

APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Board Room 1, 2nd Floor
Henrico, Virginia

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 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.
Mari Eder, Maj. Gen., USA Ret.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheanny Ung, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Joanie Stewart, L.Ac
Pamela Howard, L.Ac.
Tae Jouy Park, Kings Park University
Lisa McNee, King Park University
Stephanie Mills, NCCAOM
Andrew Antippas, Kings Park University
John Shin, Virginia University of Oriental Medicine (VUOM)

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Komarow called the meeting to order.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Alan Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Procedures

ROLL CALL - The roll was called and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 9, 2013.

Floyd Herdrich suggested that minor changes be made regarding the correct designations of guests' titles as they appear in the meeting minutes. Lynn Almloff moved to approve the minutes with minor changes to the guests' titles. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Floyd Herdrich moved to adopt the agenda and the motion was seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joanie Stewart expressed concern that 15 hours of training for non-acupuncturists who want to practice dry needling is not adequate for patient safety.

Lisa McNee wants the Virginia Board of Medicine to review the ACAOM requirement for graduates. She also stated that Virginia is losing out on many qualified acupuncturists who graduate from a school in ACAOM candidacy status and therefore are not eligible for licensure in Virginia.

John Shin recommended that Virginia Board of Medicine accept candidates for licensure who graduate from a school of acupuncture in ACAOM candidacy status.

Ms. Komarow thanked all for their comments.

New Business

1. Regulatory / Legislative Report –Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts presented the bills of interest in the 2014 Session of the General Assembly and the fee reduction for acupuncturists renewing in 2015. No action was required from the Advisory Board.

2. Letter from Dr. Harp to NCCAOM

The Advisory Board acknowledged and reviewed the letter from Dr. Harp to the NCCAOM.

3. State Education Requirements for Licensure Provided by John Shin

John Shin presented his research and reiterated his position regarding the flexibility that should be applied to schools in candidacy status. He asserted that well-trained graduates are being lost to other states that allow graduates of acupuncture schools in ACAOM candidacy status to be licensed. There are currently three acupuncture schools in Virginia in candidacy status.

4. Petition for Rule-Making to Change 18VAC85-110-60

The committee reviewed the petition for rule-making. Elaine Yeatts advised that public comment would be open from February 10 to March 10, 2014 and that at the Board's Executive Committee meeting on April 4, 2014 the Committee will consider the petition and any comments received to arrive at a decision about the petition.

There was further discussion on whether the current Petition for Rule-Making would result in graduates of U.S. acupuncture schools in ACAOM candidacy status to be licensed in Virginia.

Mari Eder made a motion to recommend to the Board of Medicine that 18VAC85-110-50 be amended by initiating a fast-track rulemaking action that will allow the Board to license acupuncturists who graduate from an acupuncture school that is in ACAOM candidacy status. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. NCCAOM Update on Proposed Policies –October 23, 2013

Stephanie Mills stated that the NCCAOM will phase out the Foreign Language Examination. The NCCAOM will continue to collect stakeholder input on the current policy to continue Foreign Language Exams. She further stated that all graduates of ACAOM schools must demonstrate English language proficiency as a requirement for graduation. Background checks will not be implemented at this time. The NCCAOM has put on hold the requirement of institutions who offer continuing education to meet one of the PDA provider categories.

6. Proper Procedure for Complaints

Lynn Almloff made a motion to style agenda item #6 as noted above. The motion was seconded and carried. The Advisory Board then held a discussion about the procedure for making complaints, the disciplinary process, and the jurisdiction of the Board of Medicine and its advisory boards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

June 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mari Eder motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Elaine W. Komarow, L.Ac., Chair

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

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist