Celeste Dowdell
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Let us know how we are doing: [Survey](#)
www.ct.gov/dph

March 8, 2021

Celeste Dowdell
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RE: Statement of What I will be Doing with License

Currently, my plans are undecided, however, I am pursuing employment opportunities with supplement companies and specialty laboratories.

Thank you very much for all your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mitch Kennedy".

Mitch Kennedy, ND
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State of Connecticut
Department of Public Health
Licensing Department

Good morning,

I became a licensed Naturopathic Physician in Connecticut, after graduating from Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Tempe, AZ in 2001. I have attached my CV showing my various positions, over my 10 years in practice, and also summarized them below:

Synopsis:

I practiced as a primary care doctor in private practice in Connecticut for 10 years. I was also the first naturopathic physician credentialed to practice at the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC). While there I practiced in the Center for Women's Health, the Reproductive Fertility Department, and the Neag Cancer Treatment Center. I have also served as a clinical instructor to the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Before becoming a doctor, I received a bachelor's degree from Tufts University, majoring in both Civil Engineering and Geology, and ran my own environmental consulting firm for 15 years. I am also a LEED-certified "Green Building" consultant, helping people to build and remodel homes, offices, and factories in a non-toxic way.

I brought these skills to SCNM, where I helped the college design their environmentally-safe medical clinic, and also a school building for the Pima Native American nation.

Residency Clinical Experience:

Pre / Post-Op Naturopathic Care, Cardiac Surgery Unit, Arizona Heart Hospital, Phoenix, AZ
Cardiology, Private Practice, Dekker Weiss, NMD, Scottsdale, AZ
Pain Management, Valley Lutheran Pain Clinic, Klee Bethel, MD, Mesa, AZ
Pulmonology, Private Practice, Franklin Preiser, MD, Tempe, AZ
Primary Care, Southwest Naturopathic Medical Center, Scottsdale, AZ
Family Medicine, Private Practice, Shiva Barton, ND, Cambridge, MA
Family Medicine, D'Adamo Naturopathic Clinic, Peter D'Adamo, ND, Stamford, CT

Practice History

I practiced here in CT from Sept, 2001 until Sept, 2010. At that time, I retired my license to practice in CT.

Work since 2010

After retiring my license in 2010, I continued as an environmental consultant until now.

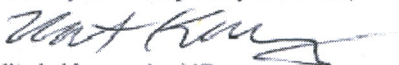
Recently:

I have just completed a book on how environmental pollutants such as heavy metals, pesticides, and other chemicals affect the human body and play a role in causing disease. This 400 page book, with over 280 references, is currently being edited for publishing.

I have also been keeping up with developments in naturopathic medicine through Facebook professional group forums, and a variety of medical and natural health journals.

I have also completed the required Continuing Education 16 credits, which are attached.

Thank you kindly for your time,



Mitch Kennedy, ND

Mitchell L. Kennedy, ND

304 W. Main St. #106, Avon, CT 06001

Telephone: (860) 712-4792

E-mail: drmitch@healwithnature.com

Education:

Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (ND), 1998-2001

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, Tempe, AZ

Bachelor of Science of Civil Engineering, double major: Civil Engineering / Geology, 1985-1989

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Current and Previous Positions:

- Naturopathic Doctor, UCONN Health Center, Farmington, CT (04/2005 – 08/2010)
 - Hollfelder Center for Womens Health
 - Carol & Ray Neag Cancer Clinic
 - Colon Cancer Clinic within department of Gastroenterology
- Naturopathic Doctor, Private Practice, Naturopathic Family Medicine, Avon, CT (01/2001 - 08/2010)
- Clinical Instructor, University of Connecticut, Dept. of Medicine (11/2003 - 08/2010)
 - Complementary & Alternative Medicine (2nd & 3rd year students)
- President, Pollution Prevention Cooperative, Hartford, CT and Mesa, AZ (4/92 – 08/00)
- Environmental Engineer, Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance, Boston, MA (05/89 – 04 /92)

