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**NH BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING
PUBLIC MINUTES OF MARCH 1st, 2019 MEETING**

Members present: Cindy Theroux-Jette (CTJ), Jeanne Ann Whittington (JAW), Deborah Meuse (DM), Amy Goldstein (AG) and Diane Chase (DC).

Meeting called to order at 10:12 am.

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of AG, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting. AIF

The Board discussed appointing an alternate member to serve on the application review subcommittee. Upon the motion of DC and the second of JAW, the Board voted to appoint Diane Chase as an alternate if either CTJ or DM is not available. AIF

The Board discussed appointing a member to serve as a media representative in case the media contacts the Board. Upon the motion go AG and the second of DC, the Board voted to appoint CTJ as the media representative. AIF

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to ratify the approval of Andrew Clark's application. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed inquiries to the Board office and the responses. The Board did not have additional information to add.

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DISCUSSIONS:

The Board discussed HB640 relative to treatment alternative to opioids. The bill was voted Inexpedient to Legislate by the House on 2/27/19.

The Board reviewed an email from Alice Meattey regarding a course for ADS supervisors.

The Board discussed RSA 328-G:9 (v) relative to licensees being able to refer to themselves as a "Doctor" or using initials such as "Dr". The statute was established in 1997 at a time when doctorate programs for acupuncture were not available. Programs are now available and the Board has received an application from an individual with a doctorate degree in acupuncture. Upon the motion of AG and the second of DM, the Board voted to create a sub-committee to work on language to update RSA 328-G:9 (v) to allow acupuncturists with doctorate degrees to use "Doctor" or "Dr." AIF Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DM, the Board voted to elect AG and JAW as sub-committee members. AIF The Board also established a policy until RSA 328-G is updated that any licensee will be informed on current statute and that the Board is pursuing legislation to amend the language. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DM, the Board voted to adopt the policy. AIF

The Board discussed reciprocity. Any applicant from a state that does not require NCCAOM certification shall not qualify for licensure in NH. The website will be updated to list all of the states that do not require NCCAOM certification.

The Board discussed the succession plan.

The Board discussed the Attorney General's Office annual Administrative Law Training on March 29th, 2019.

The Board set the meeting dates for 2019 to be May 31st, October 11th, and December 13th all at 10 am.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Upon the motion of Cindy Theroux-Jette and the second of Amy Goldstein, 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, Amy Goldstein, Diane Chase, Deborah Meuse, and Jeanne Ann Whittington all voted yes. The Non-Public session began at 12:03 pm and ended at 12:25 pm.

Upon the motion of Cindy Theroux-Jette and the second of Amy Goldstein, 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, Amy Goldstein, Deborah Meuse, Diane Chase, and Jeanne Ann Whittington all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.