



## ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 16, 2021

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On Friday, July 16, 2021, the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Advisory Committee met by webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

Members Present:                Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM  
   Lisa Miller, Public Member  
   Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair  
   Yiwen Su, EAMP  
   Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP, Vice-Chair

Members Absent:                No members were absent

Staff Present:                    Vicki Brown, Program Manager  
   Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
   Sandie Pearson, Assistant Program Manager  
   Julianne Koller, Policy Analyst  
   Miceal Carnahan, Budget Analyst  
   Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present:                 Leslie Suggett  
   Leslie Emerick  
   Anna Flies  
   Shelia Ivanov  
   Billie Dickinson  
   Melissa Johnson

**OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The open session meeting of the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Advisory Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021 by Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair.

1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff and audience members were introduced.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed and approved the July 16, 2021 meeting agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2021

A motion was made by Lisa vanHaagen and seconded by Lisa Miller to approve the February 12, 2021 meeting minutes as written. The committee voted in favor of the motion and the February 12, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**2. PRESENTATION ON THE 02G FUND AND HOW IT OPERATES – Miceal Carnahan**

Miceal Carnahan, Budget Analyst presented information to the committee on the 02G fund. She explained that the 02G fund is the health professions account. Each health profession is funded by the licensure fees. Each profession has its own fund/budget within the 02G account.

**3. 2021 LEGISLATION UPDATE**

3.1 Department of Health Weekly Legislative Update conference call – Update - Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP and Lisa Miller, Public Member

Ms. vanHaagen provided information to committee members about legislation that will impact the profession. She shared information on Senate Bill (SB) 5229 - Concerning health equity continuing education for health care professionals. SB 5229 is scheduled to be implemented by January 1, 2024. This bill involves requiring health equity continuing education courses for licensed health professionals.

SB 5018 – Concerning acupuncture and Eastern medicine also passed. This bill amends RCW 18.06.010 and RCW 18.06.230.

3.2 2021 Legislation Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

Ms. Crawford provided additional information on SB 5229. She shared that the department will write model rules regarding health equity continuing education. The department will be reaching out to the professions for input.

Ms. Crawford also shared that the committee will be working on drafting rules for SB 5018.

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

4.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

The committee was presented a budget report. The report shows the profession has a healthy budget. An updated budget report will be presented at the next meeting.

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:

<b>CREDENTIAL STATUS</b>	<b>AEMP LICENSURE</b>
Active	1,558
Inactive	49
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	3
Suspended	1
Active with Conditions	0
Active on Probation	1

4.3 Update on rules for Chapter 246-803 WAC

Ms. Brown shared that the CR-103 was filed with the Code Reviser on April 8, 2021. The new rules were effective on May 9, 2021. The new rules include continuing education requirements, changing the name from East Asian to acupuncture and Eastern medicine throughout the chapter as well as other “housekeeping” changes. Information on the new rules will be included on license and renewal notices sent to practitioners.

4.4 Other

There was no other business presented to the committee at this time.

**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.

There was nothing presented for the consent agenda at this time.

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Fee Study
- HELMS update
- CE Implementation
- Rules update for SB 5018

## 7. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Leslie Emerick shared that the Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA) had provided extensive training on the new CE requirements.

Leslie Suggett thanked the committee for their work and wanted to commend practitioners on how they handled itself during the pandemic.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2021 at the Department of Health, Creekside Two Center Point. Updated meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine webpage.

**10:00 a.m.**

9. **RULES WORKSHOP** – The department will be reviewing chapter 246-803 WAC to begin the rules drafting process.

The department conducted a rules workshop to draft rule language to implement SB 5018 - Concerning acupuncture and Eastern medicine. SB 5018 amends RCW 18.06.010 and RCW 18.06.230.