

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 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; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director, Customer Affairs; Tim Speer, Manager, Acupuncture/Physician Assistant Division; and various other staff were also present.

The committee went into executive session at 10:10 a.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel with respect to legal matters under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVT CODE, 551.071. Open session resumed at 10:16 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #4, regarding standardized methods for approving Continuing Acupuncture Education Courses, was considered. Mr. Speer reviewed with the Committee weaknesses in the present procedure for approving CAE courses. Some of the weaknesses included are the application does not request detailed course information therefore many applications submitted have too many course hours explained in a short abstract. This makes the task of approving the number of hours awarded each course very difficult and can lead to lengthy Committee meetings. Following discussion, the Committee directed staff to change the CAE application to help applicants provide all the needed materials. Additions to the CAE application should include instructions and an example showing that the course explanation should be hour for hour in each abstract with indication as to the type of course credit they are applying for (i.e., Acupuncture, Oriental Medicine, Herbal, Ethics, or Practice Management). A course brochure is not sufficient to provide this information. Linda Fontaine, Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, answered Committee members questions regarding whether this additional information on the CAE application would be burdensome to applicants. Ms. Fontaine stated that this was not burdensome as they prepare this information already. A consensus of the Committee was to

require approved providers to submit a CAE application on each course they provide so the Board can keep abreast of the education licensees are receiving by attending approved CAE courses. Staff will revise the CAE application for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

Agenda item #2, regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses, was considered. The Committee reviewed the course provided by the Southern California University of Health Sciences, Whittier, California. Following discussion, **Dr. Rascoe moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the Southern California University of Health Sciences application be deferred until they can provide an hour by hour detailed abstract explaining the content of each course.**

The Committee reviewed the courses provided by Roddey Cohn, D.O.M., L.Ac., Santa Fe, New Mexico and Robert Chu, L.Ac., Pasadena, California. Following discussion, **Ms. Lin moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the courses be deferred until Roddey Cohn, D.O.M., L.Ac. and Robert Chu, L.Ac. can provide an hour-by-hour detailed abstract explaining the content of each course.**

The Committee reviewed the courses provided by the Acupuncture Medical Consultants, Houston, Texas. Following discussion, **Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board the Acupuncture Medical Consultants application be deferred until they can provide an hour by hour detailed abstract explaining the content of each course and that changing the title of the course to clarify that the course will be teaching ways to treat cancer symptoms and not a cancer treatment would be viewed favorably by the Committee.**

The Committee reviewed the courses provided by the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin. **Ms. Lin moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board the approval of the courses: Neoclassical Pulse Diagnosis (4 general credits); Trauma: The Hidden Pathogenic Factor (3.75 general credits); Beyond Testosterone: Mens Health and O.M. (3.75 general credits); Integrative Medicine and Patient Care (3.75 general credits); Herbal and Acupuncture Treatments for Chemo (3.75 general credits); Stress Management: Balance Your Stress/Life (4 general credits); Professional Ethics (1 ethics credit); Ethics, Professional Responsibility and the Practice of O.M. (1 ethics credit);**

Practice Made Perfect (4 general credits); Top Ten Practice Development Tips (4 general credits); and Clinical Use of Western Herbs (3.75 herbal credits).

Agenda item #3, regarding first draft of the application for approved CAE provider, was considered. Mr. Speer stated that staff will prepare another application for approved CAE providers with the incorporation of the changes discussed earlier and will provide the application for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

There being no further business, **Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.**