



ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, May 19, 2025

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: Department of Health
111 Israel Rd. S.E
Tumwater, WA 98501
Room 153
and by Webinar

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CHRISTINA JACKSON, AEMP; PHILLIP PADEFORD, PUBLIC MEMBER;
KRISTINE MCGINLEY, L.AC., AEMP, VICE-CHAIR; YIWEN SU, AEMP;
LISA VANHAAGEN, AEMP, CHAIR

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Times and Order: The open session meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025 and continue until all agenda items are complete. This agenda schedule may change, and items may not be taken in order of the agenda. The committee will adjourn for the evening as determined by the agenda and the members. This agenda is subject to change.

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OPEN SESSION – 10:30 a.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Introductions of committee members, staff, and audience
- 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. Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda
- 1.4 Approval of November 18, 2024 meeting minutes
- 1.5 Approval of the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes

2. CREDENTIALING REPORT- Britni McLucas, Deputy Credentialing Manager, will present to the committee.

3. 2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- The committee will be provided with an update on legislation that may impact the profession- Adriana Barcena, Program Manager

4. NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM) MONTHLY UPDATES- The committee will receive updates from meetings that occurred from February- April- Kristine McGinley, L.Ac.

5. UPDATE ON DRY NEEDLING/INTRAMUSCULAR THERAPY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN WASHINGTON STATE- Adriana Barcena, Program Manager

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

6.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

6.2 CR 101 Update: WAC 246-803-103 Application requirements for applicants from foreign schools; WAC 246-803-240 Examinations- Occupational English Test

7. RULES WORKSHOP- The department and committee will review WAC 246-803-103 Application Requirements for Applicants from Foreign Schools and WAC 246-803-240 Examinations to begin the rules drafting process.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Budget report
- HELMS update
- Rules update
- Disciplinary Report

8. ADJOURNMENT

May 19, 2025, Business meeting can be attended at the physical location and remotely via Webinar.

Physical Location:

Department of Health
TC2, Room 153
111 Isael Rd. S.E.
Tumwater, WA 98501

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 18, 2024

Committee Members Present:	Christina Jackson, AEMP Kristine McGinley, L.Ac., AEMP, Vice-Chair Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP, Chair Yiwen Su, AEMP Phillip Padelford, Public Member
Staff Present:	Adriana Barcena, Program Manager Trina Crawford, Executive Director Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff Attorney Cassandra Gerard, Program Support Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst Jeff Orwig, Finance Officer
Others Present:	Elizabeth Denton, Occupational English Test Leslie Emerick, Policy Director, WAEMA Chaiya Sherman, President, WAEMA Susan Shultz, WAEMA Sharonne O'Shea Ingrid Hudakova

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m. by Lisa vanHaagen, Chair.

- 1.1 Introductions of committee members and staff.
 - The committee members, staff, and audience 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. Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.

- Ms. Emerick, Policy Director for the Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA), shared the benefit under Medicaid for Acupuncture is on hold due to next year's budget cuts.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

- Ms. Barcena requested to amend the agenda to include item 8.2 – Washington State Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA) rule petition.
- A motion was made to approve the November 18, 2024 agenda with requested amendments.
- The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the November 18, 2024 agenda as amended.

1.4 Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2024

- The committee discussed including the discussion of ultrasound to the minutes.
- Ms. Crawford suggested including the topic as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- A motion was made to approve the July 26, 2024 minutes.
- The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the July 26, 2024 minutes.

2. COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT UPDATE – staff provided a committee member update.

- Ms. Barcena shared the committee has been recruiting for a public member.
- The Secretary has appointed Phillip Padelford and he has accepted the position.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – the committee nominated and elected chair and vice-chair for the 2025 calendar year.

- Lisa vanHaagen was nominated and unanimously elected as Chair for the 2025 calendar year.
- Kristine McGinley was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for the 2025 calendar year.

4. 2025 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS – the committee determined 2025 meeting dates and locations.

