

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES**

April 6, 2005

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on April 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Jody Forman, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jody Forman, MSW, L.Ac., Chair
Betsy Brooks Carr
Marie M. Stephenson, L.Ac.
Robert K. Su, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Young Chin Yi, L.Ac.

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst

GUESTS PRESENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2004 MEETING

Dr. Su moved to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture dated May 18, 2004. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Su moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of item #4, House Bill 455. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

#1. Review of Legislation in the 2005 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained new legislation affecting the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Acupuncture Advisory Board. She reminded the Board that this is the time to consider legislation for next year.

#2. Comments on the Proposed Regulations on Standards of Conduct

Ms. Yeatts gave the board a brief background of the regulations on Standards of Conduct. She explained the changes made to the proposed regulations and asked for comments. Ms. Carr moved to recommend adoption of the proposed regulations to the full Board with the suggested amendment to 18VAC85-40-86 E. (1)(a). The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#3. Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Acupuncture

Ms. Yeatts presented a chart showing the status of regulations. No action was necessary.

#4. House Bill #455

The Board discussed the definition of “medical nutrition therapy” in HB #455 and its impact on the scope of practice for Licensed Acupuncturists. Ms. Yeatts related that this topic will be studied to determine the need to license dietitians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Advisory Committee on Acupuncture meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Su moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jody Forman, MSW, L.Ac.
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Ola Powers,
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing