

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACUPUNCTURE**

MINUTES

Date: March 5, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Poplar Conference Room
227 French Landing
Heritage Place MetroCenter
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Jill Kelly, LAC, Chairman
Serina Scott, LAC. Co-Chair
Jane Abraham, ADS
Peggy Watson, LAC
Charmaine Jamieson, Consumer

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director
Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, OGC Attorney

A quorum being present, Ms. Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the August 23, 2011 meeting as presented, Ms. Abraham made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Hughes-Toombs reported that she needed the Committee to re-authorize a Rule Making Hearing for the fee change. The reason the rulemaking hearing needed to be reauthorized was because the administrative office rescheduled the Committee meeting from February to March, and the rule making hearing was scheduled for the February 7 meeting. By statute the Committee needs to re-authorize the hearing to coincide with the Committee meeting. Ms. Scott made the motion to re-authorize the hearing and Ms. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to hold the hearing at the August 20 meeting.

Ms. Hughes-Toombs presented the Committee with a Consent Order for Ka Myung Son. Mr. Son has been practicing Acupuncture without a license one day a week for approximately three months at the Clarksville Korean Association's facility. Mr. Son signed the Consent Order which orders him to cease and desist any and all unlicensed practice and to pay \$12,000 in Type A civil penalties representing \$1,000 for each day that he practiced acupuncture without a license. Mr. Son is also ordered to pay the costs of prosecuting this case which is to be no more than \$2,000. Ms. Scott made a motion to accept the Consent Order and Ms. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report

Ms. Arnold, Unit Manager, reviewed the Manager's report with the members present. Ms. Arnold reported that between August 1, 2011 and February 29, 2012 the office had received 10 new applications and issued 12 new licenses. She reported that the total number of active acupuncturists is 124 with 48% of those renewing their license on-line, and that there are 24 active ADS'.

Bureau Office

Ms. Otto, Executive Director, reported that \$61,549.31 is the final number for the cumulative carryover for FY 2011.

Division of Investigations

Ms. Juanita Stone reported for the Division of Investigations that there were five open cases (2 being investigated and 3 waiting for review).

Disciplinary Coordinator

Ms. Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported that there were no acupuncturists currently being monitored in the Disciplinary Coordinator's office.

CME – Continuing Medical Education Audit

Ms. Otto reported that 86% the committee's licensees audited were in compliance. She explained to the Committee the procedures utilized by the audit unit which included a random selection of 3-5% of all licensees renewing each month. Those licensees are requested to provide documentation that demonstrates compliance with the Committee's continuing education rules..

File Review and Approval of Applications

Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the list of new applications for licensure as presented and Ms. Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The following people were approved for licensure: William Christopher Alexander, Christina Theresa Arbogast Woolard, Shelia Ann Berry-Sanders, Kymberly Black-Caporale, Bettina B. Phillips Harris, Heather Nichole Mathews Helton, Michael Douglas Holt, Zion Hsi-Sheng Huang, Stephen Phillip Parker, Herbert Frank Thompson, Ning Wang, and Lily Grace Wei. Those reinstating: Wayne Haden Stephens, and Brian Hugh Wilson. The list will be presented to the Board of Medical Examiners for ratification at their March 27, 2012 meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Committee is scheduled for August 20, 2012 in the Poplar Room at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

These minutes were ratified by the full Committee August 20, 2012.