Meeting Date	Location	Start time
January 27, 2025	Hybrid – Tumwater	9:30 a.m.
May 19, 2025	Hybrid – Kent Commons Facility	10:30 a.m.
August 18, 2025	Hybrid – Kent Commons Facility	10:30 a.m.
November 17, 2025	Hybrid – Kent Commons Facility	10:30 a.m.

- Updated meeting information will be posted to the Acupuncture and Eastern practitioner webpage.

5. LEGISLATIVE MEET-ME-CALL PARTICIPANT – The committee determined and voted on who will be the legislative liaison and meet me call participant for the 2025 legislative session.

- The committee delegated Christina Jackson as the 2025 legislative liaison with Lisa vanHaagen as secondary.
- The committee delegated Kristine McGinley as the 2025 meet me call participant with Lisa vanHaagen as secondary.

6. NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM) MONTHLY UPDATES – the committee received updates from meetings that occurred July-October by Ms. McGinley.

- Ms. McGinley outlined the main points discussed during the NCCAOM monthly meetings she attended.
- Ms. McGinley was unable to attend the September 18, 2024 meeting. She requested the recording from NCCAOM and will share with the committee once received.
- Ms. McGinley shared the October 24, 2024 meeting included a discussion with the national leaders of the AHM Coalition. The topics included advancing Chinese medicine in the United States and integrating acupuncture into the American healthcare system.
- Ms. McGinley reviewed the October 30, 2024 meeting which gave detailed information on Medicare and Medicaid acupuncture coverage.
- The committee discussed US House Bill H.R. 3133 and the differences in insurance coverage of acupuncture procedures and practitioners.
- Ms. Sherman commented that several local Medicare plans are dropping acupuncture coverage in the next year.

7. UPDATE ON DRY NEEDLING/INTRAMUSCULAR THERAPY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN WASHINGTON STATE – the committee received an update from Ms. vanHaagen.

- Ms. vanHaagen shared the information provided by the Board of Physical Therapy on the intramuscular needling endorsement process.
- As of November 14, 2024, a total of 72 intramuscular needling endorsements have been issued.
- Three acupuncture and eastern medicine practitioners are supervising the physical therapists for the clinical review hours.
- Ms. vanHaagen shared the physical therapist intramuscular needling endorsement application packet, current fees, and intramuscular needling informed consent form.
- The committee discussed the complaint and discipline process of a physical therapist engaged in unlicensed practice of acupuncture.

8. RULE PETITION – the committee reviewed and discussed the rules petition.

8.1 Occupational English Test (OET) request to accept exam as an option for English verification for applicants who have taken required NCCAOM examinations in other languages.

- Ms. Barcena explained ibTOEFL is the only exam currently accepted and referred to [WAC 246-803-240](#).
- The committee discusses the differences in the ibTOEFL and OET exams.
- A motion was made to open rules to explore inclusion of the OET as an accepted exam.
- The motion was moved, seconded and unanimously passed.

8.2 Washington State Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA)

- Ms. Barcena shared WAEMA submitted a rules petition to clarify if oxygen can be used in treatment outside of emergencies and to expand scope of practice to include ozone treatment. The petition was received July 22, 2024 and denied due to limitations in statutory authority.
- Ms. Shultz shared her appeal to the petition denial she received on September 17, 2024. She refers to [RCW 18.06.010](#) that states oxygen can be used for patient care. Ms. Shultz asks for ozone to be recognized as a nutritional substance and to consider the naturopathic scope of practice [18.36A.040](#).
- The committee discusses the appeal and considers providing feedback to the Secretary.
- Ms. Knieps clarifies this committee does not have the authority to change the RCW and the legal analysis has been provided.

9. LICENSURE – APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – the committee reviewed application and eligibility for initial licensure.

- Ms. Barcena explained the current rules for initial licensure for approved and foreign schools do not require “active practice” like those outlined for licensees with an expired license of over three years.
- The committee discussed and decided not to update the rules to align licensing requirements.
- The Secretary will review unique applications on a case-by-case basis.
- Ms. Hudakova shared her experience in obtaining an acupuncture and eastern medicine practitioner license in Washington state.
- Ms. Crawford suggested the credentialing team needs to review Ms. Hudakova’s individual application.

10. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – information was provided to the committee by the program manager and executive director.

10.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

- Ms. Crawford presented the budget report to the committee. The fund balance has continued to decline as expected and no rate changes are suggested at this time.

10.2 Updated credentialing and disciplinary report

- Ms. Barcena provided an updated licensing and disciplinary statistics report. The report listed the following:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	AEMP LICENSURE
Active	1,623
Inactive	37
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	3
Suspended	5
Active on Probation	0

10.3 Update on CR-103 Education and Training for Point Injection Therapy

- Ms. Barcena shared the CR-103 was submitted and is still in the internal review process.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Budget report
- HELMS update
- Power of Providers (POP) presentation

12. ADJOURNMENT

- The business meeting was adjourned at 1:51p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025.

Updated meeting information will be posted to the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine practitioner webpage.



ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2025

- Committee Members Present: Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP, Chair
Kristine McGinley, L.Ac., AEMP, Vice-Chair
Yiwen Su, AEMP
Phillip Padelford, Public Member
- Committee Members Absent: Christina Jackson, AEMP
- Staff Present: Adriana Barcena, Program Manager
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff Attorney
Cassandra Gerard, Program Support
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst
- Others Present: Leslie Emerick, Policy Director, WAEMA

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Lisa vanHaagen, Chair.

- 1.1 Introductions of committee members and staff.
- The committee members, staff, and audience 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. Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.
- No public comments were directed to the committee at this time.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

- Ms. vanHaagen requested to amend the agenda to include item 5 - Update on Dry Needling/Intramuscular Therapy for Physical Therapists in Washington State.
- A motion was made to approve the January 27, 2025 agenda with the requested amendment.
- The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the January 27, 2025 agenda as amended.

1.4 Approval of July 26, 2024 revised meeting minutes

- A motion was made to approve the revised July 26, 2024 minutes.
- The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the revised July 26, 2024 minutes.

1.5 Approval of November 18, 2024 meeting minutes

- Ms. McGinley requested to amend Item 5 to state the committee delegated Kristine McGinley as the 2025 meet me call participant with Lisa vanHaagen as secondary.
- Ms. McGinley requested to amend Item 9 to clarify the Secretary will review unique applications on a case-by-case basis.
- The November 18, 2024 meeting minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting after corrections are made.

2. 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE – the committee received an update on the 2025 meeting locations.

- Ms. Barcena explained there is a state budget freeze in effect and staff are not authorized to travel at this time.
- A motion was made for 2025 physical meeting locations to be held in Tumwater, WA with an option to join virtually.
- The motion was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

3. 2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – the committee received an update on legislation that may impact the profession.

- Ms. Barcena provided an update to the committee on the legislative session that started on January 13, 2025.
- The department will notify legislative liaisons of bill updates by email rather than weekly meetings.

- Ms. Barcena described Senate Bill 5254 regarding patient rights to access and protecting their healthcare information.
- Ms. Barcena described House Bill 1507 that proposes limiting healthcare nondisclosure agreements between healthcare providers and patients related to medical malpractice, or any tort or crime.
- Ms. Emerick shared Senate Bill 5242 proposes an interactive screening program to improve access to behavioral health might increase licensure fees.
- Ms. Emerick also shared House Bill 1034 cannot be amended to include physical treatment as a non-opioid drug treatment of pain.

4. NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM) MONTHLY UPDATES – the committee received an update from meetings that occurred from November–January from Ms. McGinley.

- Ms. McGinley attended the NCCAOM town hall meetings on December 4, 2024 and January 22, 2025.
- Ms. McGinley provided the NCCAOM town hall meeting presentations for the committee’s review. She provided a brief description of the topics covered including the AHM coalition, NCCAOM standards, and the current strategy for acupuncturists to become recognized as providers by Medicare.

