

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 105

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 2010

1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Kaufman, L.Ac., Grant Zhang, L.Ac., Deneb Falabella, L.Ac, Kate Carter, L.Ac., Corinne Axelrod, L.Ac., Issie Shelton Jenkins, Consumer and Jan Exler, Consumer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, and Richard Bloom, AAG

GUESTS:

Paula Hollinger, Sharon Bloom and Kristin Neville

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Kaufman called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:00 pm and a quorum was established. Mr. Kaufman welcomed new board member, Issie Jenkins, Esq., and asked that she give a brief overview of her background. Ms. Jenkins is a retired attorney and previously served on the Board of Chiropractic and Massage Examiners for 7 years. She has been off the board for about 6-7 months and is glad to now be serving on the Acupuncture Board.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 MINUTES

After review of the Minutes, Ms. Falabella moved to approve the Minutes and Mr. Zhang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. CEU REQUIREMENTS FOR REINSTATEMENT

Ms. Axelrod briefed the Board on other board policies regarding CUE requirements for reinstatement and inactive status and distributed a chart listing several states and their policies for reinstatement as well as the requirements of the NCCAOM. The Committee will continue review of other state and national policies and will report back to the Board at its next meeting.

B. DRY NEEDLING

Ms. Heisler spoke to the Executive Director of the Physical Therapy Board, Anne Tyminski, to inquire about the Board's progress on writing educational standards for dry needling. Ms. Tyminski informed Ms. Heisler that a task force has been created and will meet in Frederick Maryland in January.

C. AURICULAR DETOXIFICATION SPECIALIST

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the new/updated regulations went into effect on October 18, 2010 and has posted them on our website. Ms. Heisler revised both the ADS application and ADS supervisor application to reflect changes, and distributed it to the Board and two ADS supervisors, Ms. Nether and Mr. Wurzel. After discussion, comments, the Board that recommended that Ms. Heisler make the following changes:

- .ADS Application:
 - Revise the application from Application for “Certification” to Registration.
 - Under training change Name of “School”, to Name of Training “Program”
- Supervisor application:
 - Remove requirement that supervisors be licensed for 2 years.
 - Remove requirements to list names of ADS’s and clinic locations

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW LICENSES

Ms. Carter moved to approve the list of applicants for licensure and Mr. Exler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. EXPUNGEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

Ms. Heisler informed new Board members that during last legislative session, HB114 was passed that mandates DHMH and the Boards to study whether under certain circumstances, it may be appropriate to expunge disciplinary proceedings from a licensee's file. The Boards are collectively in agreement that it is not appropriate to expunge records under any circumstances. DHMH and the Boards have circulated a survey to interested parties to seek input on this matter by November 15, 2010.

C. CEU's

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that she has received some questions via email regarding the following list:

- apprentice hours
- writing text/articles related to acupuncture and OM
- creating and managing online CEU courses
- establishing and managing a company that provides pro-bono work

After discussion, the Board decided that it would entertain allowing CEU credits for apprentice hours and writing text/ articles related to acupuncture and OM but would not credits for creating online courses or establishing and managing a company that provides pro-bono work. Mr. Kaufman asked the CEU committee to review other state laws that allow apprenticeship and writing text as CEU work.

D. CPR CERTIFICATION

Ms. Heisler stated that the Board received an email expressing concern that we do not require licensees to be certified in CPR, at any level. The writer questioned how a licensee could possibly handle an emergency situation in the treatment room without this education. After discussion, the Board decided to consult with the Maryland Acupuncture Society on this matter.

E. COMMITTEES

Ms. Heisler distributed a list of committees and stated that new members should volunteer where needed. Mr. Bloom stressed that one consumer member be placed on the disciplinary committee. Jan Exler volunteered to sit on the Disciplinary Committee. Ms. Jenkins, Mr. Exler and Ms. Fallabella volunteer to sit on the Legislative/Regulation Committee and Ms. Carter was removed from the committee.

F. OPERATING PROCEDURES

Ms. Heisler distributed copies of the Board's operation procedures and stated that changes are needed. She recommended that this be placed on the agenda for January so that Board members have a chance to review the procedures and prepare for discussion.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

None.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.