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*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
Via teleconference**

*****MINUTES*****

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy AG

Public:

Dr. Fiona Kelley
Ariel Donofrio
Dr. Duwayne Steel

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establish Quorum.

Maggie Tracey, OMD, President called this meeting to order, conducted roll call and established the presence of a quorum. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD, Dr. Chia Hua Linda Chow, OMD, Dr. Lisa Grant, OMD, Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD, Dr. Eric Richardson, MD, and Jennifer Braster.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 8/26/2021 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion is approved unanimously.

4. Approve or disapprove of the licensure exam to be held on 12/29/2021 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. Richardson moves to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

The motion is approved unanimously.

5. Discussion regarding Acupuncture Point Injection Therapy course offered by Wongu University (For Discussion Only/For Possible Action).

Dr. Richardson states that there is an elective class at Wongu for 30 hours regarding Acupuncture Point Injection Therapy and whether this credit can be forwarded to its students after graduation. Dr. Grant states that NRS634A.142 makes the issue whether the course is taken post-graduation or not, that the NRS only can be changed by the legislature, and the course has to be approved by NCCAOM. SDAG states that the Board is bound by the language of the NRS. Dr. Richardson states that he will talk to NCCAOM and get back to the Board.

6. Discussion regarding Certemy progress (For Discussion Only).

ED states that she anticipates that renewals will go live at the end of October 2021 and that the new licensees should be able to print out their pocket licenses next week.

7. Approve or disapprove of using Stripe for the payment collection system for Certemy (For Possible Action).

ED states that Stripe, the merchant processor, does not need approval from the Budget Office as it is anticipated that the cost will be less than \$2000 per year.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

8. Approve or disapprove of using WebEx for video-conferencing (For Possible Action).

ED states that WebEx, the video conferencing system, does not need approval from the Budget Office as it is anticipated that the cost will be less than \$2000 per year. It's cost is anticipated to be \$15 per month.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Richardson

The motion is approved unanimously.

9. Approve or disapprove of the contract with Larry Bertsch CPA for the Board's accounting (For Possible Action).

ED states that the contract is presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion is approved unanimously.

10. Approve or disapprove of the contract with The Advantage Group for the Board's investigations (For Possible Action).

ED states that the contract is presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

11. Approve or disapprove of CEU titled For Fats Sake! Cholesterol, Inflammation & Toxicity. Understanding Hepatic and Cellular Pathways. for 8 credits sponsored by SP Westcoast Inc via live webinar on 9/11/2021 (For Possible Action).

ED states that the contract is presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

12. Approve or disapprove of Dr. Fiona Kelley's proposed CEU titled Deepening Perspectives on Chinese Medicine by Lonny Jarrett via streaming with credits to be determined by the Board (For Possible Action).

Dr. Kelley states that the course sponsor is willing to bifurcate the course credits into 2 certificates - one certificate for 2021 for 10 credits and one certificate for 2022 for 37 credits. Dr. Kelley states that she is requesting 10 credits for 2021, 10 credits for 2022 and carry over 10 credits for 2023. Dr. Tracey states that CEU is limited to the

maximum 20 credits per year. ED states that she will let the NRS and NAC limits apply based upon the CEU certificates.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve the coursework

Second: Dr. Richardson

The motion is approved unanimously

13. Approve or disapprove of the following applicants for the Nevada state licensing:

- a. Maria Arabia;**
- b. Ariel Donofrio;**
- c. Denise Lehmer;**
- d. Rachel Ong; and**
- e. Alia Windham**

(For Possible Action).

ED states that all 5 applicants passed the state licensing exam, but requests that the licensing approval for Maria Arabia be tabled for additional information. There is discussion about Dr. Richardson's recusal as President of Wongu University regarding Rachel Ong as she is a graduate of Wongu University. SDAG states that the Board should have 2 separate motions to approve the applicants.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Ariel Donofrio, Denise Lehmer and Alia Windham for licensing.

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Rachel Ong for licensing

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved by all Board members except for Dr. Richardson who recused himself as he is the President of Wongu University where Rachel Ong graduated.

14. Approve or disapprove of purchasing a desk, a chair, and a small table for Board office (For Possible Action).

ED states that the landlord was letting the Board use a desk and chair in its office without charge. However, the landlord has sold the building and is offering to sell the desk for \$100 and chair for \$25, totaling \$125. There is no small table for sale as the landlord is taking it.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion is approved unanimously.

15. Discussion regarding licensing fees (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey states that she wants to discuss the licensing fees but is limited by the NAC. Dr. Grant states that the language about fees should include “up to” so that the Board does not have to workshop fee changes. Drs. Tracey and Grant state that NAC 634A should be updated and for the Board members to think about what else needs to be changed.

16. Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts and other matters (For Discussion only).

Dr. Grant states that the accounts are in order and the big expenditure is the \$5000 payment to Certemy.

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

Dr. Tracey states that the next meeting will be on 11/23/2021 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion is approved unanimously.

18. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

Dr. Richardson states that he will be resigning as President of Wongu University but will stay on as a professor.

19. Adjournment (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Richardson

The motion is approved unanimously.

The minutes have been approved.