

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

Room 545

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

MAY 14, 2019

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Penny Heisler, Executive Director, David Bruce, Investigator, Michael Weinstein, Investigator and David Finkler, AAG

GUESTS:

Lillian Reese, Boards and Commission, and Haley Evans, Maryland Acupuncture Society

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Dr. Ingegno called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and welcomed the guests.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2019 MINUTES

Sherrie Black moved to approve the Minutes as written and Brandie Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. CLEAN UP BILL (HB0404 and SB0303)

Ms. Heisler stated that she and Brandie Armijo attended the Bill signing yesterday morning. The Bill will become effective on October 1, 2019.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINER'S DRY NEEDLING REGULATIONS

The Board reviewed the Board of Chiropractic Examiner's latest proposal for its dry needling regulations. Lillian Reese stated that the Chiropractic Board sent the proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Health for his signature, but that his office has put the regulation on hold. The regulation requires 80 hours of dry needling education. The regulation only requires 20 hours didactic instruction in dry needling, and the additional

hours will have been assumed to be earned in Chiropractic school. Sherrie Black stated that she is concerned the training requirements are not specific to proficiency in the insertion of needles. Dr. Armijo stated that she believes that Chiropractors should be required to have the same training as physical therapists as they are working through physical therapy privileges. Brandie Armijo moved to write a letter of concern to the Secretary and Sheryl Hongersmeier seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Haley Evans representing the Maryland Acupuncture Society (MAS) stated that MAS intends to send a letter to the Secretary in opposition to the Chiropractic Board's dry needling regulation and thanked Ms. Heisler for her hard work during the legislative session.

B. DRY NEEDLING BROCHURE

Dr. Ingegno tabled this item until the brochure is completed by all parties.

C. COMAR 10.26.02

Ms. Heisler presented the Board with changes to COMAR 10.26.02 to incorporate the changes made in its statute through the passage of HB 404. Sherrie Black and Peter Marinakis volunteered to sit on a Committee to work with Ms. Heisler and Ms. Reese on drafting regulatory changes for the next meeting.

D. OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Board reviewed its current Operating Procedures and made several updates. Travel to the AAAOM Conference was deleted, the Continuing Education Committee was deleted, the Council of Boards and the Commission Committee was deleted, the Foreign Application Committee was deleted and a Scope of Practice Committee and a Licensure Committee were added. Sherrie Black moved to accept the Operating Procedures as amended and Brandie Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Ms. Black moved to close the meeting at 2:10 PM to go into Administrative Session in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act § 3-305(b)(2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business" and Dr. Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion