



ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 14, 2023

Committee Members Present: Lisa Miller, Public Member
Kristine McGinley, L.Ac., AEMP
Inderjeet Ramgotra, AEMP, Chair
Lisa vanHaagen, AEMP, Vice-Chair

Committee Members Absent: Yiwen Su, AEMP

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Adriana Barcena, Program Support
Lilia Lopez, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

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

OPEN SESSION – 10:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the business meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Inderjeet Ramgotra, AEMP, Chair.

1.1 Introductions of committee members and staff

The committee members, staff and audience were introduced.

1.2 Approval of July 14, 2023 Agenda

The committee members reviewed and discussed the agenda.
Ms. Ramgotra requests amendment to include letter received from the Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association petition for rule amendment.

Ms. VanHaagen requests amendment of agenda to include Item 5.6 as the discussion of assigning a committee member delegate to attend physical therapy rule making as it relates to dry needling.

Ms. McGinley motions to approve the July 14, 2023, twice amended agenda. The motion was seconded, the committee unanimously approved the amended July 14 agenda.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. McGinley to approve the February 17, 2023, webinar meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the February 17, 2023, webinar meeting minutes as presented.

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.

There are no public comments at this time.

3. 2023 LEGISLATION UPDATE

3.1 Department of Health weekly legislative update call

Ms. VanHaagen provided updates that include the passage of SHB 1039 Intramuscular needling that will be effective July 23, 2023.

3.2 2023 Legislation Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

Ms. Crawford provided updates on legislation affecting health professions.

HB 1009 will require the Department to issue a temporary license to a military spouse who is licensed or credentialed in another state that has substantially equivalent standards as Washington.

HB 1503 – The Department will be required to collect certain demographic data information for all licensees and upon initial application and renewal of their credential. This would include race, gender, ethnicity, language spoken and specialty if applicable. This will be effective January 2025.

HB 1724 includes reciprocity with other states that have substantially equivalent standards as Washington State, if somebody is licensed in another state with no

disciplinary action on their credential for at least two years without a break of active practice of greater than 90 days.

Leslie Emerick, Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA), shares the final budget bill. The starting date for acupuncture and chiropractic to be covered by Medicaid is now January 1, 2025.

4. ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 – 2025 BUSINESS PLAN

The committee reviewed the 2023 – 2025 business plan and may suggest recommendations.

Ms. McGinley recommends Goal 4 to include additional training for advisory committee members as to what is allowable when participating in other activities that include association participation.

The committee will contact Ms. Brown should there be any further recommendations or comments related to the business plan.

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 from the Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA) petitioning for a rule amendment to WAC 246-803-040 Education and training for point injection therapy.

The committee reviewed the submission of rule making petition from Dr. Sherman and Dr. Duarte.

Ms. Brown explains the process of petition for rule making. In this case, staff did agree and sent a letter of agreement in addition to filing a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to begin the rulemaking process for point injection therapy.

Ms. Brown shared the process of rulemaking to newer committee members.

William Duarte provided background on why he has requested a rule change to the point injection therapy training and training requirements.

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

6.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

The committee reviewed the budget report.

Ms. Crawford shared the current revenue is exceeding the expenditures. Overall, the budget is still healthy and has resulted in a fee decrease that was effective June 1, 2023.

6.2 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	1,569
Inactive	47
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	3
Suspended	3
Active with Conditions	1
Active on Probation	0

6.3 Update on Health Equity Continuing Education rule.

Ms. Brown shared the Health Equity Continuing Education rule hearing is scheduled for today, July 14 and interested parties can participate online by Zoom.

6.4 Recruitment Update

Ms. Brown confirms she is currently recruiting a public member as Ms. Miller's term will be ending and is not eligible for reappointment.

Ms. Ramgotra is also serving her last term.

Mr. Su is eligible for reappointment and has requested reappointment.

6.5 Discuss November 3, 2023 meeting

The committee discussed the options for their November committee meeting.

The committee is unanimously in agreement for an in-person meeting at Center Point Conference Center in Kent with an 11:00 a.m. start time.

6.6 Other

Ms. VanHaagen requests authorization to attend the Physical Therapy Board rule writing for HB 1039 meetings to participate and bring back a report to the committee.

The committee is unanimously in agreement of designating both Ms. VanHaagen and Ms. McGinley of attending these meetings/workshops.

Program staff will research and determine whether this task will be reimbursable by the Department.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2023 – 2025 Business Plan
- Budget report
- HELMS Update
- Recruitment update

8. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Emerick would like committee to be aware there has been a lot more interest in dry needling as acupuncturists and as an association.

Chaiya Sherman, WAEMA, shares that the association is currently taking steps to create a webinar addressing this topic.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2023. Updated meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.