5. UPDATE ON DRY NEEDLING/INTRAMUSCULAR THERAPY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN WASHINGTON STATE – the committee received an update from Ms. vanHaagen.

- Ms. vanHaagen attended the December 9, 2024 Board of Physical Therapy meeting.
- The Board of Physical Therapy has discontinued tracking intramuscular needling endorsement application data.
- Ms. vanHaagen stated it would be useful for the committee to know on an annual basis how many intramuscular needling endorsements have been issued to physical therapists.
- Ms. Barcena will reach out to the HELMS team and Board of Physical Therapy program manager for more details on what intramuscular needling endorsement data will be collected in the new licensing system.
- Ms. Barcena will distribute the Physical Therapist Intramuscular Needling Endorsement Application Packet to the committee members to review.

6. 2025-2027 BUSINESS PLAN – the committee voted to adopt.

- Ms. Barcena provided the committee a copy of the 2025-2027 business plan.
- No suggestions were made by the committee.
- A motion was made to adopt the 2025-2027 business plan.

- The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – information was provided to the committee by the program manager and executive director.

7.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

- Ms. Crawford presented the budget report and answered questions from the committee.

7.2 Updated credentialing and disciplinary report

- Ms. Barcena provided an updated licensing and disciplinary statistics report. The report listed the following:

CREDENTIAL STATUS	AEMP LICENSURE
Active	1,634
Inactive	36
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	3
Suspended	5
Active on Probation	0

7.3 CR 101 Update: WAC 246-803-103 Application requirements for applicants from foreign schools; WAC 246-803-240 Examinations-Occupational English Test

- Ms. Barcena shared the CR-101 package was submitted and is in the internal review process.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Budget report
- HELMS update
- Rules update
- Committee Member Training

8. ADJOURNMENT

- The business meeting was adjourned at 10:24a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025.

Updated meeting information will be posted to the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine practitioner webpage.

