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ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 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, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chheany Ung, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Erin Barrett, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager

GUESTS PRESENT: Richard Grossman, VECTRE

CALL TO ORDER

Lynn Almloff called the meeting to order.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Alan Heaberlin announced how to exit the building in case of an emergency or a drill.

ROLL CALL

Beulah Archer called the roll; a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM February 1, 2017.

Sharon Crowell moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Lynn Almloff moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Advisory Board Statement on the Acupuncture Modality of Dry Needling

Janet Borges restated the request by Matthew Stanley in the previous Advisory Board meeting that it consider issuing a statement regarding the definition of dry needling.

Board Counsel, Erin Barrett, JD, stated that the Advisory Board on Acupuncture can only define dry needling for the profession of acupuncture, that the current modalities allowed by acupuncture are broadly stated in Virginia law and regulations that govern its practice, and that guidance documents do not speak to standards of care.

Janet Borges moved that the Advisory Board convene a closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia for consultation with the Assistant Attorney General. Additionally, it was moved that William L. Harp, MD, Alan Heaberlin, Beulah Archer and Colanthia Morton attend the closed meeting because 1) their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and/or 2) their presence will aid the Advisory Board in its consideration of this matter. Sharon Crowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open session, Lynn Almloff moved that “all those who certify, to the best of your knowledge that the Advisory Board on Acupuncture heard, discussed or considered only those public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.” The motion was seconded by Sharon Crowell. All members unanimously said “Aye” to the certification.

Lynn Almloff moved that the Advisory Board not make any comment on dry needling. The motion was seconded and carried with Ms. Almloff, Ms. Crowell and Ms. Rubio voting “yes”, and with Ms. Borges voting “no.”

Announcements –Alan Heaberlin

Active Licensed—Acupuncturists-502

Inactive Licensed—Acupuncturists-7

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

October 4, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Lynn Almloff declared meeting be adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Lynn Almloff, L.Ac., Chair

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

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist