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ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MARCH 21, 2012

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I ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Henry McCann, Mimi Vassilev-Baker, Roger Rossi, Nita Raval, Edith Lee, Shoshanna Katzman, Barbara Montana, Karen Wei-Ru Lin

ABSENT

No Absences

ALSO PRESENT

Barbara Lopez, DAG
Renee P. Clark, Executive Director
Tanya Gollett, Staff

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Acupuncture Examining Board was called to order at 124 Halsey Street at 9:30 a.m., all members having been notified of the time, date and, place and materials pertinent hereto having been provided.

SUNSHINE LAW

In compliance with Chapter 231 the Public Law of 1975, notice of this was sent to the Courier-Post and the Record.

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Roger Rossi and seconded by Mimi Vassilev-Baker to approve the January 18, 2012 Public Session Minutes with amendments. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. NY CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

Staff of New York Chiropractic College addressed the board members to request that the Board reconsider its policy of not accepting the BPS degree as a qualification for licensure. The New York Chiropractic College BPS degree differs from most other schools in that it functions as a stand-alone bachelors degree and that no acupuncture courses will be included in the bachelors degree.

The Acupuncture Examining Board has determined that the program at the New York Chiropractic College should be approved, in the case of the specific applicant, because it does have regional accreditation, because the bachelors degree does not include any acupuncture courses, and because it functions as a stand alone bachelors degree.

The student from this school should resubmit their application for licensure to the board for the board's reconsideration.
Motion made by Henry McCann, seconded by Roger Rossi.

IV. LETTER FROM CANDACE SARGES OF THE ACUPUNCTURE ASSOCIATION REGARDING DRY NEEDLING BY PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Ms. Sarges sent a letter advising board of physical therapists advertising the practice of dry needling in the state of New Jersey in the near future.

Board determined that DAG Lopez should advise the Deputy Director of Consumer Affairs of the need to hold mediation between a subcommittee of the Physical Therapy Board and a subcommittee of the Acupuncture Examining Board in order to resolve the interboard conflict regarding dry needling by physical therapists.

The Acupuncture Examining Board determined that the practice of dry needling is a practice of acupuncture, and as such any physical therapist who performs dry needling is in violation of our statute. Motion made by Henry McCann, seconded by Edith Lee. Roger Rossi and Nita Raval abstained from the vote.

V. SUSAN KREIGER/ APPLICATION FOR GUEST ACUPUNCTURIST

Board determined that Ms Kreiger is not part of a training or teaching program, and so does not fall under the definition of a guest acupuncturist under the regulation. Therefore her application for guest acupuncturist is denied. Motion made by Henry McCann, seconded by Roger Rossi. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Session, to consider and review advertisement, consumer complaints and other information received pursuant to the Board's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Board regulations, have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when, and if, the Board chooses to take public action, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted
ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD

Renee P. Clark, Executive Director