

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 110

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

September 8, 2009
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyme Gigliotti, L.Ac., and Grant Zhang, Barbara Cronin, Consumer, Charles Griffin, Consumer

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Penny K. Heisler, Executive Director and Richard Bloom, AAG

GUESTS:

Steve Solomon, L.Ac., MAS, Deneb Falabella, L.Ac, TAI-SOPHIA, Cara Michelle Nether, L.Ac., Paula Hollinger, Associate Director for Health Occupation Boards, and Sharon Bloom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Gigliotti called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at 1:05 pm and a quorum was established.

2. APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2009 MINUTES

After review of the Minutes, Mr. Zhang moved to approve the Minutes as written and Ms. Cronin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. ADS SUPERVISOR DUTIES

Ms. Heisler reported on the Auricular Detoxification Specialist Committee meeting. Richard Bloom, Penny Heisler, Cara Michele Nether and Tyme Gigliotti were in attendance. The Committee drafted of regulatory changes that provided the following revisions to COMAR 10.26.02.07:

- Deletion of First Aid requirement for ADS application
- Change signature on competency form to certified trainer
- Requirement of Supervisor training in a program certified by NCCAOM and ACAOM
- Require that supervisors ensure that all ADS are competent, not just new practitioners
- Require that supervisors make onsite visits once every two months

- Deletion of temporary registration of ADS
- Change program to professional setting and identify that ADS may perform only on patients with documented substance abuse
- Insert a definition for certified trainer

Dr. Griffin moved to accept the above regulatory changes to COMAR 10.26.02.07 and Ms. Cronin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. DRY NEEDLING

Ms Heisler reported that the Physical Therapy Board has extended an invitation to board members to meet with an expert in dry needling, Mr. Dommerholt, at their October Board meeting. The meeting date is October 20 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 108/109. Ms. Heisler asked Board members to submit questions to her before the meeting so that she could furnish the PT Board with members concerns.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. INITIAL LICENSURE APPLICATION APPROVAL

After review of the list of approvals for licensure, Mr. Zhang moved to approve the list and Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. BOARD COUNSEL UPDATE

None.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Heisler reported on the Board's revenue for FY 2009.

Ms. Cronin moved to close the regular session meeting at 1:50 PM to comply with specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirements that prevent public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter and to discuss the investigation of complaints against specific licensees. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.