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ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Training Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Henrico, Virginia

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cheanny Ung, M.D.

**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:** Matthew Stanley, ASVA  
Jennifer Yeh

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Lynn Almloff called the meeting to order.

## **EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES:**

Lynn Almloff announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MINUTES** from February 3, 2016.

Janet Borges moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Leslie Rubio moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was second and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment.

### **New Business:**

1. Acupuncture as an alternative to opioids for pain management – Lynn Almloff

Lynn Almloff led a discussion with the Advisory Board members regarding the benefits of acupuncture as an alternative to opioids for the management of pain and addiction and how to disseminate this information to the medical community.

Elaine Yeatts suggested that ASVA initiate and conduct educational presentations for the medical community to increase awareness of the benefits of acupuncture.

**No action was required.**

2. Current regulatory issues surrounding dry needling in Virginia

Elaine Yeatts provided a report on the meeting of the Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy which discussed whether Dry Needling fit under the OT scope of practice and if not, should efforts be made to include it. She reported that the President of VOTA said that the AOTA could not support dry needling being considered as within the scope of OT practice at this time.

The Advisory Board further discussed the pending regulatory action regarding the inclusion of dry needling in the scope of practice for physical therapists.

**No action was required:**

3. Process for Acupuncturists to have their own board – Lynn Almloff

Lynn Almloff questioned the feasibility of Licensed Acupuncturists having their own board. After further discussion and review of the process required to become an independent board, it was decided to take no action.

**Announcements:**

Alan Heaberlin reported a total of 490 acupuncturists hold current active licenses issued by the Board of Medicine and 6 hold current inactive licenses.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

October 5, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Lynn Almloff declared the meeting be adjourned.

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Lynn Almloff, L.Ac., Chair

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

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Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist