



## ACUPUNCTURE AND EASTERN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 12, 2021

On Friday, February 12, 2021, 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: Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM  
Lisa Miller, Public Member  
Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair  
Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP, Vice-Chair

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

Others Present: Maria Hunter, Vice-President, Washington Acupuncture and Eastern  
Medicine Association (WAEMA)  
Sharonne O'Shea  
Leslie Emerick, Public Policy Advisor, WAEMA

### **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 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021 by Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair

##### 1.1 Introductions

Committee members, staff and audience members were introduced.

## 1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed and approved the February 12, 2021 meeting agenda as presented.

## 1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2020

A motion was made by Lisa vanHaagen and seconded by Lisa Miller to approve the November 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The committee voted in favor of the motion and the November 20, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

## 2. 2021 LEGISLATION UPDATE

### 2.1 Department of Health Weekly Legislative Update conference call – Update - Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP and Lisa Miller, Public Member

Lisa vanHaagen and Lisa Miller 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. Ms. vanhaagen mentioned SB 5124 – Colon hydrotherapy. This bill would create a certification under the Board of Naturopathy.

### 2.2 2021 Legislation Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

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

- SB 5018 – Acupuncture and Eastern medicine
- SB 5229 – Health equity continuing education for health care professionals.
- ESHB 1056 – Open Public Meetings Act and emergencies
- HB 1196 – Audio-only telemedicine

## 3. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (OPMA) – Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) will provide abbreviated training on the OPMA.

Ms. Roper provided reminders to the committee regarding the OPMA. She mentioned that if a violation of the OPMA has been determined, there is a \$500 fine that the state does not pay for. The committee was reminded that as they are a small committee, that three members are considered to be a quorum. If you are talking to other members, only two members should have any discussion outside of a meeting. Lastly, if you have an email from department staff, do not use reply all. Reply only to staff and they will link in the other committee members.

**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 December 2020. The report continues to show revenue is exceeding expenditures. The department is continuing to have discussions regarding the lowering of fees.

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	1,566
Inactive	49
Revoked	3
Voluntary Surrender	2
Suspended	1
Active with Conditions	1
Active on Probation	1

4.3 Update on rules hearing for Chapter 246-803 WAC

Ms. Brown informed the committee that the rules hearing for Chapter 246-803 WAC will be held by webinar on February 24, 2021 starting at 10:00 a.m. The information to attend the hearing is located on the CR-102 document. She stated that as of today, there have been no comments posted regarding the rules on the Rules Comment website. She also stated that if substantive comments are received at the hearing, that the department will have to start the CR-102 process from the beginning and another hearing will be held.

4.4 Other

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

**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 was nothing presented for this agenda item.

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

- 2021 – 2023 Business Plan
- Presentation on the 02G fund and how it operates
- 2021 Legislation update
- HELMS update

## 7. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Leslie Emerick stated that SB 5018 was the first bill heard and voted on the Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee. She talked with Senator Rivers and the bill will be pulled to the floor to be voted on. The association had to rerun the bill in 2021 as there were some technical drafting issues with the bill in 2020 that they had requested the Governor to veto.

Ms. Emerick stated she is excited about the upcoming CR-102 rules hearing on Chapter 246-803 WAC.

Ms. Emerick ended with saying that by the next meeting, the list of bills will be significantly shorter.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 by GoTo Meeting. Update meeting information will be posted to the acupuncture and Eastern medicine 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  
Advisory Committee