

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
Room 545

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018  
1:00 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., 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 Carla Boyd, AAG

### **GUESTS:**

Lillian Reese, Regulations Coordinator and Kim Lang, MDH

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 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**

Mr. Ingegno informed the Board that there is no report at this time.

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

Ms. Heisler stated that she consulted with the Boards of Physicians, Physical Therapy and Dietetic Practice to question whether they would have any issues with the Board's pending clean up bill. None of the Boards reported concern.

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

Ms. Heisler reported that Carlton Curry, Executive Director, Physical Therapy (PT) Board, informed her that several 80 hour dry needling courses have been approved. Effective October 1, 2018, all physical therapists must be trained and registered by the PT

Board to practice dry needling. Mr. Carlton said that there will be no grandfathering of applicants and all practitioners must cease and desist practice unless they are credentialed and registered by the PT Board.

Ms. Heisler stated that the Chiropractic Board has not yet promulgated dry needling regulations and some practitioners continue to practice dry needling with as little as 12 hours of training.

Mr. Marinakis requested that Ms. Heisler obtain a list of physical therapists that are registered to perform dry needling and the dry needling registration application.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. NEWSLETTER**

Ms. Heisler prepared a newsletter for the Board's review and approval.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.