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**NH BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING
PUBLIC MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11TH, 2019 MEETING**

Members present: Cindy Theroux-Jette (CTJ), Jeanne Ann Whittington (JAW), Deborah Meuse (DM), and Diane Chase (DC). DC joined the meeting at 10:30 am. Absent was Amy Goldstein (AG).

Meeting called to order at 10:14 am.

The Board was introduced to OPLC Executive Director David Grosso. Mr. Grosso joined OPLC July 1, 2019. The Board looks forward to working with Mr. Grosso.

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 31st, 2019 meeting. AIF

The Board opened a public hearing for Administrative Rule Changes 2019-160 at 10:42 am. Vicki Irwin testified with some questions on the proposal. The Board clarified that the temporary teaching permit application will no longer require a fee, the licensee must have a renewal application into the Board's office prior to the expiration date, and that service on the NH Board of Acupuncture licensing would equal 5 PDA points. Ms. Irwin suggested that service on a professional association board should also qualify for PDA points. The Board shall thoughtfully consider the suggestion. Ms. Irwin was in support of the changes. The Board closed the public hearing at 11:15am.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to ratify the approval of Brendan Carney's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to approve Andrea Kolgin's application. AIF

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Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to approve Amy O'Dell's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of JAW, the Board voted to approve Victoria Duenes' application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to approve Whit Durant's application. AIF

Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to approve Lisa Santhana's application. AIF

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed several emails from Jenna Sanborn relative to a reciprocal route for California licensed acupuncturists. Ms. Sanborn does not have NCCAOM certification and therefore does not qualify for licensure in NH. Correspondence will be sent to Ms. Sanborn that if she follows the reciprocal route to obtain NCCAOM certification, she will qualify for a license in NH.

DISCUSSIONS:

The Board discussed Acp 302.03 and 403.01. Upon the motion of CTJ and the second of DC, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking to change Acp 302.03 (c) to accept applicants who have received a degree from outside the United States if the applicant has successfully completed the NCCAOM educational requirements for international applicants. The Board will review if they have statutory authority to take disciplinary action on a licensee who has had their NCCAOM certification revoked or otherwise disciplined.

The Board reviewed the list of ADS certificate holders. A letter will be sent to all ADS supervisors that site visit reports are due.

The Board took a break from 11:15 to 11:35 am.

The Board reviewed the statutory changes.

The Board discussed the succession plan.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION. Upon the motion of Cindy Theroux-Jette and the second of Deborah Meuse, 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

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voted as follows: Cindy Theroux-Jette, Deborah Meuse, Diane Chase, and Jeanne Ann Whittington all voted yes. The Non-Public session began at 12:10 pm and ended at 12:15 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

The meeting dates for 2019 are May 31st, October 11th, and December 13th all at 10 am.