

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
September 25, 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*

Dr. Rowe began the discussion and asked Mrs. Springer if the Five-Year Review would include comments in applicable sections related to draft language proposed for the Doctor of Homeopathy license. Mrs. Springer affirmed that the process provides for the inclusion of *anticipated changes* to each section of the rules and that the Committee's discussion should not only include a review of the current language in Chapter 38, Articles 1 through 4 but also a discussion of any proposed language that has been drafted for the Doctor of Homeopathy license. Committee members affirmed that they had in front of them two documents, the current language of Chapter 38, Articles 1 through 4 and the drafted language related to Doctor or Homeopathy licenses.

A review of each of the sections of Article 1 ensued with the following suggested changes to be made a part of the Five-Year Review:

Section 38-101 Definitions section and recommended revisions to the current definitions for 'complex homeopathy', and the 'Fifth Pathway program'. They also noted that a definition for a 'Homeopathic Medical Assistant' should be included in the section. The Committee agreed that new definitions should be added regarding the term 'Doctor of Homeopathy (D.H.)', and that the term 'Homeopathic Physician' should be clarified in this section.

Section 38-102 Additional Requirements for Applicants Graduated from an Unapproved School of Medicine

The committee agreed that language needs to be added to indicate what standards applicants for the Doctor of Homeopathy must meet if they have not graduated from an approved school of medicine. The statutory citation must also be clarified when ARS 32-2912 is referenced to show whether the rule is delineating standards for the homeopathic physician (MD(H) or DO(H)) or the doctor of homeopathy, (DH). They also discussed whether a separate subsection should be created when describing standards for the applicants for the doctor of homeopathy.

The committee discussed what the term 'accredited schools of homeopathy' means in the United States and Canada. They discussed homeopathic training in India and determined that the statutory definition of an *approved school of medicine* in ARS 32-2901(4)(b) indicates the board must consider a school or college that is approved or accredited by the council on homeopathic education (now known as ACHENA) or any board approved similar body in the United States or Canada.

Dr. Rowe commented that the section is talking about requirements for applicants graduated from an unapproved school of medicine which infers that the Board would sets criteria. The Board may wish to add a definition in Section 38-101 regarding 'Board approved accrediting body'. The committee indicated this section would need additional discussion with the full board.

In **Section 38-103 Postgraduate Requirements for Licensure**, the committee commented that ' or osteopathy' should be inserted after doctor of medicine in subsection 1.

Section 38-104 Approved Postgraduate Coursework

Dr. Rowe noted that any references to the Council on Homeopathic Education must be changed to the Accrediting Commission on Homeopathic Education in North America (ACHENA).

The committee did not suggest changes to **Section 38-105 Approval of Preceptorship** other than to request clarification in the language designating the section is intended to provide guidance for the MD(H) and DO(H) seeking licensure by completion of a preceptorship.

In **Section 38-106 Fees** the committee commented that a fee for the application for license and issuance of initial license for the doctor of homeopathy should be differentiated from the license fees currently stated for the homeopathic physician licensing.

Section 38-107 Examination

Dr. Shelton requested that additional information should be added to this section assist MD(H) and DO(H) applicants to understand what types of questions will be on the

examination. He directed the committee to a memorandum he prepared that suggested the following:

- 1) appoint a test creation committee that will suggest experts to write pools of test questions with the committee approving the questions to be included on the test;
- 2) designate the exec director to select questions from the pool to include in each test to ensure each test is different;
- 3) have the board publish information above the modalities of the subjects to be tested by percentage of types of questions;

Dr. Rowe agreed with the suggestions and also noted that a subsection should be added describing what modalities would be included in the written examination for applicants for the Doctor of Homeopathy examination. These modalities are homeopathy, medical knowledge, and nutritional concepts.

After additional discussion the committee requested that Mrs. Springer make the document entitled License Information available to the Board for review at the next regular meeting in November.

Section 38-108 Application for Licensure

The committee members indicated information about doctor of homeopathy license application forms must be added to the section.

Clarification about the types of license and documentation related to that license must also be included as noted in the draft rules for the doctor of homeopathy license.

Section 38-109 License Renewal

Discussion of the renewal required documentation with the members noting there is a need to add language clarifying that experimental informed consents meeting the guidelines set forth in section 38-111 must be reviewed at the time of renewal.

They also noted requirements for the doctor of homeopathy license renewal must also be made a part of the section.

Section 38-111 Experimental Forms of Diagnosis and Treatment

Dr. Rowe indicated that subsection C(3) should be clarified to reference the NANHE (North American Network of Homeopathic Educators). This would follow the words....'spectrum of action '*as recognized by the NANHE.*'

Section 38-112 Peer Review (no changes suggested)

Section 38-113 Chelation Therapy

Drs. Rowe and Shelton agreed this section should be removed from the rules. They noted that all licensees now practice chelation therapy only for the removal of heavy metals.

Section 38-114 Rehearing or review of decision

No changes

Section 38-115 Use of Title and Abbreviation

Dr. Rowe indicated that language for the doctor of homeopathy license needs to be added to this section with the initials designated as (D.H.). Dr. Shelton commented that the posting of the license should be changed to indicate it would be available in the public area of the office.

Section 38-116 Continuing Education Requirement

Change any references to the Council on Homeopathic Education to ACHENA. (subsections 4 and 6). Throughout this rule the terminology 'or Board Approved Homeopathic Medical School' needs to be inserted as one of the approving entities in subsections 1,2,3.

The committee discussed and suggested that at least 10 of the required 20 CME hours should be related to integrated medicine.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Sections 38-117 and 118 – no changes suggested.

Dr. Rowe noted a **new section 38-119** should be developed to set forth standards the board will follow to approve a school of homeopathic medicine as defined at ARS 32-2901(4).

Article 2 Dispensing of Drugs by Homeopathic Physicians – no change

The committee adjourned at 1:56 p.m. and agreed to meet again on October 2, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. to discuss Article 3 and changes that should be included in the Five-Year review.

Respectfully,

Christine Springer
Executive Director

Reviewed in Regular Meeting January 14, 2014