

**MINUTES
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
January 18, 2013**

Telephone Conference Call

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 Ms. Clancy, Chair, called the General Business Meeting to order approximately 9:00 a.m. Those
3 present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Clancy, AP, D.O.M., Chair
Min Tian, AP, PhD
Barbara Thurman, AP
Herman Vega, AP, PhD, AMD, LMHC

STAFF PRESENT

Paula Mask, Program Operations Administrator
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4 ***Please note the meeting minutes reflect the actual order agenda items were discussed***
5 ***during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.***

6 ***An audio of this meeting can be found by clicking on "Audio Files" at***
7 ***http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/acupunct/acu_meeting.html***

8 Ms Mask explained to board members Ms. Lynette Norr, Assistant Attorney General, was
9 representing the Board in Ms. Gustafson's absence.

10 Ms. Barbara Thurman apologized for the article titled ADHD Primary Health Care being submitted
11 to the Board in error. Ms. Thurman further stated all other articles submitted to the Board were
12 pertinent to the topic of discussion.

13 Ms Thurman indicated the articles submitted on the agenda were for the members to review other
14 professions and how those professions awarded credits to their licensees.

15 The members reviewed various courses that were approved and compared them with the number
16 of words in each document with the number of hours being offered as continuing education
17 credits. Ms. Thurman indicated there needs to be guidelines on how credits are awarded for
18 continuing education.

19 Dr. Vega expressed concerns regarding the scientific validation for courses. Dr. Vega also stated
20 references validate the speaker's information. He further stated these references are standards of
21 the quality of the presenters and the courses and whether or not they have done their homework
22 to support their hypothesis.

1 Ms. Clancy stated the Board of Acupuncture does not necessarily have the proven scientific data
2 since our resources are limited. In reviewing the number of references the committee cannot
3 compare that with what is in the medical community.

4 General discussion ensued regarding requiring a certain number of continuing education credits
5 be live hands on courses in addition to keeping it cost effective for everyone.

6 Dr. Tian expressed her concerns with the application and the instructions on the application. Dr.
7 Tian stated it would eliminate confusion if there were clear instructions on the application. Dr.
8 Tian further stated some applications were clearly not within the scope and practice of an
9 Acupuncturist and should not be sent to committee members for review. The course should be
10 rejected immediately and should not have to be reviewed by the board.

11 General discussion ensued regarding courses on animal acupuncture and whether or not an
12 Acupuncturist can perform these services. Ms Mask read the definition of Acupuncture to the
13 Board members and asked Ms. Norr for clarification. Ms. Norr reiterated the statute did not
14 mention animals.

15 Dr. Tian expressed concerns with the provider not submitting all requirements for their course and
16 also not submitting additional documentation in a timely manner. Ms. Mask explained the
17 application process to the continuing education committee pursuant to section 120.60, F.S.

18 Ms. Norr reiterated her familiarity with section 120.60, F.S. Ms Norr advised she was familiar with
19 this law regarding licensure applications but was unsure if it applied to continuing education
20 course applications.

21 Staff will send a copy of the application to the members for review and evaluation.

22 After general discussion, it was the consensus of the committee for Ms. Thurman to prepare a
23 summary of all items discussed for an additional meeting.

24 **Action Taken:** Ms. Clancy made a motion to accept the diagram in the agenda which is currently
25 used in determining instructor qualifications. The motion was seconded Dr. Tian and passed 3/1
26 with Dr. Vega opposing the motion.

27 **Action Taken:** Ms. Clancy made a motion continuing education courses designed for animal
28 acupuncture will be excluded and this information should be stated on the application. The
29 motion was seconded by Ms. Thurman which passed unanimously.

30 Dr. Vega requested allowing item 9 on his recommendation list be accepted.

31 **Action Taken:** Ms. Clancy made a motion to accept item 9 of Dr Vega's recommendation which
32 stated if the provider does not submit all additional requirements within 30 days the application
33 will be denied. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vega. Discussion was held regarding requests
34 to deny courses are required to be presented to the full board for action. Motion failed.

35 After discussion, it was decided to table items 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Dr. Vega's recommendations and
36 to include these in Ms. Thurman's summary.

37 **Action Taken:** Ms. Thurman made a motion to table these items. Motion seconded by Ms.
38 Clancy which passed unanimously.

39 General discussion ensued regarding whether or not to include a statement on the application
40 concerning copyright laws.

1 **Action Taken:** Ms. Clancy made a motion to table this request until further consultation from
2 board counsel. Ms. Thurman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (**Note:** Ms.
3 Clahar-Anderson contacted CE Broker and if the board is allowed to place copyright law
4 information, CE Broker will do so at the board's request.)

5 The committee members discussed whether or not continuing education providers had access to
6 the laws and rules governing the criteria for approval of continuing education courses on CE
7 Broker.

8 **Action Taken:** After discussion, Ms. Clancy made a motion to table this item until CE Broker has
9 been consulted. Motion seconded by Dr. Vega which passed unanimously. (**Note:** Ms. Clahar-
10 Anderson contacted CE Broker and the link to laws and rules are no longer on its system. This is
11 the current business practice of CE Broker.)

12 Committee members discussed continuing education providers stating on the application the
13 relevance of their course to the acupuncture profession. After discussion it was decided to table
14 this discussion for the next meeting.

15 Ms. Clancy made a motion the application be properly completed and addressed to the Board of
16 Acupuncture.

17 **Action Taken:** Dr. Vega made a motion to delay this request until each member has received
18 and reviewed a copy of the application before making a decision on having a checklist attached to
19 the application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thurman which passed unanimously.

20 Ms. Thurman requested members to review the recommendation to audit courses.

21 After discussion it was decided to hold another continuing education committee meeting. The
22 meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 30, 2013 at 9:00 am.

23 Meeting adjourned approximately 12 noon.