

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

Minutes of the Rules Committee

Held at 1400 West Washington, Room 230, Phoenix, Arizona
at
12:00 p.m. on
October 2, 2013

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Telephonic meeting of the Rules Committee of the Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Dr. Todd Rowe who was present along with Dr. Bruce Shelton.

Christine Springer the Executive Director was also present. No members of the public were present.

II. Review and Discussion of *Arizona Administrative Code, Chapter 38 Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners, Articles 1, 2, 3, and 4*

Committee members agreed that few changes were needed for sections of the rules making up **Article 2** concerning *Dispensing of Drugs by Homeopathic Physicians*. They did agree that language should be added relating to the types of drugs that the Doctors of Homeopathy will have authority to dispense. This includes homeopathic medications and nonprescription drugs including nutritional supplements pursuant to ARS 32-2951(G). Section 38-202 will require a new subsection that will indicate the classes of drugs to be dispensed by Homeopathic Doctors.

Dr. Shelton requested a clarification of **Article 1, Section 38-111** related to subsection C(3). After a brief discussion, committee members agreed that the intent of the rule would be to *standardize proving methods* and recognize tHahnemannian standards set forth by the *North American Network of Homeopathic Educators (NANHE)*.

Committee members discussed **Article 3 Education, Supervision, and Delegation Standards for Registration of Medical Assistants**. There was a brief discussion of the definition of a homeopathic medical assistant. Dr. Shelton expressed concern that within the MD(H) community there was confusion by the board requirement to register homeopathic medical assistants and yet statutes allow an exemption to individuals that practice as spiritual homeopaths. Dr. Rowe pointed out that homeopathic medical assistants are governed by the supervision standards listed in *A.A.C. R4-38-302* and

MD(H) licensees must be aware of the professional conduct parameters *in A.A.C. R4-38-312*. Spiritual homeopath operate without supervision of any kind.

Committee members agreed that in **Section 303** language should reflect 200 hours of nutrition training and 200 hours of orthomolecular training. They also noted that since the Doctor of Homeopathy may supervise medical assistants practicing nutrition and homeopathy, a subsection should be included with language reflecting the doctor of homeopathy may supervise medical assistants that are trained in homeopathy and nutrition. They also clarified that Doctors of Homeopathy may not provide orthomolecular therapies.

Language to include criteria related to the Doctor of Homeopathy license should also be added to **Section 302, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, and 312**.

Mrs. Springer indicated she would review **Article 4** concerning Time Frames and insert language relating to the Doctor of Homeopathy license. She commented that although it would be advantageous to shorten timeframes, statutory references in A.R.S. § 32-2912(F) relate to a one year timeframe and trying to change the statute would be difficult at this time.

The committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Christine Springer
Executive Director

Reviewed in Regular Meeting on January 14, 2014