

# MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215

Room 545

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

### **BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins and David Finkler, AAG

### **GUESTS:**

Lillian Reese, Boards and Commission, Denke Tyson, MAS

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2019 MINUTES**

Sherrie Black stated that she was not in attendance at the last meeting and moved to approve the Minutes with minor corrections and Brandie Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

### **1. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Tom Ingegno stated that he, Brandie Armijo and Penny Heisler met with representatives of the Secretary's Office and Boards of Chiropractic Examiners and Physical Therapy Examiners this morning to discuss the Chiropractic Board's dry needling regulations. The current proposal requires only 20 hours of training in dry needling. Dr. Ingegno informed the group that the Acupuncture Board's main concern was the lack of hands on, clinical training in technique. The Chiropractic Board maintained that the amount of hours required in their proposal is sufficient. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to write back to the Secretary, to affirm that Chiropractors should attain the same amount of training as required by the Physical Therapy Board. However, if the Chiropractic Board and the Secretary believe that Chiropractors can safely needle

patients with only 20 hours of training, then the Board of Acupuncture Board believes that all 20 hours should be hands on, clinical training in technique.

**B. 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 continue to work on the proposal to incorporate the recommendations of Board Counsel and also injection therapy education and registration requirements.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEWSLETTER**

The Board reviewed a draft of the 2019 Newsletter. After a brief discussion, Barbara Huston moved to approve the Newsletter with minor corrections and Peter Marinakis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**B. BUDGET**

Ms. Heisler gave an overview of the Board's 2019 budget.

Ms. Heisler recorded a vote to close the meeting at 2:40 PM.

Motion to close meeting: Brandie Armijo; Seconded: Sherrie Black

Members in favor: Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., DACM, Chair, Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., RN, Vice Chair, Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Barbara Huston, Consumer, Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

Opposed: None

The Board voted to close the regular session under the General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business" (to discuss the qualification for an applicant for licensure) and (7) "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice" (regarding the qualification for an applicant for licensure).

Persons attending the closed session: Penny Heisler, Executive Director, State Acupuncture Board, David Finkler, AAG, Board Counsel to Acupuncture Board, 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.

Topics Discussed: Discussion regarding qualifications for application for license.

The Regular Session reopened at 3:10 PM.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.