

SC BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 26, 2018
Committee Meeting Minutes
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building Room 202-13
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

CALL TO ORDER

Committee members present were:

Ms. Leslie Jafarace, L.Ac – Chairman (Teleconference)
Dr. James Hogg, L.Ac DACM MSTOM – Vice Chairman (Teleconference)
Dr. William Hendry, DAOM, L.Ac. – Secretary (Teleconference)
Dr. Nancey T. Tsai, MD. – Member (Teleconference)

Staff present were:

Mr. Sheridan Spoon, Board Administrator
Ms. Vanessa Oliver, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Debra Wade, Program Coordinator I
Mr. Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Meeting called to order at 1:26 p.m. with a quorum present.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

The Committee approved the absence of Mr. N. David DuRant Esq. – Public Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved minutes from the Committee meeting of April 17, 2018.

APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS -TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT

The Committee approved applicants Ms. Eva Yu, Mrs. Melanie Andreen, Mrs. Viola Pircher, and Ms. Jenny Karns for permanent Acupuncture licensure.

AURICULAR THERAPY LICENSING – SC CODE 40-47-730 [CERTIFIED PROGRAMS]

SECTION 40-47-730. Licenses to perform auricular therapy; qualifications; temporary licenses.

(A) An applicant for a license to perform auricular therapy:

(1) must be twenty-one years of age;

(2) shall submit a completed application as prescribed by the medical board;

(3) shall submit fees as provided for in Section 40-47-800;

(4) shall provide evidence of certification as having been trained to utilize auricular points only, in addition to those utilized by a detoxification specialist;

***(5) successful completion of a national certified program approved by the Acupuncture Advisory Committee and the State Board of Medical Examiners;*

(6) successful completion of a Clean Needle Technique course approved by the board.

HISTORY: 2005 Act No. 10, Section 1.

The committee discussed Section 40-47-730[A][5] of the acupuncture practice act relative to successful completion of a national certified program approved by the Acupuncture Advisory Committee and the State Board of Medical Examiners and noted the scarcity of such programs. Dr. Tsai stated that Section [A][5] under code 40-47-730 cannot be fulfilled as it stands in the state code because there are no “nationally approved certification programs” for Auricular Therapy. After discussion, Dr. Hendry made a motion recommending to the Board the acceptance of comparable certified programs requiring at least 147-200 hours of continuing education for completion of training from a certified program but not limited to the College of Auricular Acupuncture or the Auricular Acupuncture Institute until this can be clarified to include other wording that allows the Board of Medical Examiners with recommendation by the Acupuncture Committee to approve based on training provided or when such nationally approved certification program becomes in existence.

The committee recognizes that this pertains to a small number of Auricular Therapy applicants per year but does not want to be in violation of the Section code. Motion by Dr. Hendry. Second by Dr. Hogg. Motion carried.

The committee also discussed and approved recognition of competencies or certifications possessed by other licensed professionals when considering their Auricular Therapy license applications. Motion by Dr. Tsai. Second by Dr. Hendry. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY – MEDICAL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Tsai being term-limited, the committee thanked Dr. Tsai for her service to the Committee. Since 2010, she has been an extremely knowledgeable and valued member of the committee. The committee entertained three possible recommendations to the board as the physician member replacement.

1. Dr. Emily A. Darr, M.D. of Mt. Pleasant
2. Dr. Ronald Fuerst, M.D. of Columbia
3. Dr. Diedrich C. Waterman, M.D. of Pawley’s Island

After discussion and CV review, the committee voted to recommend to the board appointment of Dr. Emily Darr to serve as the physician member of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT-The committee adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

The next Acupuncture Committee meeting is April 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., Room 202-03.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Vanessa C. Oliver
Administrative Assistant, Board of Medical Examiners