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ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Training Room 2, 2nd Floor
Henrico, Virginia

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Almloff, L.Ac., Vice Chair
Janet L. Borges, L.Ac.
Leslie Rubio, L.Ac.
Mayanne Zielinski, L.Ac.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheanny Ung, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Floyd Herdich, L.Ac.
Matthew Stanley, ASOV
Stephanie Pince, L.Ac.
Arthur Fan, McLean Center for Complementary & Alternative
Medicine, PLC
Rebecca Berkson, ASOV
Jennifer Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director

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 MINUTES FROM February 5, 2014.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Janet Borges moved to amend the agenda to include the Physical Therapy Advisory Board's action regarding dry needling. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Matthew Stanley, representing ASVA, requested that the Acupuncture Advisory Board adopt a position on the Board of Physical Therapy's intended regulatory action to add requirements for the practice of dry needling to the physical therapist regulations.

Dr. Arthur Fan addressed the Advisory Board and stated that in China, dry needling is considered acupuncture. He further stated that dry needling training should be more extensive than one week.

New Business

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

Mrs. Yeatts addressed new members of the Advisory Board to discuss rulemaking and the petition process.

The Advisory Board discussed adding the word "herbs" after "food supplements" in the regulation. Sharon Crowell moved to deny part 1 because acupuncturists are not currently prevented from practicing herbal medicine under the current regulations. The motion was seconded and carried.

Petition to Add "Basic Examination Prescription Right"

Mrs. Yeatts advised that the Advisory Board has no authority to change the code of Virginia from which the requested regulations (**18VAC85-110-100**) are drafted pertaining to current verbiage on Basic examination prescription right."

Leslie Rubio moved to deny the use of the word "perform" in Dr. Fan's petition. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Dry Needling and Physical Therapists – Elaine Yeatts

Mrs. Yeatts discussed some points regarding the notice of intended regulatory action by the Board of Physical Therapy.

- The 30-day comment period once NOIRA is approved. (Comments may come from various sources.)
- Acupuncture Advisory Board may request to know when comment period occurs.

Janet Borges moved to table the dry needling issue until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Election of Officers

Janet Borges nominated Lynn Almloff as Chair. Sharon Crowell seconded. Motion carried.

Lynn Almloff nominated Janet Borges as Vice-Chair. Sharon Crowell seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

February 3, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Lynn Almloff motioned that meeting be adjourned. Janet Borges seconded.

Lynn Almloff, L.Ac., Chair

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

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist