

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Presiding officer, Dr. Bruce Shelton, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and confirmed the attendance of the following board members:

Present:

Bruce Shelton MD, MD(H)
Charles Schwengel DO, DO(H)
Alan Kennedy
Dr. Les Adler, MD, MD(H)
Mary Grace Warner, MD, MD(H)

Christine Springer, Executive Director and Mona Baskin, Assistant Attorney General were also present at the meeting.

Note: Mrs. Gillette arrived at 9:45 a.m. during the meeting adjournment.

II. Review, Consideration, and Action on Minutes

Board members considered the minutes of the January 13, 2015 *Regular Meeting*. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the members present. 5 – 0.

III. Review, Consideration, and Action on New Applications *Medical Assistants*

The following three applicants for homeopathic medical assistant will be supervised by Dr. Martha Grout, MD, MD(H) and will be working at the Arizona Center for Advanced Medicine.

Board members considered the application of William Ball and found the application to be complete. Dr. Warner made the motion to approve the application. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote: 5 – 0.

The application of Otis Seamon for homeopathic medical assistant was reviewed and found to be complete. Dr. Warner made the motion to approve the application. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote: 5 – 0.

The application of Sarah Swerdfeger for homeopathic medical assistant was reviewed and found to be complete. Dr. Warner made the motion to approve the application. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion that passed unanimously. 5 – 0.

IV. Rules, Legislation, Substantive Policy Statements, Legislation

Legislation

The executive director informed the Board that SB1214 was scheduled to be heard in the House Health Committee this afternoon. She noted that no opposition was expected from the committee.

Rules

Mrs. Springer explained Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2015-01 imposing a rulemaking moratorium and the parameters necessary to request an exemption. She stated that before the board would proceed with rulemaking each section of rule in which an amendment was sought must be justified by one or more of five criteria specified in the executive order before it would be reviewed by the Governor's staff for an exemption to the moratorium.

V. Review, Consideration, and Action on Previous Board Orders

Charles Crosby, MD(H) Quarterly Report

The Board reviewed a quarterly report submitted on Dr. Crosby's behalf by his therapist in accordance with the terms of his Consent Agreement and Order. They noted that the report had been received timely and that Dr. Crosby was in compliance with the terms of his order.

VI. Review, Consideration and Action on Complaints and Investigations

A. Review, Discuss – Tracking Log Notification of New Complaints

Case No. 14-03 Martha Grout, MD, MD(H) (M.M.)

Mrs. Springer informed board members that the Arizona Medical Board will consider the jurisdiction issue at their April 1, 2015 regular meeting.

B. Ongoing Cases – Review, Consideration and Action

There were no ongoing cases to review

VII. Review, Consideration, and Action on Professional Business

1. Mrs. Springer indicated that the board has been tracking the status of the *40-hour Introduction to Homeopathy Program* that had been previously available to potential physician applicants by the now closed American Medical College of Homeopathy. At the November 14, 2014 regular meeting the board reviewed and approved the course as one of the options available to prospective applicants for the homeopathic physician license.

Dr. Shelton explained that the college was in bankruptcy and that the educational courses were in the hands of the court. He indicated that the Phoenix Institute of Herbal and Medical Acupuncture was attempting to purchase the programs and that additional information would be made available in the near future.

There was general discussion regarding the importance of educational programs to the homeopathic licensure process.

2. The board considered a revised list of 35 homeopathic remedies that had been prepared for their review. There were questions from Dr. Schwengel and Mr. Kennedy concerning polycrest remedies. Dr. Shelton explained that there were 68 most common remedies considered as polycrest. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to add sulfur to the revised list which made 36 remedies that potential applicants should be familiar with.

Dr. Warner made a motion to approve the list of 36 remedies. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion that passed unanimously, 5 – 0.

3. Dr. Adler provided an update to board members concerning the status of new questions for the written examination. He indicated that Dr. Garry Gordon had agreed to provide additional questions for the Chelation and orthomolecular parts of the examination. Dr. Shelton inquired who would be writing the new homeopathic questions. The members of the examination committee agreed to explore examination questions for the homeopathic section by the next regular meeting.

4. Dr. Shelton indicated he had reviewed the informed consents submitted by Dr. Martha Grout including a protocol for long-term antibiotic/complementary treatment of Lyme disease; consent for intravenous nutrient/antibiotic therapy, and informed consent for Major Auto Hemo Therapy with ozone. Dr. Warner moved to approve the consents submitted by Dr. Grout. Dr. Adler seconded the motion. After a brief discussion of the language of the forms, the motion passed 5 – 0 in a unanimous vote.

VIII. Review, Consideration and Action on Other Business

1. Financial Report

Mrs. Springer presented information regarding the current board financial report. She indicated that as of February 28, 2015, revenues were \$58,189 and expenditures were \$63,830. The legislative appropriation for FY2015 is \$102,100. The current ending cash balance is \$12,806.

She stated that although renewals were on track for the first quarter of the year, there had been a number of deaths in the active license population. There are 79 homeopathic physicians that are currently licensed.

IX. Call to the Public

Mr. Mario Fontes commented about his concern with the Board's decision to utilize just 35 homeopathic remedies on the written examination. He felt that the number was insufficient. The Board thanked him for his comments.

X. Future Agenda Items

Examination Discussion:

- 1) number of homeopathic remedies;
- 2) structure of the written examination;
- 3) consideration of oral examination in addition to written component

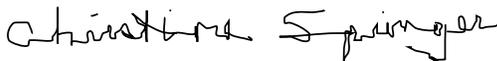
XI. Future Meeting Dates

May 12, 2015

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. following a motion by Dr. Warner. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and passed with an unanimous vote. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will convene at 1400 W. Washington, in Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine Springer
Executive Director

APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 12, 2015

