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ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

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I ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Barbara Montana, Mimi Vassilev-Baker,
Shoshanna Katzman, Edith Lee, Karen Wei-Ru
Lin

ABSENT

Nita Raval, Henry McCann, Roger Rossi

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 10:00 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 Mimi Vassilev-Baker and seconded by Edith Lee to approve the May 16, 2012 Public Session Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Goldfarb Chiropractic and Acupuncture Center, P.A.
Steven J. Goldfarb - Mr. Goldfarb sends correspondence regarding using ear needles to the Acupuncture Examining Board for review. **The Acupuncture Examining Board reviewed the correspondence sent from Steven J Goldfarb. The Board determined that there is nothing in the Acupuncture statutes or regulations which would prevent acupuncturists from using ASP (Aiguille Semi Permanent) needles. The use of ASP ear**

needles inserted intradermal on the ear for one to three days is consistent with the statutes and regulations. Patients must return to the Acupuncturist to have the ASP ear needle removed, unless it is shed by the body. A motion was made by Edith Lee and seconded by Mimi Vassilev-Baker. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Law Offices Of David S. Barmark, LLC
Brandon C. Goldberg - Mr. Goldberg sends correspondence regarding Intramuscular manual therapy, also known as dry needling to the Acupuncture Examining Board for review. **The Acupuncture Examining Board reviewed correspondence from Brandon C Goldberg. The Board determined that Dry Needling is the Unlicensed Practice of Acupuncture. The Board of Acupuncture and The Board of Physical Therapy are working towards a resolution with the Division of Consumer Affairs.** A motion was made by Barbara Montana and seconded by Karen Wei-Ru Lin. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- C. Practice of Dry Needling - Hanna Alison
Ms. Alison sends correspondence regarding dry needling to the Board for review. **The Acupuncture Examining Board reviewed correspondence from Hanna Alison. The Board determined that anyone that is not licensed as an Acupuncturist is not regulated to perform dry needling which constitutes the unlicensed practice of Acupuncture.** A motion was made by Barbara Montana and seconded by Mimi Vassilev-Baker. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- D. Gavin Lin - Mr. Lin sends correspondence regarding his education to be reviewed by the Board. **The Acupuncture Examining Board reviewed correspondence from Gavin Lin. The Board determined that Mr. Lin should obtain an application and checklist as well as a copy of the Statutes and Regulations from the Board's website.** A motion was made by Barbara Montana and seconded by Mimi Vassilev-Baker. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Consumers and Acupuncturist send in almost 1000 emails protesting the use of dry needling by Physical Therapist.

B. 2013 ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD MEETINGS

January 16, 2013

Somerset Room 6th Fl.

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| March 20, 2013 | Essex Room 7 th Fl. |
| May 15, 2013 | Hudson Room 6 th Fl. |
| July 17, 2013 | Hudson Room 6 th Fl. |
| September 18, 2013 | Hudson Room 6 th Fl. |
| November 20, 2013 | Hudson Room 6 th Fl. |

V. TERESA YUAN - Applicant

The Board sends Ms. Yuan a Provisional Order of Denial. **The Acupuncture Examining Board determine that due to no response from the applicant the Provisional Order of Denial was finalized by default.** A motion was made by Karen Wei-Ru Lin and seconded by Barbara Montana . The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Edith Lee made a motion seconded by Barbara Montana, to proceed to Executive 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