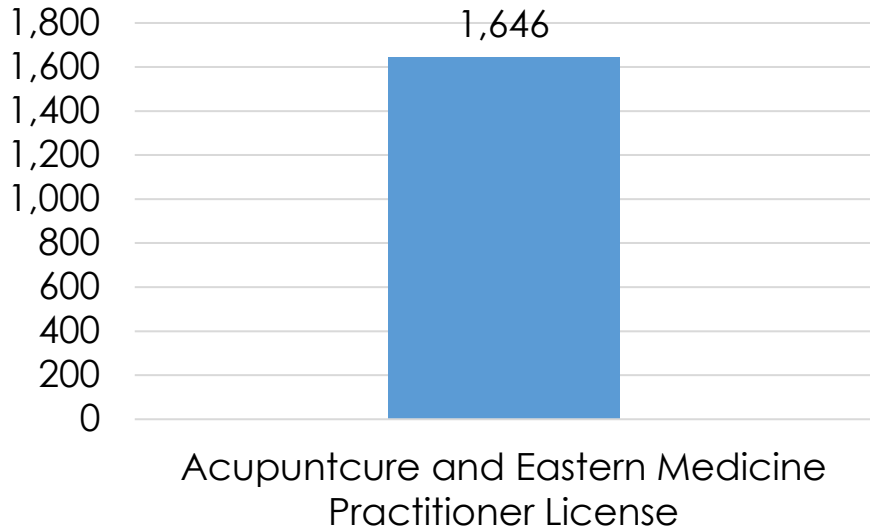
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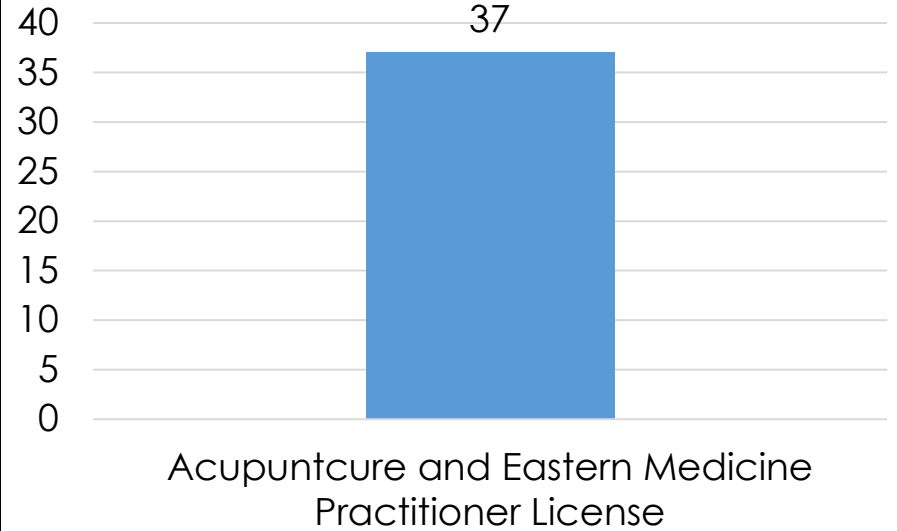
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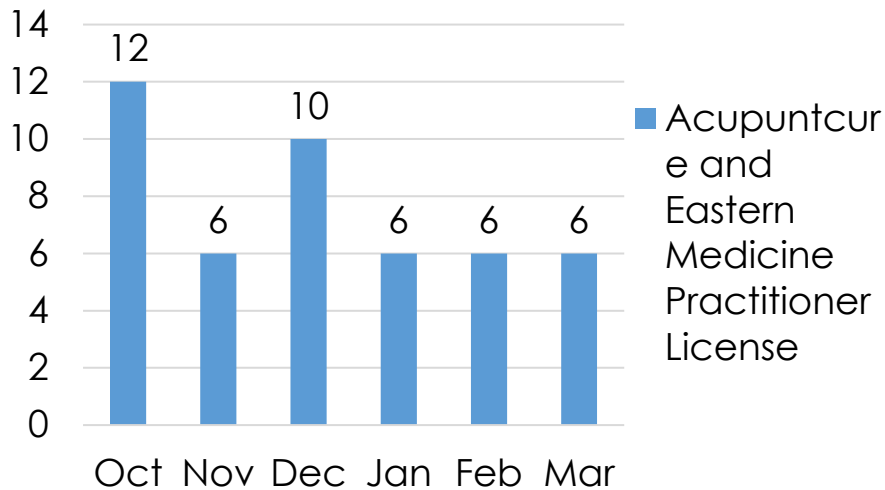
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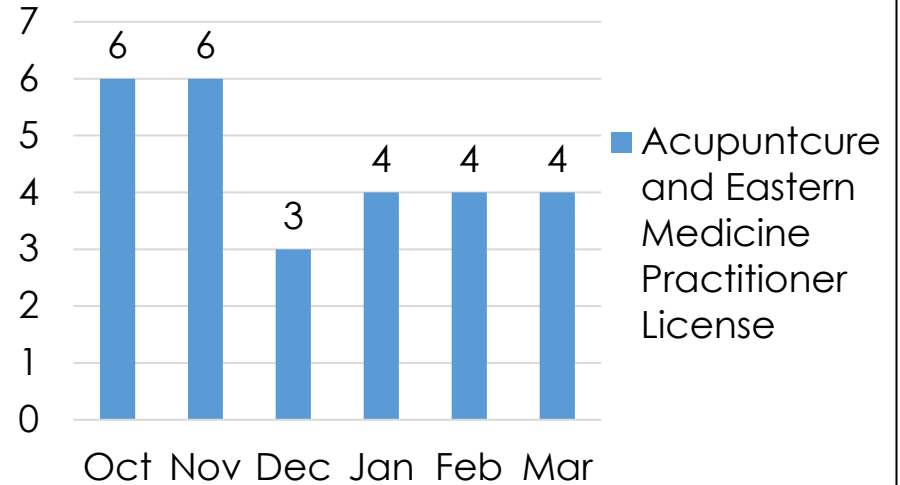
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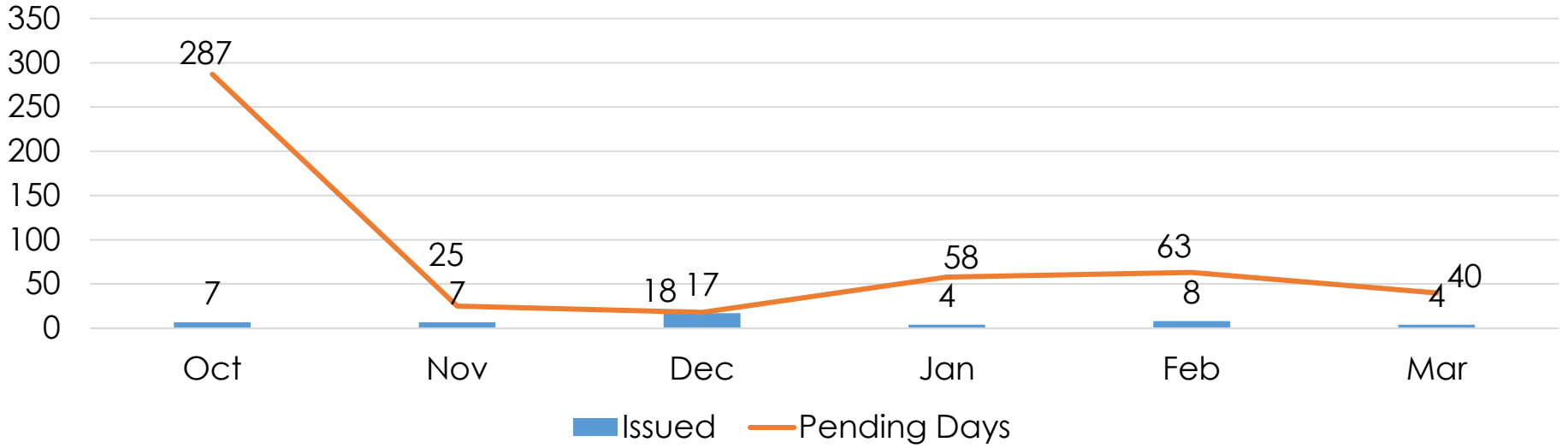
Applications Received



