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ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Suite 201, Training Room 2
Henrico, Virginia

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet L. Borges, L.Ac, Vice-Chair
Sharon Crowell, L.Ac.
Leslie Rubio

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Almloff, L.Ac., Chair
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STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director-Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Floyd Herdrich, L.Ac.
Matthew Stanley, ASVA
Rebecca Reynolds, L.Ac., NP
Christina Rients, L.Ac.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borges called the meeting to order.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Evacuation Procedures.

ROLL CALL – Ms. Archer called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2015

Changes to the minutes regarding spelling and titles were made. Sharon Crowell moved to approve the minutes with the recommended changes. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sharon Crowell moved to amend the agenda to include a discussion regarding the interpretation of 18VAC85-110-50. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Herdrich reported to the Advisory Board regarding a patient he had treated who had received dry needling from a physical therapist.

Matthew Stanley said that ASVA encouraged the Board of Physical Therapy not to proceed with its proposed regulations and revoke its current policy position asserting that dry needling is within the physical therapy scope of practice.

Rebecca Reynolds stated that dry needling should be considered the practice of acupuncture.

Christina Riens stated that anyone inserting needles should be regulated by the ACAOM and that dry needling should only be taught by acupuncturists.

New Business

1. Petition for Rule-Making to Change 18VAC 85-110-10 –Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board of bills of interest from the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. No action was required.

2. Dry Needling as Acupuncture

Mrs. Yeatts reviewed the regulatory history that led to the Physical Therapy Board's adoption of its guidance document regarding dry needling. It was specifically noted that a guidance document does not hold statutory or regulatory authority. Advisory Board members discussed a range of thought as to whether dry needling is a type of acupuncture or not.

3. 18 VAC-85-110-50 Candidacy Status – Mr. Heaberlin asked the Advisory Board for guidance in applying this regulation. In its discussion, the Advisory Board emphasized that attainment of NCCAOM certification denotes competency.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

June 8, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Borges, L.Ac., adjourned the meeting. .

Janet L. Borges, L.Ac., Vice-Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist