



### 1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff and audience members introduced themselves.

### 1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed and approved the February 21, 2020 meeting agenda as presented.

### 1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2019

A motion was made by Cris Angel and seconded by Lisa Miller to approve the November 15, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The committee voted in favor of the motion and the November 15, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

## 2. 2020 LEGISLATION UPDATE

### 2.1 Department of Health Weekly Legislative Update conference calls – Update – Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair, Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP, and Lisa Miller, Public Member

Lisa vanHaagen provided information to the committee about the weekly Legislative Update conference calls. She shared that the calls included information on legislative bills affecting multiple professions and healthcare. The following bills have been discussed during the calls:

- SB6061 – Requiring training standards in providing telemedicine services
- SHB 2303 – Concerning professional licensing requirements for service members and military spouses

### 2.2 2020 Legislation Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

Ms. Crawford provided the committee an update on 2020 legislation. She shared information on the following bills:

- SB 6038 – Concerning acupuncture and Eastern Medicine – amending RCW 18.06.010 and 18.06.230
- SB 2411 – Preventing suicide – amending RCW 43.70.442 and adding a new section to chapter 18.92 RCW and providing an effective date
- HB 2378 – Concerning physician assistants

## 3. AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ACUPUNCTURISTS (ASA) 2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE – The committee reviewed and discussed approving attendance at the ASA 2020 national conference being held in Washington, D.C. on May 2 – 4, 2020.

Committee members discussed the importance of attending the ASA 2020 national conference. Committee members voted to send Ms. vanHaagen and another committee member to attend the conference. The other committee member is yet to be determined as members needed to check their schedules and get back to Ms. Brown regarding availability.

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

4.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford, provided committee members with an updated budget report through January 2020. The report continues to show revenue is exceeding expenditures. She also provided updated information regarding the Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) project. Ms. Crawford shared that HELMS will be funded by each professions program.

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                   | 1,603                 |
| Inactive                 | 57                    |
| Revoked                  | 3                     |
| Voluntary Surrender      | 2                     |
| Suspended                | 1                     |
| Active with Conditions   | 2                     |

Ms. Crawford shared that the number of complaints has risen recently.

4.3 Other

Ms. Brown provided the committee a handout containing information about Medicare opting to cover acupuncture for pain amid the opioid crisis.

**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 were no items for the consent agenda.

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

- 2019 – 2021 Business Plan
- Rules workshop for Chapter 246-803 WAC
- 2020 Legislation update
- Presentation on the 02G fund and how it operates
- Jurisprudence exam

## 7. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist, WAEMA shared information with the committee about the legislation day that was held in Olympia.

She also updated the committee on legislation and shared there are a few bills regarding pre-authorization that are still moving through the legislative process.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020. The next committee meeting and rule workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2020 in the Bellingham area. Updated meeting information will be posted to the Acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Vicki Brown, Program Manager

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Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair  
Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine  
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## 9. RULES WORKSHOP

The department conducted a review of chapter 246-803 WAC to continue the rules drafting process.