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**ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

**LOCATION:
PACIFIC COLLEGE OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE
ROOM 100
7445 MISSION VALLEY ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92108**

Committee Members Present

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

Research Committee Members

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Staff Present

Benjamin Bodea, Interim Executive Officer
Jay Herdt, Education Coordinator
Marc Johnson, Policy Coordinator

AGENDA

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

Chair Corradino called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Roll was taken: Corradino – present; Chan – present; Kang – present; Zamora – present. *4-0 quorum established.*

(Taken out of order) Agenda Item #3 -- Discussion of Educational Requirements for Licensure and Recognition of Advanced Degrees in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine – Discussion (Corradino)

Chair Corradino introduced the discussion by stating that the Board has not taken position on the issue and that the Board was gathering information for a future meeting. He noted there were 4 different types of doctorate programs in Acupuncture, and gave an overview of the programs and the history. He also noted it was not the role of the Acupuncture Board to accredit these programs. He encouraged schools to come together to help promote the growth of the profession.

Committee Member Jamie Zamora (Zamora) asked about the reasons why an individual would choose a specific doctoral program and if the person would be a practitioner or a teacher. Chair Corradino replied they could do both, and that the differences between



doctoral and master's programs were often confused due to the initials after the program. He felt it was a major issue, since schools are now trying to approve a "first professional doctorate". Committee Member Jeannie Kang (Kang) noted ACAOM was going through a transition due to the new degrees being offered, including the first professional doctorate. She also said ACAOM was dealing with six different types of advanced degrees.

Executive Officer Ben Bodea (EO Bodea) noted the Board does not approve degree programs, only curriculum. He said most schools currently offer a Master's program, but the Board could look to add a doctorate level curriculum in the future. Member Kang agreed but pointed out that international programs offer degrees in Acupuncture at the doctorate level. She said the degrees conferred in America were not on an equal part with those countries.

Public Comment was taken on the item. The first commenter noted that the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture (ACA) actually took up the first professional doctorate beginning in 1994 and finalized it in 2013. He felt the process was inclusive and has had the schools involved. A second comment was made saying that schools have been offering the program for many years, and the ACA called the programs title DAOM. She noted the programs interact with a master's program. EO Bodea repeated that the Board has no authority over the degrees offered and that is the purview of BPPE.

A third commenter observed her college offered a transitional DACM, and there were five different titles for different degrees, which she said were approved by accreditors. She also said there was a lot of confusion on the titles with students. A fourth comment was made noting the confusion of the degree titles and explained the process for their first professional doctorate program. A fifth comment was made with concern about a proposed DACM program compared to a DAOM program. A sixth comment was made regarding the different degrees offered and the levels of work they do. A seventh comment was made in support of the market determining the need for the degrees.

Agenda Item #2 -- Regulation of the Sale of Acupuncture Needles – Discussion (Corradino)

This item was tabled by the Chair.

Agenda Item #4 -- Regulation of the Practice of "Dry Needling" or Unlicensed Individuals Applying a Needle to the Human Body – Discussion (Corradino)

This item was tabled by the Chair.

Agenda Item #5 -- Future Agenda Items



No agenda items were identified by the Committee.

Agenda Item #6 -- Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

A public comment was made asking the committee to look at the so-called bleeding issue.

Agenda Item #7 -- Adjournment

Adjournment at 9:30am.

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