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**ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 2, 2011
9960 Mayland Drive
Board Room 1, 2nd Floor
Henrico, Virginia

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Komarow, L.Ac., Chair
Lynn Almloff, L.Ac., Vice Chair
Floyd Herdrich, L.Ac.
Chheany Ung, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mari Eder

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD. Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: No guests present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Komarow called the meeting to order.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Komarow gave instructions about the Emergency Evacuation Procedures prior to proceeding with the meeting.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED October 6, 2010

Ms. Almloff moved to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture dated October 6, 2010. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Almloff moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

New Business

1. Review of Legislation-2011 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained the bills currently being considered by the General Assembly that will impact on the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Advisory Board on Acupuncture.

2. Dry Needling by Chiropractors

The Advisory Board discussed the practice of dry needling as well as the definition of dry needling. The Advisory basically saw the practice of dry needling as being a subset of acupuncture. Dr Harp said he would ask Dr. William Ward, chiropractor from Fredericksburg who presented dry needling to the Full Board, about the training developed for chiropractors who wish to do dry needling.

3. Senate Bill No. 1280

Dr. Harp advised that Senate Bill No. 1280 would require one member of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture to be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, qualified to practice acupuncture in Virginia. Ms. Yeatts stated that this bill may have gone away.

4. Unlicensed Practice of Acupuncture

Elaine Komarow asked for clarification and direction regarding the unlicensed practice of acupuncture in Virginia and how unlicensed practice is handled. Dr. Harp explained the process of reporting and the Department's procedures that are in place at this time.

5. Conflict of Interest Training

The Advisory Board members were provided information and instructions to complete the online Conflict of Interest training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 8, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Komarow moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture. The motion was seconded and carried.

Elaine W. Komarow, L.Ac., Chair

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

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist