

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair, Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac. Committee members present were Sheng Ting (Sam) Chen; Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac.; Terry Glenn Rascoe, M.D.; 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, Licensing, Permits and Registration; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #3, regarding a report on protocol for preparing and presenting requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses, was considered. Mr. Simpson explained that staff's role is primarily to ensure the application is complete before sending it to the Committee for review. Questions regarding the CAE application are directed back to the provider.

Agenda item #4, regarding request for approval of continuing acupuncture education course by Mark Hanson, formerly of Dallas College of Oriental Medicine (DCOM), was considered. The Committee questioned Dr. Hanson directly and he clarified that the provider is Mark Hanson Inc. doing business as Dallas College of Oriental Medicine. Mr. Simpson stated that the Board Rule requires that a continuing acupuncture education provider to be a reputable school, state, or professional organization, or a knowledgeable healthcare provider. The Committee directed staff to ensure that future providers indicate how they qualify under Board Rule as providers. Ms. Garanflo stated that staff would include this direction with form revisions to be reviewed at the next Board meeting. Following discussion, **Dr. Rascoe moved to deny the request for approval due to the fact that Dallas College of Oriental Medicine did not meet Board requirements for a provider. Ms. Smith seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda item #5, regarding previously approved continuing acupuncture education courses offered by the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine, was considered. Following discussion, Dr. Rascoe moved to rescind approval for all previous courses approved under the providership of Dallas College of Oriental Medicine. There was no second and the motion failed. **Ms. Smith moved to suspend prior approval of Dallas College of Oriental Medicine continuing education courses until a new application is provided to the Committee. There was a friendly amendment by Ms. Newbold, to include that the suspension was due to the fact that the school had closed its doors. Dr. Rascoe seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda item #6, regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses, was considered. Following discussion, Dr. Rascoe directed staff to review the student evaluations for the courses provided by Universal Institute of Pragmatic Education and follow up with a report, after a certain period of time to left at the discretion of staff. **Dr. Rascoe moved to accept all continuing education courses presented.** The providers and courses are: American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, The TCM Treatment of Female Infertility (7 general, 1 ethics); Interpretation of Imaging Test Reports (2 general); Gynecology in Chinese Medicine (4 general, 3 herbal); Alleviating Morning Sickness (1 general, 1 herbal); Ocular Acupuncture Therapy Part I & II (8 general); Chinese Medicine and Autoimmune Disease (3 general, 5 herbal); Facial Diagnosis (9 general); An Ethical Framework for Decision Making in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (1 ethics); and TCM Treatment of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (2 general), Neal Sirwinski, D.O.M, A Continuing Exploration of the Chinese Classics (15 general) and Universal Institute of Pragmatic Education (Uniped), Fundamentals of Eastern Medicine and Clinical Modalities (8 general; 6 herbal); Manual Treatment for Chronic Disease (8 general); Essentials of Modern Pharmacology with Chinese Herbs (8 general); Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Kidney Deficiencies Regarding Adrenal Fatigue (8 herbal); and Ethics for Maintaining Client Records in the Practice of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (4 ethics). **Ms. Smith seconded, all voted in favor and the motion passed.**

There being no further business, **Ms. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Dr. Rascoe seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**