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**NH BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING
PUBLIC MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2016 MEETING**

3/11/16

Members present: Cindy Theroux-Jette (CTJ), William Halacy (WH), Alice Meattey (AM), and Jeanne Ann Whittington (JW).

Meeting called to order at 10:17 am.

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AM, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the 12/11/15 meeting. AIF

NEW APPLICATIONS:

The Board reviewed new applications received at the Office of Professional Licensure since the December 11, 2015 meeting.

The Board reviewed an application from Ryan McDermott. Mr. McDermott submitted the initial application, application fee, and all required documents except for one moral character statement. Upon the motion of AM and the second of JW, the Board voted to approve the application and issue a license once the office staff has received the final moral character statement required. AIF

The Board reviewed an application from Jillian Hayes. Ms. Hayes submitted the initial application, fee, and required documents for licensure. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of WH, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed an application from Amanda Sutter-Francis. Ms. Sutter Francis' acupuncture license expired as well as her NCCAOM certification. Upon the motion of AM and the second of CTJ, the Board voted to deny the renewal application. An initial licensure

application along with a letter indicating Ms. Sutter-Francis may not work until appropriately licensed shall be mailed to her. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board received correspondence from Charles Meyers relative to CEU's in a renewal period. Due to recent legislative changes, the renewal period is no longer a two-year cycle as all licenses will expire on June 30, 2017. Mr. Meyers would like to be advised if the CEU requirement should or could be changed. The Board shall seek direction from the Office of Professional Licensure Executive Director and the Board's attorney for clarification of relevant statutes and an appropriate course of action for the Board to take.

DISCUSSIONS:

The Board discussed the vacancy of the public member position.

The Board requested for the Board's AG representation to come to the next meeting to discuss dry needling and acupuncture for guidance.

The Board discussed a question posed to a member by a friend, asking if Naturopathic Doctors could perform dry needling. The Board indicated the individual should seek guidance from the Board of Naturopathic Doctors.

The Board set the next meeting date to be June 10, 2016 at 10:00 am.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Upon the motion of Cindy Theroux-Jette and the second of William Halacy, The Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing alleged licensee misconduct and licensees' criminal convictions. Non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3 II (c), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. The Board voted as follows: Cindy Theroux-Jette, William Halacy, Alice Meattey, and Jeanne Ann Whittington all voted yes. The Non-Public session began at 10:58 am and ended at 12:12 pm.

Upon the motion of Cindy Theroux-Jette and the second of William Halacy, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. The Board voted as follows: Cindy Theroux-Jette, William Halacy, Alice Meattey, and Jeanne Ann Whittington all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.