

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 105

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., Teal Beatty, L.Ac., Sherrie Black, L.Ac, R.N., Esq., Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Jan Exler, M.Ed., Consumer, Barbara Heller, Ed.D., R.N., Consumer

BOARD MEMBERS LATE:

Teal Beatty, L.Ac.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., RN

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, Danielle Vallone, Investigator and David Finkler, AAG

GUESTS:

Tracey Soltesz, L.Ac., MAS, David Blaiwas, L.Ac., MAS, Sharon Bloom, Brandon Wright, Kristin Neville and David Wurzel, L.Ac.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

APPROVAL OF July 11, 2017 MINUTES

After review of the Minutes, Dr. Heller requested that she should be marked as present. Mr. Exler moved to accept the Minutes as corrected and Dr. Heller seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The Board reviewed an August 24, 2017 draft of the injection therapy regulation. There were concerns over some of the substances listed under Section 9. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Ingegno stated that it was clear that the regulation required further work. Mr. Blaiwas informed the Board that the Maryland Acupuncture Society will take no position on this regulation, but has concerns about the training requirements.

B. LIGHT THERAPY

Mr. Ingegno had asked the Board to reconsider its decision on Mr. Bloch's request to perform light therapy at its last meeting. The vote was to write a letter to Mr. Bloch stating that the Board, at this time, does not consider the use of a hollow needle intravenously to be within the scope of the Maryland Acupuncture Practice Act. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Marinakis moved to send a letter to Mr. Bloch stating that IV therapy is not within the scope of the Maryland Acupuncture Practice act and Mr. Exler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Tom Ingegno, Teal Beatty, Sherrie Black, Peter Marinakis, and Jan Exler. Barbara Heller abstained.

C. ADS SUPERVISION

Due to the opioid epidemic in Maryland, Dr. Marinakis stated that he would like to see health professionals that are eligible to register for the ADS program be able to treat patients while they are still training in an auricular detoxification program. David Finkler advised that there is no authority in the Board's statute to allow this practice. Ms. Soltesz and Ms. Heisler will work on an email to alert licensees that they can get up to 7 hours of CEU's by volunteering to work in treatment facilities to help patients suffering from addictions.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEWSLETTER

Ms. Heisler provided the Board with a copy of the 2017 newsletter. Ms. Soltesz recommended adding an article to explain how to properly store paper records that have been converted to electronic files and whether they can they be destroyed. Dr. Heller recommended adding an article about a licensee's ability to earn CEUs for treating patients with addictions.

B. COMMITTEES

Due to the recent change in Board membership, Ms. Heisler recommended that the Committee list be updated. Board members volunteered as follows:

Legislative

Tom Ingegno
Peter Marinakis

Disciplinary

Teal Beatty
Sherrie Black
Sheryl Hongsermeier

Scope of Practice

Tom Ingegno
Peter Marinakis

The meeting adjourned at approximate 2:23 p.m.