



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’
Advisory Committee for Acupuncture
Regular Committee Meeting**

Monday, August 18, 2014

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Examiners’ Advisory Committee for Acupuncture was called to order at 1:06 p.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243 by Committee Chair, Jill Kelly.

Member(s) Present: Jill Kelly, LAC, Chair
Serina Scott, LAC, Vice Chair
Charmaine Jamieson, Consumer
Jian Yan, LAC

Member(s) Absent: Shelia Ann Berry-Sanders, ADS

Staff Present: Maegan Carr Martin, Executive Director, BME
Stacy Tarr, Interim Unit Manager
Hannah Lanford, Assistant Attorney General
Keshia Evans, Committee Administrator

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Jamieson made a motion to approve the March 24, 2014 minutes Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Applicant Interview(s)

Mandy Colburn – Ms. Colburn appeared before the Committee to address the results of her criminal background check and previous impairment. Ms. Colburn disclosed that her previous difficulties led her to her current employment as an alcohol and drug counselor. Ms. Jamieson motioned to approve licensure. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chadwyck Johnson – Mr. Johnson appeared before the Committee to address previous discipline in North Carolina for practicing massage therapy on an expired license. After interviewing Mr. Johnson, Ms. Scott made a motion to approve and grant licensure. Ms. Jamieson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Lanford reported that as of the date of the meeting there were no open files in OGC, no consent orders and no proposed legislation that affects the committee.

Ms. Lanford stated that a question has arisen regarding whether the Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists are required to complete continuing education. As the rules are unclear, Ms. Lanford sought clarification from the Committee regarding their intent in promulgating the rule. Ms. Kelly stated that she did not believe the rule applied to ADS. The Committee directed administrative staff to gather some information regarding the states' approach and ultimately tabled the issue to the next meeting.

Financial Report

Ms. Tittle from the Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation reviewed and explained the current financial report. She recommended the Committee wait until we close out to see what reducing expenditures would do.

Manager's Report

Ms. Tarr, Interim Unit Manager, reviewed the Manager's Report with the members present. Ms. Tarr reported that between August 1, 2013 and February 28, 2014, the office had received 8 new applications and issued 5 licenses, with no reinstatements. She reported that the total percentage of renewals online was 28%. She reported that the total number of active acupuncturists is 131 and active Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists is 38.

Division of Investigations/Disciplinary Coordinator

Ms. Martin reported that there were no open complaints in the Office of Investigations.

Continuing Medical Education Audit

Ms. Martin reported that between January and June of 2013, six acupuncturists were audited and 83% were compliant.

File Review and Approval of Applications

Ms. Scott made a motion to ratify the following list of new applications for certification as presented and Ms. Jamieson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cimino-Hurt, Lillian
Contino, Jo Lynn
Fitzpatrick, Samuel
Goodwin, Jennifer Lois
Miller, Gail C.
Thompson, Don J.
Zhao, Tieqiang

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015 in the Poplar Room at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Scott made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Jamieson seconded the motion. The Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.