Clinical Rotations:

- Pre / Post-Op Naturopathic Care, Cardiac Surgery Unit, Arizona Heart Hospital, Phoenix, AZ
- Cardiology, Private Practice, Dekker Weiss, NMD, Scottsdale, AZ
- Pain Management, Valley Lutheran Pain Clinic, Klee Bethel, MD, Mesa, AZ
- Pulmonology, Private Practice, Franklin Preiser, MD, Tempe, AZ
- Family Medicine, Private Practice, Shiva Barton, ND, Cambridge, MA
- Family Medicine, D'Adamo Naturopathic Clinic, Peter D'Adamo, ND, Stamford, CT
- Primary Care, Southwest Naturopathic Medical Center, Scottsdale, AZ

Areas of Focus:

- Women's Health
- Cancer adjunctive therapy
- Environmental Medicine
- Pain Cessation
- Longevity Medicine

Modalities:

- Homeopathy
- Botanical Medicine
- Clinical Nutrition
- Acupuncture
- Chinese Medicine
- Hydrotherapy
- Photo and Electro Therapy
- Diet & Lifestyle Counseling

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Narrative:

Dr. Mitch Kennedy, a graduate of Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, is a nationally board-certified & licensed primary care physician. A passionate diagnostician, Dr. Kennedy's goal is to get to the root cause of symptoms, to heal the body and restore balance to the system.

He served as a clinical instructor with the UConn School of Medicine and was the first naturopathic physician credentialed to practice medicine and have admitting privileges at the UCONN Health Center and John Dempsey Hospital.

Before becoming a naturopathic doctor, Mitch received a bachelors degree from Tufts University, majoring in both Civil Engineering and Geology, and ran his own consulting firm for 12 years. Mitch earned an international reputation as a leader in pollution prevention.

Honors & Achievements:

- Outstanding Leadership Award, Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, 2001
- Ford Foundation Award for Innovations in State & Local Government, 1991

Special Projects and Appointments:

- Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, Tempe, Arizona. – Design of Environmentally Friendly Medical Clinic, 2000
- Salt River Pima Indian Community, Mesa, Arizona. – Environmental Policy Advisor, 1999
- USAID, Jakarta, Indonesia – Environmental Policy Advisor, 1996
- Mohegan Tribe of Indians, Uncasville, Connecticut – Environmental Policy Advisor, 1995

Professional Affiliations:

- American Association of Naturopathic Physicians, since 1998
- Arizona Naturopathic Medical Association, since 1999
- Connecticut Association of Naturopathic Physicians, since 2001
- Health Care Without Harm, since 2002
- Avon Chamber of Commerce, since 2002

Research:

Dynamic Nutrition, Scottsdale, AZ, clinical trial, "7-day SmokeAway," 2002

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, Tempe, Arizona, privately funded research, "Botanical Formulations for Male Impotence," 2001

Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Kennedy, M. L., "The Green Corner," monthly column, American Association of Naturopathic Physicians E-Newsletter, monthly 1999 - 2004

Kennedy, M. L., "Common Cold Prevention and Relief," *Spirit of Change*, Mar./Apr., 2003, p. 30

Kennedy, M. L., "Holiday Stress and Blues," *Metroline*, Vol. 29, Issue 21, p.33

Kennedy, M. L., "How Not to Get Sick This Winter," *Metroline*, Vol. 29, Issue 23, p.33

Kennedy, M. L., "What to Do When You Get Sick," *Metroline*, Vol. 30, Issue 1, p.34

Kennedy, M. L., "Health Briefs," Fact sheets on Alternative Health Treatments, 1999 - 2003, 2 pages

Teaching:

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine:

"Environmental Medicine Post-graduate Seminar," Tempe, AZ, co-taught with Walter Crinnion, ND,
January 18 - 20, 2004