Credentials Expiring by Month



Overall Application Processing Time



Updates:

Contact Information

DOH website: www.doh.wa.gov

Licensing/Certification link for requirements and forms and the
Provider Credential Search link for credential status

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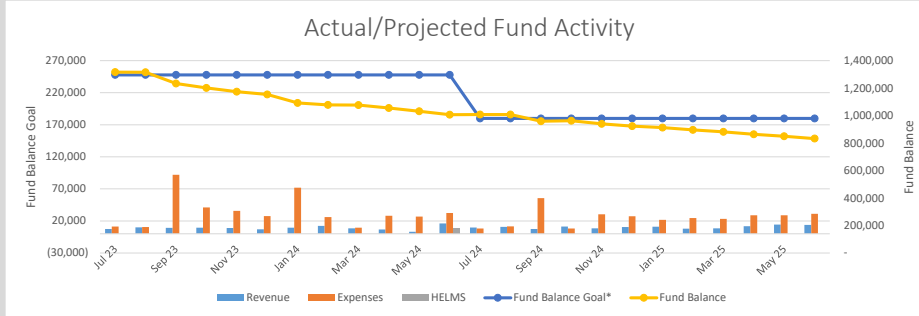


**Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Practitioner
Budget Status Report**

PM: Adriana Barcena

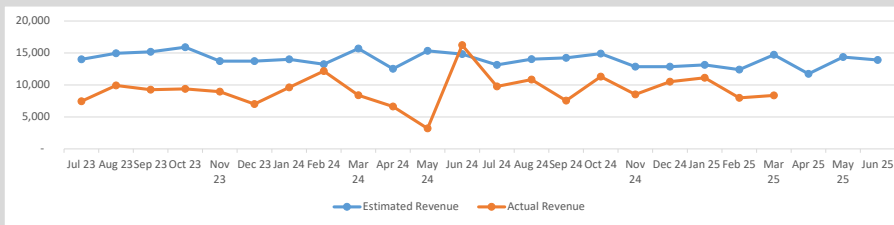
For the Period of July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025

Beginning Fund Balance on July 1, 2023	\$1,320,013	
Revenue To-Date	194,153	
23-25 HELMS Assessment To-Date	8,946	
Expenses To-Date	623,768	
Period Ending Fund Balance	\$881,453	(\$438,561)



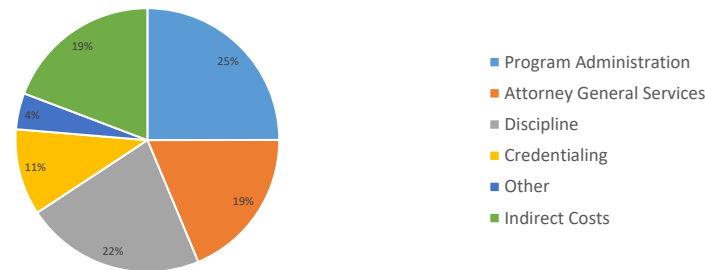
REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	VARIANCE	% OF ESTIMATED
To-Date	295,394	194,153	(101,241)	66%
Biennium Total	335,396			

Fee decrease 6/1/2023



EXPENSES	TOTAL BIEN BUDGET	BUDGET TO-DATE	EXPENSES TO-DATE	VARIANCE TO-DATE	VARIANCE TO-DATE %
Staff Salaries and Benefits	190,956	166,722	144,508	22,214	13.3%
Committee Pay	3,168	2,772	1,650	1,122	40.5%
Expert Witness Contracts	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Attorney General Services	36,096	31,584	116,765	(85,181)	-269.7%
Settlement & Other Litigation Costs	(1,800)	(1,575)	0	(1,575)	100.0%
Goods and Services	3,353	2,933	2,880	53	1.8%
Travel	7,008	6,132	5,925	207	3.4%
Equipment	1,200	1,050	857	193	18.4%
Intra-Agency Charges - Discipline	131,163	126,256	137,471	(11,215)	-8.9%
Intra-Agency Charges - Credentialing	72,990	68,719	66,013	2,706	3.9%
Intra-Agency Charges - Other	34,732	30,433	27,704	2,729	9.0%
Total Direct Costs	478,866	435,026	503,772	(68,746)	-15.8%
Indirect Costs	135,040	118,160	119,996	(1,835)	-1.6%
Grand Total	613,906	553,186	623,768	(70,582)	-12.8%

Expenses - Cost Categories



Budget Notes:

* Fund Balance Goal is 60% of annual expenditures



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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DATE: January 22, 2025

TIME: 5:39 PM

WSR 25-04-007

Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioners - Expanding opportunities for English based examination requirements. The Department of Health (department), in consultation with the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Advisory Committee (committee), is considering amending WAC 246-803-103, Application Requirements for Applicants from Foreign Schools and WAC 246-803-240, Examinations, to allow the acceptance of the Occupational English Test (OET).

Expanding English based examination may provide more options for Washington State acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner licensing applicants who have completed the required National Certification Commission of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) examinations in languages other than English. English based examinations are necessary as acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioners are required to demonstrate sufficient fluency in reading, speaking, and understanding English. The department in consultation with the committee may consider amendments to other relevant application and examination requirement rule sections in chapter 246-803 WAC.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.06.080 and RCW 18.06.160

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department received a petition on March 06, 2024, requesting rulemaking for the acceptance of the OET. After careful consideration, the department agreed to explore potential rule making.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rulemaking, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click on "Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Practitioners."

