

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2002**

The Advisory Committee on Acupuncture met on January 9, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting was called to order by Jerry R. Willis, D.C., Chairman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry R. Willis, D.C., Chair
James C. Butler-Arkow, L.Ac.
Jody Forman, MSW, L.Ac.
Floyd M. Herdrich, L.Ac.
Marie F. Steinmetz, M.D.
Robert K. Su, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David S. Groopman, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director, Licensure
Deborah A. Ordiway, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: William R. Millard, L.Ac.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 MEETING

Ms. Forman moved to approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Acupuncture dated September 12, 2001. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Herdrich moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

No report.

#1 Regulatory grid

A copy of the Board of Medicine's regulatory grid was distributed.

#2 Advertising by licensed acupuncturists and professionals qualified to practice acupuncture

Ms. Forman distributed copies of acupuncturist advertisements contained in the Charlottesville, Richmond and Northern Virginia Yellow Pages. She commented that only licensed acupuncturists can advertise themselves as being acupuncturists. Physicians should not be using the term acupuncturist. Physicians may use the term acupuncture.

Ms. Forman suggested that all physicians who are qualified to practice acupuncture be sent a letter explaining the regulation on advertising and how they should advertise their practice. If they are not in compliance with regulation, they need to come into compliance.

Dr. Harp stated that licensees have no control over where advertisements are placed in the Yellow Pages and sometimes are placed underneath a general heading. Dr. Steinmetz stated that the phonebook has no acupuncture listing, but only an acupuncturist listing. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Virginia telephone directories asking the addition of a separate category for physicians who are qualified to practice acupuncture.

Ms. Forman moved that the staff draft a letter for Board counsel review to be sent, along with a copy of the laws and advertising regulations, to all licensed acupuncturists and those qualified to practice acupuncture in Virginia. The letter will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee members before mailing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Forman also requested that a listing of practitioners qualified to practice acupuncture be furnished to the Advisory Committee members.

#3 Bylaws – information only

Dr. Harp stated that according to the bylaws the position of vice chairman needs to be filled. The Committee was in agreement to hold this issue in abeyance until after the General Assembly finishes its current session. Senate Bill 217 would restructure all the advisory committees/boards. If Senate Bill 217 passes the General Assembly, it will be effective July 1, 2002. The Advisory Board on Acupuncture would consist of three licensed acupuncturists, one citizen member, and a physician who is qualified to practice acupuncture. Dr. Harp suggested that after this new advisory board is appointed by Governor Warner that a member of this advisory board be present at the Legislative Committee and full Board meetings.

Dr. Harp stated that although the Board has not been asked as of today, it will be asked for the acupuncture community's comments on Senate Bill 217.

Dr. Harp stated that the Advisory Committee will be able to suggest whatever changes they deem necessary to the bylaws, to be reviewed by the Legislative Committee, and then presented to the full Board for approval.

#4 Workmen's compensation

Mr. Herdrich posed the question about licensed acupuncturists receiving payment for workmen's compensation patients. Dr. Harp stated there is nothing in the Board of Medicine's laws or regulations addressing this. It appears to be a third-party payer issue. Upon review of the workmen's compensation regulations, there appeared to be no reference to this issue.

Other Business

Next Advisory Committee on Acupuncture meeting: May 8, 2002, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Acupuncture was adjourned.

Jerry R. Willis, D.C.
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Deborah A. Ordiway
Recording Secretary