

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACUPUNCTURE

MINUTES

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 1:00 P. M., CDT

Location: Iris Conference Room, Ground Floor
227 French Landing
Heritage Place MetroCenter
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Mary Anne Johnson, Chair, Consumer
Jill Kelly, LAC
Serina Scott, LAC
Peggy Watson, Co-Chair, LAC

Members Absent: Betsy Wilson, ADS

Staff Present: Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager
Rebecca Brown, Board Administrator
Shiva Bozarth, Advisory Attorney
Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director

A quorum being present, Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., CST.

Conflict of Interest Policy Review

Mr. Bozarth presented an overview of the Conflict of Interest Policy which governs the conduct of all Committee members to assure that the individual interests of Committee members do not conflict with their Committee responsibilities

Mr. Bozarth held a discussion with the Committee members concerning item six on page two of the policy which states “while serving on a board or committee, the member shall not serve as an officer, or otherwise serve in a policy-making role, in any trade or professional association.” He advised the Committee members they must choose whether to serve as a member of the Committee or be in a policy making role of their professional association.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the August 26, 2008 meeting as presented, Ms. Watson made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report

Ms. Arnold, Unit Manager, reviewed the Manager's report with the members present. The report outlined the activities of the Committee's administrative staff between August 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009. The total number of active licensees is 102. The total active ADS as of January 31, 2009 is 8.

Bureau Office

Ms. Otto reported to the Committee that the financial report with a projected cumulative carryover as of June 30, 2008 was \$84,354.03, with \$73,820.90 of the balance transferred to the State's General Fund leaving an adjusted cumulative carryover of \$10,533.13.

Division of Investigations

Ms. Otto reported on behalf of the Office of Investigations that there are five open complaints currently being investigated.

Disciplinary Coordinator

Ms. Otto informed the Committee on behalf of the Disciplinary Coordinator that there are no acupuncturists currently being monitored.

File Review and Approval of Applications

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the list of new applications for licensure as presented and Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The following people were approved for licensure: Julie Barefoot, Jerusha Webstel De Groote, Dennis William Kitchen, Traci L. Matthews, Jessica Lynn Puckett, Zhaobao Yin and the reinstatement of Virginia Ladd Cashdollar. The list will be presented to the Board of Medical Examiners for ratification at their March 17, 2009 meeting.

Agreed Citation – Gil Ben-Ami, LAC

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the Agreed Citation for Gil Ben-Ami as presented to the Committee by Ms. Otto. Mr. Ben-Ami was deficient 15 PDA points when renewing his license. Ms. Johnson recused herself from voting on the order. Ms. Scott seconded the motion to ratify. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for August 25, 2009 in the Iris Conference Room of the Heritage Place MetroCenter at 1:00 p.m., CDT.

Adjournment

With no further business, Ms. Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Committee adjourned at 1:26 p.m., CST.

The Committee ratified these minutes on August 25, 2009.