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NH BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING PUBLIC MINUTES OF September 8, 2017 MEETING

9/8/17

Members present: Cindy Theroux-Jette (CTJ), Alice Meattey (AM), Jeanne Ann Whittington (JAW) and Amy Goldstein (AG).

Deborah Meuse and Diane Chase attended as public guests.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.

Upon the motion of AG and the second of CTJ, the board voted to approve the minutes of the June 9th, 2017 meeting. AIF

NEW APPLICATIONS:

The Board reviewed a complete license application from Brandan Carney. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed a complete license application from Amy Vlachich. Upon the motion of JAW and the second of AG, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed a complete license application from Judy Kloc. Upon the motion of AM and the second of JAW, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF AG did not vote.

The Board reviewed an incomplete license application from Meagan Smith. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to conditionally approve the application upon the receipt of current NCCAOM certification. AIF

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The Board reviewed an incomplete license application from Wendy Williams. Upon the motion of AG and the second of CTJ, the Board voted to conditionally approve the license pending receipt of the foreign school transcript and a properly completed waiver form. AIF

The Board reviewed a late renewal application from Emily Pendergast. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AM, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed a late renewal application from Judith James. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AG, the Board voted to approve the application. AIF

The Board reviewed a late renewal application from Joseph Dudley. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AM, the Board conditionally approved the application upon receipt of current NCCAOM certification. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed correspondence from Jill Dayao questioning whether acupuncturists are allowed to order laboratory tests in NH. The Board's response was that there is nothing in the rules or statue which addresses the question, however proper training must be obtained prior to performing any service.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Brendan Carney relative to scope of practice for acupuncturists. Mr. Carney's questions were whether exercise prescription and manipulation or mobilization of the spine is allowed. The Board's rules directly address these questions in Acp 601.03. Both are considered to be within the scope of practice for an acupuncturist.

The Board recessed at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 12:30 pm.

DISCUSSIONS:

The Board discussed foreign school policy. If a foreign school has been accepted by ACCAOM, then the Board will accept transcripts from the school.

The Board met with OPLC attorney Robert Lamberti regarding the rulemaking process for acupuncture detoxification specialists. A new chapter of the rules will be created for the specialists. The Board discussed creation of the application forms, initial and renewal fees, disciplinary sanctions including suspension and revocation of a certification, and maintain a register of certified individuals.

The Board discussed the succession plan.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Non-public session was not needed.

The meetings for 2017 are as follows: March 10th, June 9th, September 8th, October 20th, and December 8th.