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ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Training Room 2, 2nd 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.

Lynn Almloff, L.Ac., Chair

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

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist