

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair, Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac. Committee members present were Marshall Voris, Ph.D., L.Ac.; Claire H. Smith; Sheng Ting (Sam) Chen; and Terry Glenn Rascoe, M.D. Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director, Customer Affairs. Various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, regarding a report concerning proposed changes to Chapter 183.20 regarding Continuing Acupuncture Education as posted for public comment by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, was considered. Ms. Shackelford reported that the proposed changes have been posted for public comment.

Agenda item #3 regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses, was considered. Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board approval of the application submitted by the Texas Association of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, Inc.; Ethics for Acupuncturist (2 Ethics credits), Acupuncture and Herbal Treatment Strategies for Pain Management (3.5 general credits) (3.5 herbal credits); and Balancing the Woman: Treating Gynecological Disorders with the Balance Method (3.5 general credits) (3.5 herbal credits).

Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board approval of the application for the course provided by the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Texas: Acutonics I: Sound Gates to Meridian Harmonics (7 general credits).

Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board approval of the application for the courses provided by the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine: Ethics in the Practice of TCM (2 ethics credits); Treatment of

Psychological Disorders & Menopause with Herbs (8 herbology credits); Treating Pain with Moxibustion 7 Adjunctive Therapies (8 general credits); Herbal Formulas in the Treatment of Pain Syndromes (8 herbology credits); and the courses provided by the Texas College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Austin, Texas: Treatment of Sciatica with Acupuncture and Chinese Herbs (2 general credits); Ear Acupuncture in the Treatment of Addiction (4 general credits); Case Studies in Complicated Diseases (2 general credits); The Application of the Eight Confluent Points (2 general credits); TCM Treatment of Premenstrual Syndrome (2 general credits); TCM Treatment of Insomnia (2 general credits); Chinese Medicine View on Pediatric Care (4 general credits); How Chinese Medicine Helps the Chemotherapy and Radiation Patient (5 general credits); TCM Treatment of Impotence (2 general credits); Herb Formulas for Pain (3 herbology credits); Ping Wei San and Associated Formulas (5 herbology credits); Si Ni San and Associated Formulas (5 herbology credits); Treatment of Menopause (4 general credits); and Ethics (2 ethics credits).

Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board denial of the application for the course provided by N.E.T., Inc.: Neuro Emotional Technique (NET) (24 general credits).

The Committee reviewed the additional information requested from the Toyohari Association - United States Branch regarding their request for CAE course approval for the Toyohari Acupuncture Training Program (119 general credits and 7 herbal credits). Following discussion, **Dr. Voris moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the course be approved for 126 general credits and no herbal credits.**

Agenda item #4, regarding the education requirements of a reputable acupuncture school, was considered. Mr. Speer provided for the Committee information gathered from the four Texas Acupuncture Schools regarding the number of hours and curriculum required for graduation at each particular school.

Agenda item #5, regarding a report on the request by the American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine for development of Rules allowing the issuance of a Doctor of Acupuncture degree, was considered. Mr. Speer informed the Committee that a request had been made by American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine for the Board to draft rules enabling Texas acupuncture schools to issue doctorate degrees. Mr. Speer explained that he had contacted the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in order to verify that the Acupuncture Board had authority to promulgate such rules. Mr. Speer then read to the Committee the response from T.H.E.C.B. which stated that issuance of doctorate degrees was under the purview of the T.H.E.C.B. The letter went on to state that an opinion was being requested from the Attorney General to determine if the Acupuncture Board was exempt from T.H.E.C.B. regulation for the purposes of issuing Masters Degrees. Ms. Shackelford explained the procedure for responding to the Attorney General. The Committee directed staff to work with the Executive Committee to draft a response and to provide an update to the full Board at the next meeting.

There being no further business, **the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**