Aug. 14-16, 2001

"Cash-flow Analysis for Medical Practices," Tempe, AZ, May 2001

"Business Strategies for IRS Compliance," Tempe, AZ, Apr. 2001

University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine:

Environmental Medicine Graduate Course, Bridgeport, CT, March 20-23, 2006

Presentations by Invitation:

American Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Annual Convention,

"Green Makeover: Reducing Toxin Exposure in Homes & Clinics", Phoenix, AZ, Aug. 25, 2005

"Health & Disease Impacts of Global Climate Change", Portland, OR, Aug 14, 2007

Connecticut Women's Expo, "Natural Support for Healthy Menopause," Hartford, Sept. 6, 2003

Public Lectures:

Celebrate Women, "A Healthy Home," UCHC, Farmington, CT, Oct. 5, 2005

UCONN Staff Lunch, "Green Building & Remodeling," UCHC, Farmington, CT, Aug. 10, 2005

Celebrate Women, "Natural Support for Healthy Menopause," UCHC, Farmington, CT, Apr. 19, 2005

Celebrate Women, "Which Vitamins are Right for You," UCHC, Farmington, CT, Feb. 15, 2005



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Mitchell Kennedy

**earned 1.0 hour General CE
by successfully completing**

Grand Rounds April 16, 2020 "Case of COVID-19" Dr. Fleetwood

CE Approved by: Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities

January 18, 2021

Date

Dr. Christie Fleetwood

Instructor

Rick Kirschner, ND, VNMI
President NMI



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Dec 2020 VNDGR Quiz: Pancreatitis and Digestive Enzymes

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January 24, 2021

Date

Mona Morstein, N.D.

Instructor

Rick Kirschner, ND, VNMI
President NMI



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Pharmacy Series 2020 with Dr. Fleetwood

CE Approved by: Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities

January 23, 2021

Date

Dr. Christie Fleetwood

Instructor

Rick Kirschner, ND, VNMI
President NMI



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Sept 16, 2020 Vital ND Grand Rounds Quiz

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January 13, 2021

Date

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Instructor

Rick Kirschner, ND, VNMI
President NMI



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Cultural Competency in LGBTQ+ Patients in the Naturopathic Clinic

CE Approved by: Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities

January 12, 2021

Date

Sandy Colvard, ND

Instructor

Rick Kirschner, ND, VNMI
President NMI

Dowdell, Celeste

From: Sibley, Kimberly <ksibley@uchc.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 9:28 PM
To: Dowdell, Celeste; Carragher, Stephen
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Subject: Mitch Kennedy, ND
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Good Evening Celeste and Stephen –

Dr. Mitchell L. Kennedy states he is attempting to get his CT State license reinstated and was told he needs verification that he once practiced at UConn Health. According to our Medical Staff records, Dr. Kennedy held medical staff privileges here at UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital from 09/21/2004 to 01/10/2011 when he voluntarily relinquished his privileges. Dr. Kennedy was a good standing member of the Professional Staff in the Department of Medicine. I have attached his initial approval letter for clinical privileges. Please let me know if you need further information from us. Thank you.

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From: Dr. Mitch Kennedy ND <drmitch@healwithnature.com>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 8:54 PM
To: Sibley, Kimberly <ksibley@uchc.edu>
Subject: Verification of employment / clinical practice at UCHC

Good morning Kim,

Liza Cracco at Human Resources referred me to you.

I am re-instating my medical license and the CT Dept of Public Health wants verification that I used to practice at UCHC.

I have attached my old ID badge, I was at the Carol & Ray Neag Cancer Center, and the Hollfelder Center for Womens Health from 2004 to 2010 - BUT am looking for some other document that would be more concrete for the DPH.

I believe I was paid as a contractor, not an employee, hence being referred to you.

I am hoping you can help me out, or send me to someone who can.

Thank you very much,