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STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 9, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

Grant Sawyer Building, Office of the Attorney General, 555 East Washington Ave., Room #4500 - Las Vegas, NV 89101.

*****MINUTES*****

1. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/For Possible Action) Maggie Tracey, OMD, President

Roll call to determine presence of a quorum, at 6:30 pm

Board Members Present:

Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD (via telephone)
Dr. Lisa Grant, OMD
Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD
Dr. Chia Hua Linda Chow, OMD
Michael Smith (via telephone)

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

Public:

Huiwen Zhang, OMD
Megan Clowers, OMD (via telephone)
Joan Anderson (via telephone)
Daniel Davies (via telephone)

2. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

ED stated that she received an email by Dr. Bart Chapman. DAG stated that it should be entered into the record, but it does not have to be read, and submitted as part of the supplemental materials.

Dr. Huiwen Zhang stated that the upcoming workshop time be set for after 2 p.m.

3. Adoption of agenda (For Possible Action)

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve
Second: Dr. Ferris



Action: Motion carried unanimously

4. Approve or disapprove the previous board meeting minutes of February 26, 2018 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

5. Approve or disapprove of Joan Anderson's eligibility for taking the state licensure exam in December 2018 as she does not have a Bachelor's degree but has an Associate's degree and is a senior at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine (For Possible Action).

DAG stated that NRS634A.140 requires that the applicant have a college degree or have practiced 4 years somewhere else. As such, this applicant is not eligible to for licensing under the statute. Dr. Tracey added that the NRS may be changed by the legislature in the upcoming session in 2019.

Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to disapprove

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

6. Approve or disapprove of the licensure exam to be held on June 16, 2018 from 1 pm to 5 pm to be administered by Dr. Sandip Thanki at 4350 E. Sunset Road, Ste 107A, Henderson, NV 89014 at the rate of \$30 per hour (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Mr. Smith

Action: Motion carried unanimously

7. Approve or disapprove of the following applicants taking the licensing exam on June 16, 2018 (For Possible Action):

A. Leslie Anne Pasternack;

B. Jessica Mlakar; and

C. Arianne Sallaberry.

ED stated that these applicants have met the requirements to take the state licensing exam.

Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

8. Approve or disapprove of postponing the licensure application of Noriko Ueda-Lang to the next exam date in December 2018 (For Possible Action).

ED stated that this applicant did not pass part of the NCCAOM exam and requests that this application be continued to the next exam date.

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

9. Approve or disapprove of postponing the licensure application of Joyce Edwards to the next exam date in December 2018 (For Possible Action).

ED stated that this applicant did not pass part of the NCCAOM exam and requests that this application be continued to the next exam date.

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Mr. Smith

Action: Motion carried unanimously

10. Discussion regarding the dry needling committee meeting on 3/20/2018 (For Discussion Only).

Dr. Tracey stated that the PT and OMD committees met to discuss the standards for dry needling. The committees were trying to set up the definition of dry needling. The OMDs were going with the Illinois definition wherein the needle is inserted into the trigger point of a muscle until it twitches and then pulling it out and there are no multiple needles at the same time. There are 3 other states that use the Illinois definition. The OMDs want to keep the discussion going towards public safety and maintaining the integrity of acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Dr. Tracey stated that the chiropractic board is also interested in pursuing dry needling but the chiropractors would have to get certification.

11. Discussion by DAG about the finalized SB69 application (For Discussion only).

DAG stated that we have finalized the SB69 application form and it is available online. It is essential the old application and the requirements of SB69 that is laid out which are clear and straightforward. Dr. Ferris asked that since there are some states wherein a practitioner can practice only acupuncture and not herbs, can that practitioner with only acupuncture training and no training in herbs apply in Nevada. DAG stated that the Board would have to determine whether there is substantial equivalence but DAG stated that the applicant also would have to pass the other requirements in the other statutes. Dr. Grant stated that the other requirements include passing the herbal portion of NCCAOM and the educational criteria needs training in herbology.

12. Discussion of Small Business Impact survey results (For Discussion only).

Dr. Grant stated that there was confusion about whether current licensees had to re-certify for NCCAOM and the answer is no. Dr. Grant requested that the DAG review the proposed language to make sure that it is clear. DAG stated that it was a clarification, then there is no need for another workshop; however, if it is a material change, then another workshop is necessary. Dr. Tracey stated that she wanted a lot of participation from the Oriental Medical community. Dr. Grant stated that Dr. Link suggested that in lieu of inactive licensees to maintain their CEUs, perhaps they could show that they have been practicing in another state. DAG would have to look to see if it is material change. Dr. Grant stated that she was happy that people read it and commented on it. Dr. Tracey was pleased with the participation.

13. Approve or disapprove of NOMA's CEU application titled Psycho-Emotional Disorders and the 8 Extraordinary Vessels for 8 credit hours to be held on 9/29/2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

14. Approve or disapprove of NAC Workshop date of 5/7/2018 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Grant Sawyer Building with teleconferencing at the Attorney General's Office in Reno, Nevada (For Possible Action).

Dr. Grant stated that the only certain rooms and times can be reserved due to the teleconferencing and we cannot change the time.

Motion: Mr. Smith motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

15. Approve or disapprove of future Board meeting dates (For Possible Action).

ED asked if there could be a board meeting after the workshop on 5/7/2018 at 2 p.m.

Dr. Tracey stated that it would be a good idea and the meeting will end around 3 p.m.

DAG will check on the Public Hearing requirements and notice requirements.

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Mr. Smith

Action: Motion carried unanimously

16. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

Dr. Zhang stated that it is not convenient to have the Workshop in the morning because the doctors have patients in the morning. Dr. Tracey stated if people cannot attend in person, then they can call in during the workshop and they also can submit their written comments before the Workshop. Dr. Tracey stated that the public is welcome to attend.

17. Adjournment (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Minutes to be approved at the subsequent Board Meeting.