

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Room 545

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 13, 2018  
1:00 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., DACM, Chair, Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., RN, Vice Chair, Brandie Armijo, L.Ac., LPN, BSN, DACM, Sherrie Black, L.Ac., RN, Esq., Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Barbara Huston, Consumer, Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

### **BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

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

### **GUESTS:**

Lillian Reese, Regulations Coordinator, Sharon Bloom, MDH, David Blaiwas, MAS

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Mr. Ingegno called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 MINUTES**

Ms. Hongsermeier moved to approve the Minutes as written and Dr. Marinakis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

#### **1. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Dr. Ingegno tabled this matter indefinitely.

##### **B. CLEAN UP BILL**

Ms. Heisler stated the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has put the Board's clean up bill in a placeholder's position and has not been informed whether the Department intends to include it in its 2019 legislative package. She has written to MDH to request special consideration. The Board decided to find its own sponsor if needed. Lillian Reese said that the Department should have an update by early December.

##### **C. DRY NEEDLING**

Ms. Heisler stated that the public is now able to check the dry needling registration status of a physical therapist on the Physical Therapy Board's website. It can be found under

the license verification page. If a physical therapist is registered to practice dry needling, a notation of a specialty in dry needling will show next to the licensee's information. If the specialty status is not there, the physical therapist is not registered.

Mr. Blaiwas said that page 4 of the Physical Therapy Board's dry needling application has conflicting information. The first sentence on page 4 says that the physical therapist must have 40 hours of hands on instruction and in the attestation it says that they must have 40 hours of experience. Ms. Heisler will contact the PT Board with this conflict and ask that it be corrected to reflect 40 hours of hands on instruction in both sentences.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Ms. Heisler stated that federal law mandates that any health care provider who receives federal funds and is applying for a license must undergo a criminal background check. The Department is contemplating whether to do an omnibus bill to mandate this for all Maryland health care providers. She will keep the Board updated.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.