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**California Acupuncture Board
Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
APPROVED meeting minutes**

Location:

**Elihu M. Harris State Office Building
1515 Clay Street
Meeting Room #2
Oakland, Ca 94612**

Committee Members Present

Kitman Chan, Public Member
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member
Jamie Zamora, Chair, Public Member

Education Committee Members

*Jamie Zamora, Chair, Public Member
Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Licensed Member
Kitman Chan, Public Member
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member*

Committee Member Absent

Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Licensed Member

Staff Present

Ben Bodea, Executive Officer
Kristine Brothers, Enforcement Coordinator
Jay Herdt, Education Coordinator
Marc Johnson, Policy Coordinator

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 9:55 AM

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Jamie Zamora, (Zamora), Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:57am. Policy Coordinator Marc Johnson (Johnson) called the roll. Michael Corradino – absent; Kitman Chan – present; Jeannie Kang – present; Jamie Zamora – present. 3-0 Quorum established.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of September 25, 2015 Education Committee meeting minutes (Zamora)

Chair Zamora presented the September 25, 2015 meeting minutes. No changes were made. Legal Counsel Kelsey Pruden (Pruden) suggested Jeannie Kang (Kang), who was not present at the September 25 meeting, abstain on a vote. Since a 3-0 quorum to vote to adopt minutes was not available, Counsel Pruden said the minutes would be accepted, instead of adopted, if passed.

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No public comments were made on this item.

MOTION: Chair Zamora made a motion to accept the September 25, 2015 education committee meeting minutes. Member Kitman Chan (Chan) seconded the motion. Vote: Zamora – YES; Chan – YES; Corradino – ABSENT; Kang – ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES 2-0-1-1

Agenda Item #3 – Discussion and Possible Action of Acupuncture Board ethics continuing education requirement for licensees (Johnson); Possible Recommendation to Board

Johnson gave a short overview of the ethics regulation, which was originally approved by the Board at the November 11, 2012 public meeting, with the goal of filing with Office of Administrative Law by September 2016. He noted during a review of all regulatory packages with Legal Counsel, it was recommended that the Ethics rulemaking package be given back to the Committee for further development. Johnson also suggested several issues for Committee consideration, including Category 1 or 2 requirements, which laws should be reviewed, and better defining what ethics are. Education Coordinator Jay Herdt (Herdt) detailed what other Boards have as an ethics requirement. He noted the Chiropractic Board requires two hours of ethics courses annually since their renewal is annual, and Physical Therapy Board requires two hours.

Discussion commenced on the required CE hours. Chair Zamora asked the Committee if four was a good number. Members Kang and Chan agreed four was a good number. Member Kang also pointed out NCCAOM had an ethics requirement, and felt the Acupuncture Board's ethics requirement had to be on par with the Chiropractic and Psychology Board. Counsel Pruden had some concerns about the language and suggested defining the difference between distance or in person for the ethics requirement. Additionally, she suggested requiring a test component for the ethics course. Committee agrees.

Public comment was taken on the item. One comment was made on supporting an in-person class and recommended joining the dialogue on the national standards for the issue.

Chair Zamora returned to the existing language but suggested adding the following: "an Acupuncturist shall take no less than four hours of continuing education professional ethics in person or distance education every two years to meet his/her continuing education requirements". Member Kang recommended adding the words "and law" to help specify the requirement but Member Chan had concerns about using "and law" saying it might confuse licensees. Chair Zamora proposed adding "and law that regulates the acupuncture profession"; Member Chan agreed with that addition.

Counsel Pruden then asked whether first time license renewals – those with less than two years on their initial licensing period -- should be required to meet the ethics

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requirement. Members Zamora and Kang felt it was not necessary. Counsel Pruden also suggested placing the proposed regulation in CCR Section 1399.489(c) and requiring a test component. Committee agrees.

Public comment was taken further on the item. A comment asked how the Board would verify if the class was taken, and what guidelines would be provided in order to develop CE courses.

MOTION: Chair Zamora made a motion to direct staff to make changes outlined in the committee meeting to Section 1399.489 and bring back language to the full Board at a later date. Member Kitman Chan (Chan) seconded the motion. Vote: Zamora – YES; Chan – YES; Corradino – ABSENT; Kang – YES. MOTION PASSES 3-0-1

Agenda Item # 4 – Future Education Committee Agenda Items

Chair Zamora reviewed future Committee agenda items. They include evaluating curriculum standards, defining physically present, naming terms and use of training programs, licensing qualifications for the MCLE, and requiring a TOEFL exam for international applicant.

Public comment was taken on this item. One commenter would like to see the CAB clinical education requirements align with other medical professions. Another asked for students in a DAOM program not licensed in California be allowed to complete their hours at a school. Another commenter felt CE providers are poorly regulated.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

(The Committee may not discuss or take any action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a))

No public comments were made on this item.

Adjournment at 10:48am.

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