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ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEBINAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Committee Members Present: Kristine McGinley, L.Ac., AEMP
Inderjeet Ramgotra, AEMP, Chair
Yiwen Su, AEMP
Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP, Vice-Chair

Committee Members Absent: Lisa Miller, Public Member

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Patience Roquemore, Administrative Assistant
Karen Gohlsen, Assistant Program Manager

Others Present: Benjamin Boonchai Apichai
Leslie Emerick, Policy Director, Washington Acupuncture
and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA)
Dr. Chaiya Sherman, President, WAEMA

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Inderjeet Ramgotra, AEMP, Chair.

1.1 Introductions of committee members and staff

The committee members and staff were introduced.

1.2 Public Comment – The public will have an opportunity to provide comments. If you would like to comment during this time, please limit your comments to two minutes.

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Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The committee members reviewed and discussed the agenda. A motion was made by Lisa vanHaagen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1.4 Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2022

A motion was made by Lisa vanHaagen to approve the November 4, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the November 4, 2022 webinar meeting minutes as presented.

2. 2023 LEGISLATION UPDATE

2.1 Department of Health weekly legislative update call – Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP will provide an update to the committee.

Ms. vanHaagen presented an update on how the weekly legislative update call is now formatted. She provided an update on SSHB 1309 Intramuscular needling for physical therapists and on the Naturopathic scope of practice bill.

2.2 2023 Legislation Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

Ms. Crawford provided an update on the following bills:

- HB 1039 – Intramuscular needling
- SB 5481 – Uniform telemedicine
- HB 1503 – Collection of healthcare information

Leslie Emerick provided an update on:

- HB 1508 – Improving consumer affordability through the health care cost transparency board
- HB 1655 – Provider contract compensation
- HB 1039 – Intramuscular needling

3. ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2021 – 2023 BUSINESS PLAN

Ms. Brown provided members with information on the 2021 – 2023 business plan. She reminded the committee members that this is a living document that is placed on each agenda for review and suggested changes. The members will be presented the 2023 – 2025 business plan at the next meeting.

4. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Information provided to the committee by the program manager and executive director.

4.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford presented an updated budget report to the committee. Revenue continues to exceed expenditures. The positive fund balance continues to increase. Program staff will continue to monitor and provide updates to the committee.

4.2 Updated credentialing and disciplinary report

Ms. Brown provided an updated licensing and disciplinary statistics report showing the number of licensees. The report listed the following:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	AEMP LICENSURE
Active	1,552
Inactive	50
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	3
Suspended	3
Active with Conditions	1
Active on Probation	1

4.3 Fee Study

Ms. Crawford informed the committee that the department is currently in process of completing the CR-103 to finalize the fee rules. Information will be sent out by staff on GovDelivery once the CR-103 has been filed. The effective date of the fees is June 1, 2023.

4.4 Other

The April 14, 2023 meeting has been changed from a hybrid meeting to a webinar meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee’s information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

- Copy of letter to Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA) on microneedling and the use of topical anesthetics.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2023 – 2025 Business Plan
- Budget report
- HELMS Update
- Health equity rule update
- Update on masking requirements – What does the CDC recommend?
- Consider rule making for point injection therapy

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the webinar meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023. The next committee is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2023 by webinar. Update meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.

8. RULE WORKSHOP

The department took input on draft rule language for Health Equity continuing education.