

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES**

Date: February 4, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Poplar Conference Room
227 French Landing
Heritage Place MetroCenter
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Jill Kelly, LAC, Chairman
Peggy Watson, LAC
Jane Abraham, ADS
Charmaine Jamieson, Consumer

Member Absent: Serina Scott, LAC, Co Chairman

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director
Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager
Alex Munderloh, OGC Attorney
Jason Hill, Administrator

The Chairperson Ms. Kelly declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Abraham made a motion to approve the August 20, 2012 minutes contingent that the next meeting date was corrected, and Ms. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Munderloh reported that as of the date of the meeting there were no open files in OGC, and no consent orders.

Mr. Munderloh also reported the rule for the fee reduction will take effect on April 22, 2013.

There was a discussion on physical therapist practicing dry needling. Mr. Munderloh said that he had spoken with the board attorney for the physical therapy board and he was going to advise them that this practice falls out of their scope of practice according to a statement by the Surgeon General.

Mr. Munderloh reminded the committee about the Conflict of Interest.

Financial Report

Ms. Tittle from the Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation reviewed and explained the current financial report. Total expenditures for 2012 were \$10,786.81, board fee revenues for 2012 were \$35,322.16, the projected current year net was \$24,535.35, and the projected cumulative carryover is \$86,084.66.

Manager's Report

Ms. Arnold, Unit Manager, reviewed the Manager's report with the members present. Ms. Arnold reported that between August 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013 the office had received 6 new applications and issued 12 new licenses, with no reinstatement. She reported that the total percentage of renewals online was 53%. She reported that the total number of active acupuncturists is 127 and active Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists is 28.

Ms. Arnold also talked about a postcard that will be sent to all licensees about having the option to renew licenses on-line and to receive information electronically.

Division of Investigations/Disciplinary Coordinator

Ms. Arnold reported that there were no open complaints in the Office of Investigations, and only one acupuncturist was currently being monitored in the Disciplinary Coordinator's office.

CME- Continuing Medical Education Audit

Ms. Arnold reported that 100% of the committee's licensees audited were in compliance.

File Review and Approval of Applications

Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the following list of new applications for licensure as presented and Dr. Abraham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Rebecca M. Astarita, Gung-Li Chang, Ann M. Coffey, Patrick M. Giguere, Nina Hawk, Jana L. Kadovitz, Diane M. Morgan, Jennifer L. Pierce, Mary C. Pope, Sara E. Tornes, and Susan Elizabeth Maxwell (Reinstated).

Applicant Interviews

Applicant Ashley Dorff was invited to interview with the committee due to some information in her criminal background. Ms. Jamieson made a motion to grant Ms. Dorff a license, and Ms. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Applicant Ann Harris was invited to interview with the committee due to some information in her criminal background. Ms. Jamieson made a motion to grant Ms. Harris a license, and Ms. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for August 19, 2013 in the Poplar Room at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Jamieson made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Abraham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

These minutes were ratified by the Committee on August 19, 2013.