

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

Room 545

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JULY 9, 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, Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Barbara Huston, Consumer, Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sherrie Black, L.Ac., RN, Esq.,

### **BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

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

### **GUESTS:**

Lillian Reese, Boards and Commission

### **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 MAY 14, 2019 MINUTES**

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

### **1. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINER'S DRY NEEDLING REGULATIONS**

Ms. Heisler stated that the Board of Acupuncture's letter of concern regarding the Chiropractic Board's dry needling regulations that lower the 80 hours of training to 20 hours was sent to the Secretary on May 23, 2019. Lillian Reese stated that the Chiropractic Board sent a rebuttal to the Secretary and that the regulation remains on hold.

Bonnie Miranda suggested doing a consumer blurb on the Board's website regarding dry needling education and training for acupuncturists. Peter Marinakis, Barbara Huston and Bonnie Miranda volunteered to sit on the committee.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. COMAR 10.26.02**

The Board reviewed a draft of proposed changes to COMAR 10.26.02 that incorporate the new provisions of HB 404. After a brief discussion, Ms. Heisler stated that she and Ms. Reese will work on the proposal to incorporate the recommendations of Board Counsel and also injection therapy education and registration requirements.

### **B. STATISTICS**

Ms. Heisler provided the Board with statistics on new applications, renewals, inactive and verification applications.

### **D. COMMUNITY ACUPUNCTURE**

Dr. Marinakis stated that he has observed community acupuncture practices in Annapolis and recommends that the Board create standards of practice for these offices. Ms. Heisler will look in past newsletter articles to locate standards that the Board created for acupuncturist's treating the public at health fairs.

Ms. Miranda moved to close the meeting at 2:15 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