Date: January 22, 2025

Name: Kristin Peterson, JD for Jessica Todorovich, MS

Title: Chief of Policy for Acting Secretary of Health

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristin Peterson".

WAC 246-803-130 Application requirements for applicants

from foreign schools. (1) An applicant for an acupuncturist or acupuncturist and Eastern medicine practitioner license who has graduated from a foreign acupuncturist or Eastern medicine practitioner program not accredited, or approved by the secretary must:

(a) Have at least a bachelor's or master's degree in Eastern medicine or acupuncturist from an institution of higher learning which is approved by the foreign country's ministry of education/health, or other governmental entity;

(b) Have graduated from a program of Eastern medicine or acupuncturist education with requirements substantially equal to those required of graduates of secretary-approved programs; and

(c) Demonstrate fluency in reading, speaking, and understanding the English language by taking the examinations required in WAC 246-803-240 (2) (a) through (c) in English or ~~by~~ successfully pass an English proficiency examination approved the secretary passage of the test of English as a foreign language in WAC 246-803-240(3).

(2) An applicant for an acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner license must submit to the department:

(a) A completed application.

(b) The application fee required under WAC 246-803-990.

(c) Original copy of school transcripts from the Eastern medicine or acupuncture program showing degree and degree date.

(d) A credentialing evaluation report from the International Consultants of Delaware (ICD).

(e) Verification of clinical training as required in WAC 246-803-230.

(f) Verification of successful completion of the examinations as required in WAC 246-803-240.

(g) Verification of all acupuncturist, acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner or health care licenses held, submitted directly from the licensing agency. The verification shall include the license number, issue date, expiration date and whether the acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner has been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action.

(h) Verification of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification. The training in CPR shall consist of a minimum of one quarter credit or equivalent. Red Cross certification or documentation of equivalent training may be substituted for the one quarter credit.

(i) Any additional documents requested by the secretary.

(3) The department recognizes the ICD for credential evaluations. The applicant shall request that the ICD send their evaluation directly to the department. To obtain a credentialing evaluation report, the applicant shall submit to the ICD:

(a) Transcripts;

(b) Appropriate fees; and

(c) Other requested documentation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.06.160, chapter 18.06 RCW, 2019 c 308, 2020 c 229 and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-09-008, § 246-803-130, filed 4/8/21, effective 5/9/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.06.160. WSR 20-03-112, § 246-803-130, filed 1/15/20, effective 2/15/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.06.160 and 2015 c 60. WSR 16-01-158, § 246-803-130, filed 12/21/15, effective 1/21/16. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.06 RCW and 2010 c 286. WSR 11-17-105, § 246-803-130, filed 8/22/11, effective 9/22/11.]

WAC 246-803-240 Examinations. (1) The examinations administered by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) are the official examinations for licensure as an acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner.

(2) An applicant for licensure as an acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner must pass the following examinations:

- (a) Foundations of Oriental medicine examination;
- (b) Acupuncture with point location examination;
- (c) Biomedicine examination; and
- (d) Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and ~~Herbal~~Oriental Medicine (CCA~~H~~OM) clean needle technique course.

(3) If the applicant takes the examinations listed in subsection (2) of this section in a language other than English, they must ~~also~~ successfully pass an English proficiency examination approved by the secretary. take and pass the internet-based test of English as a foreign language (ibTOEFL) examination with an overall score of not less than 89. This is done by obtaining scores on the ibTOEFL of at least:

~~(a) Twenty-four on the writing section;~~

~~(b) Twenty-six on the speaking section;~~

~~(c) Twenty-one on the reading section; and~~

~~(d) Eighteen on the listening comprehension section.~~

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