



ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE GOTO MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 20, 2020

On Friday, November 20, 2020, the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Advisory Committee met by GoTo Meeting. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

Members Present: Cris Angel, EAMP
Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM
Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair
Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP

Members Absent: Lisa Miller, Public Member

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1
Julianne Kolln, Policy Analyst
Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present: Rochelle Fedor
Leslie Emerick, Public Policy Director, Washington Acupuncture
and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA)
Sheila Ivanov
Cole Alexander
Carly Samish
John Z.
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OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Advisory Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020 by Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair.

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1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff and audience members introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed and approved the November 20, 2020 GoTo meeting agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2020

A motion was made by Cris Angel and seconded by Lisa vanHaagen to approve the February 21, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The committee voted in favor of the motion and the February 21, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee elected the chair and vice-chair for the 2021 calendar year. The committee nominated and re-elected Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP as chair and Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP as vice-chair for 2021.

3. 2021 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

The committee discussed and set the following meeting dates for 2021:

Meeting Date	Location	Start time
February 12, 2021	Webinar	9:00 a.m.
April 9, 2021	Webinar	9:00 a.m.
July 16, 2021	Webinar	9:00 a.m.
November 12, 2021	Tentatively Kent	10:00 a.m.

Updated meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.

4. .LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AND MEET-ME-CALL PARTICIPANT

Ms. Brown explained that the legislative liaison would be her contact person that could review a bill quickly and provide feedback. The committee voted and delegated Cris Angel, EAMP as the legislative liaison for the 2021 legislative session.

Ms. Brown also explained the purpose of the meet-me-calls is to go over bills that are introduced during the legislative session. The calls are held weekly and last approximately 30 minutes each. The committee voted and designated Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP; Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP and Lisa Miller as the 2021 legislative meet-me-call representatives.

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

5.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Trina Crawford, Executive Director provided information to the committee regarding the program’s budget. She provided a budget report from July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. She shared information about the Health Enforcement and Licensing Modernization System (HELMS) that will be replacing the current licensing system. The HELMS cost will come out of each professions fund balance over the next four years. Beta testing of the system is scheduled to begin in 2021. An updated budget report will be presented at the next committee meeting.

5.2 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	1,561
Inactive	49
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	2
Suspended	1
Active with Conditions	1
Active on Probation	1

5.3 Update on rules hearing for Chapter 246-803 WAC

Vicki Brown provided information regarding the rules hearing for Chapter 246-803 WAC. The CR-102 has been submitted for review. The rules hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2021. Updated information will be sent out via GovDelivery.

5.4 Other

Joyce Roper, AAG asked members about whether practitioners offer telemedicine. Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP shared that some practitioners may provide consultations via telemedicine. Currently the department is having conversations about how to implement the recently required telemedicine training. Updates will be provided as they become available.

6. 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.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2021-2023 Business Plan
- Presentation on the 02G fund and how it operates
- 2021 Legislation update
- Telemedicine update
- Governor's Proclamation on non-urgent medical care

8. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Leslie Emerick shared with the committee information two items the association is working on. The association is working with the Governor's Office on the proclamation regarding non-urgent medical care and they will be running legislation again in 2021. This will be the same legislation that was run during the 2020 legislative session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2021 by webinar. Updated meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair
Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine
Advisory Committee