



Approved Minutes

NOTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 29, 2015

**Department of Consumer Affairs
1747 North Market Blvd.
HQ2 Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95834**

**Teleconference Meeting Location:
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member
Jamie Zamora, Public Member
Junipero Sera State Building
320 W. Fourth Street, 8 B Conference Room, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90013**

Board Members Present

Kitman Chan – Chair
Michael Shi, L.Ac, Licensed Member
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac, Licensed Member
Jamie Zamora, Public Member – absent

Staff Present

Terri Thorfinnson – Executive Officer
Ben Bodea – Continuing Education Coordinator
Katie Le – Education Coordinator
Tammy Graver – Board Liaison

Education Committee Members

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 10:00 a.m.

- 1. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established**
- 2. Opening Remarks** – Michael introduced Kitman as the new chair of the Education Committee. This is the first Education Committee meeting for this year. Kitman requested that any public comment be limited to two minutes.
- 3. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

No public comments.

4. **Approve Minutes** - The minutes from January 23, 2015 were approved as submitted. Michael made the motion to approve and Jeannie seconded the motion. Kitman, Michael and Jeannie voted yes to approve the minutes.
5. **Review and Make Recommendations on School Applications Seeking Board Approval of Acupuncture Training Program:**

- **California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) (School may connect by teleconference)**

Katie reviewed the curriculum and Ben Bodea attended the site visit. The school has corrected all non-compliances and all were well documented and very complete. ACTCM (who was previously approved) and CIIS are going through a merger, effective July 1st. Members of the school staff did join this meeting via teleconference. Jeannie made the motion to recommend approval to the full Board on the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Michael seconded the motion. Kitman, Michael and Jeannie all voted yes for the motion. Mr. Goldsteen corrected the name of the college to be California Institute of Integral Studies. Michael remarked that this recommendation will now be brought up at the Board Meeting on June 19th. The school will be sending representation to the Board Meeting.

6. **Request for Board approval of CPR and First Aid Curricula pursuant to Section 1399.434 (f) (4) and 1399.436 (a) (14):**

This issue was on the agenda because it was referred at the last board meeting to the Education Committee to address the issue. In our regulations we specify that the American Red Cross (ARC) and the American Heart Association (AHA) as the providers of CPR and First Aid certification, but we also provide for an equivalent curriculum that is approved by the board. These two organizations are seeking Board approval of their curriculum for first aid and CPR courses. Few board approved schools offer these programs, so many graduates rely on vendors to fulfill this licensure requirement.

- **EMS Safety Services, Inc.** – Rob Pryce was on the teleconference. He is the Program and Resource Director for EMS Safety Services, Inc. This company does both adult and child CPR, which we require in our regulations.
- **Save - A - Life Educators, Inc.** - Vicky Igou was on the teleconference. She currently uses the AHA curricula but she would create her own course to teach.

These two programs both meet the board's requirements. Jeannie made the motion to recommend these programs to the full board for approval of their CPR and First Aid certification pursuant to the section. Michael seconded the motion. Kidman, Michael and Jeannie all voted yes.

Public Comment – Chris Ruth from Emperor's College – he is a certified training of CPR and First Aid through the AHA and ARC. There are many "fly by night" companies out there that are issuing CPR & First Aid cards that are not doing the required training and there have been many students that have fallen victim to these companies.

Vicky with Save –A – Life totally agreed with Chris Ruth's comments. The Heartsaver program takes a minimum of five hours of training and there are many companies that will do the training in three to four hours. Because her business is small she has total oversight as to

what is going on and being taught. Rob from EMS Safety Services, Inc. agreed with everything that was said from Chris and Vicky. He has dealt with falsified cards. It was brought to the board's attention that there were other providers out there that the board could approve.

Kitman asked that Vicky forward any emails she has on the subject to Terri.

Michael made the request to work with Vicky and Rob to be able to verify certification and program documentation and requirements. Are they willing to work with the board to verify certifications. Rob recommended that the board have a process with a checklist just like the one the board uses for school certifications. Vicky and Rob both gave an overview regarding how they train their trainers.

Jeannie asked that Rob and Vicky submit any questions they have to Terri and she will pass them along to the committee to be answered. No additional materials have been submitted to date.

7. Proposed regulatory change 1399.434 (f)(3) and 1399.436 (a)(14)

The AHA and the ARC have reduced their hours for the required course from 8 hrs. which is in our regulations. Thus, these mainstay standards are out of compliance with the Board's regulations that requires an 8 hour course. One of the problems with put specific names of organizations or specific hours in a regulation is that when it changes, the regulatory process is not nimble, and it will take us time to change. This lowering of the hours for required course work poses a problem for the Board. The Board needs to change its regulations to address the issue. The current standard ties it to hours rather than type of certification. Should the board raise the standard to a health care standard would be something the board should look at and eliminate the hourly requirement. Also, in our regulations, we don't require people to have current certification when they apply, just that they have had it and that we don't require renewal. If we're going to make a regulatory change we may want to add this. We might want to require all renewals and new license applicants have current certification. Rob talked about the need to also require AED training for lay people.

Public comment included that CPR should be included as part of the renewal process.

Terri brought up the point to committee members that in the regulations it states that a person have knowledge of Eastern and Western medicine so should the requirement be to have the training (CPR, AED & First Aid) for a health care provider or a lay person?

Jeannie made a motion to recommend to the board the proposed regulatory changes to certification and hours requirements to CPR with the three points that were listed in the memo in the Board materials (Health Care Provider CPR and First Aid level certification, require current certification and renewal and eliminate 8 hour requirement) with the consideration of those organizations; and to have the languaging being amended with further discussion between Terri and the organizations, and then put it through legal counsel for languaging revisions. Michael seconded the motion. Jeannie, Michael and Kitman all voted yes.

A public comment was brought up from Emperor's College in regards to those out of the country wanting to obtain a license in California but cannot take the course on line.

Terri asked Rob and Vicky to provide some additional language recommendations that they had offered.

8. Future Agenda Items

No agenda items proposed.

9. Adjournment

Public Comment on items of discussion will be taken during each item. Time limitations will be determined by the Chairperson. Times are approximate and subject to change. Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.

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