



ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 11, 2022

Committee Members Present:	Inderjeet Ramgotra, AEMP, Chair Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP, Vice-Chair Lisa Miller, Public Member Yiwen Su, AEMP
Committee Members Absent:	Jacob Godwin, AEMP, DAOM
Staff Present:	Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4 Trina Crawford, Executive Director Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1 Anthony Partridge, Policy Analyst Stephanie Vaughn, Rules Manager Jake Miller, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Others Present:	Donna Pitman Helen Saunders Jonathan Simon Leslie Emerick, Public Policy Advisor, Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Inderjeet Ramgotra, AEMP, Chair.

1.1 Introductions

The committee members, staff, and audience were introduced.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee members reviewed and discussed the agenda. Lisa vanHaagen suggested adding an item to discuss the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission's (NCQAC's) advisory opinion on medical acupuncture. A motion was made to add Item 5 – NCQAC – Medical Acupuncture and renumber the remaining agenda items.

The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2021

A motion was made by Lisa Miller to approve the November 12, 2021, webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the November 12, 2021, webinar meeting minutes as presented.

2. ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL (ESSB) 5229 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS – HEALTH EQUITY CONTINUING EDUCATION

Stephanie Vaughn provided an abbreviated presentation on HE 5229. The bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to draft model rules for continuing education for health equity. DOH has held two listening sessions and have scheduled additional sessions. Ms. vanHaagen shared that she had participated in a listening session and that it focused on barriers to health care. Ms. vanHaagen encouraged committee members to participate in future listening sessions.

3. 2022 LEGISLATION UPDATE

3.1 Department of Health weekly legislative update call – Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP and Lisa Miller, Public member provided an update to the committee.

Ms. Miller shared that during the calls there was no legislation discussed that specifically pertained to the profession of acupuncture. She also shared that the format of the calls had changed.

Ms. vanHaagen shared that a bill had been introduced by the Physical Therapy Association, however the bill did not pass.

3.2 2022 Legislation Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

Ms. Crawford stated that any bills that may directly impact the profession have been shelved at this time as they did not make it out of the applicable legislative committee.

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

The committee reviewed and discussed the updated 2021 – 2023 business plan. Ms. Brown shared that the business plan presented had updated dates. The business plan is a living document and can be edited and updated as the committee sees fit.

5. NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION (NCQAC) AND MEDICAL ACUPUNCTURE

Ms. vanHaagen said she attended the NCQAC meeting in January and the commission discussed medical acupuncture and wanting to add it to their profession. Medical acupuncture is a trade-marked name and the 300-hour course is taught to medical doctors.

In an advisory opinion in 2013 medical acupuncture was added to the ARNP scope of practice. At that time NCQAC determined additional work needed to be done on the advisory opinion.

Ms. Crawford will reach out to NCQAC. She will also work with Mr. Miller, AAG to determine the appropriate next steps for the committee. An update will be provided at the next committee meeting.

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

6.1 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. This has prompted a fee study to determine if a fee reduction is needed. Program staff will continue to monitor and provide updates to the committee.

6.2 Updated credentialing and disciplinary report

Ms. Brown provided an updated licensing and disciplinary statistics report showing the number of licensees as of January 31, 2022. The report listed the following:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	AEMP LICENSURE
Active	1,570
Inactive	47
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	0
Suspended	0
Active with Conditions	0
Active on Probation	0

6.3 Update on rules for Senate Bill (SB) 5018

Ms. Brown shared that she is finalizing the significant analysis and returning the draft rule to the rules management system to be moved forward. The rules will be filed, and a rules hearing will be scheduled. The rules need to be adopted by July 1, 2022.

6.4 Other

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

7. 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.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Fee Study
- HELMS Update
- Continuing Education
- Health Equity Presentation – Ashley Bell
- NCQAC update

9. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Emerick provided information to the committee regarding additional legislation that is currently working through the legislative process.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2022 by webinar. Updated meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.