

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Acting Chair, Terry Glenn Rascoe, M.D.; Committee members present were Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac.; and Claire H. Smith. Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Simpson, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director, Customer Affairs; Tonie Knight, Manager, Licensure; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #3, regarding changes to continuing acupuncture education course approval form, based on feedback on pilot project, was considered. Ms. Garanflo explained that no feedback has been received from providers about the new Continuing Acupuncture Education Application forms. Suggestions received by committee members were reviewed. Following discussion, the committee directed staff to draft language on the new application to clarify that only approved courses may be used to satisfy an acupuncturist's continuing education requirements; that course approval may be reconsidered based on additional information concerning the course, program, or activity, or upon a showing of good cause; and that continuing acupuncture applications found to be complete twenty days prior to a Board meeting will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Agenda item #4, regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses, was considered. The Committee directed staff to pursue, in the future, information regarding the type of distance-learning (online or paper) when distance-learning courses are submitted. The Committee reviewed the courses provided by Lotus Institute of Integrative Medicine, City of Industry, California; the course provided by Standard Process of North Texas, Allen, Texas, and the courses provided by Michael K. Wells, N.D., Ph.D., San Antonio, Texas.

Following discussion, **Ms. Lin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the distance learning courses provided by Lotus Institute of Integrative Medicine, City of**

Industry, California: Treating Hypothyroidism with Western and Oriental Medicine (2 herbal); Treating Herpes with Western and Oriental Medicine (2 herbal); Treating Osteoporosis with Western and Oriental Medicine; Treating Ulcerative Colitis with Western and Oriental Medicine (2 herbal); Treating Crohn's Disease with Western and Oriental Medicine (2 herbal); Treating HIV and AIDS with Western and Oriental Medicine (2 herbal); The Effects of Chinese Herbs on Endometriosis from Western and Oriental Medicine Perspectives (1 herbal); Sexual Arousal Disorder (2 herbal); and Treating Hyperthyroidism with Western and Oriental Medicine (2 herbal). Ms. Smith seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed

The Committee reviewed the course provided by Standard Process of North Texas, Allen, Texas. Following discussion, **Ms. Lin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the course Essential Nutrition for Bone & Joint Health (8 general; 4 herbal). Ms. Smith seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed.**

The Committee reviewed the courses provided by Michael K. Wells, N.D., Ph.D., San Antonio, Texas. **Ms. Smith moved to recommend to the full Board that the courses: Iridology and Applied Nutrition (16 general) and Muscle Response Testing and Applied Nutrition (16 general) be denied approval because the courses were not directly related to the practice of acupuncture. Ms. Lin seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed.**

There being no further business, **Ms. Lin moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Ms. Smith seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**