



## **EAST ASIAN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, April 29, 2016  
1:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joa Crowder, EAMP  
Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM  
Fujio McPherson, EAMP, DAOM  
Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP

**STAFF PRESENT:** Vicki Brown, Program Manager  
Trina Castle, Executive Director  
Sandie Pearson, Program Manager in Training  
Bruce Bronoske, Program Manager  
John Macejunas, AAG  
Katie Wolt, Legislative/Rules Coordinator

**Others Present:** Iman Majd, MD, EAMP  
Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist, Washington East Asian Medicine  
Association (WEAMA)  
Curt Eschels, EAMP, Secretary, WEAMA  
Andy McIntyre, EAMP, President, WEAMA  
Zachary Fulton, EAMP  
Dan Dingle, EAMP  
Lisa VanHaagen, EAMP  
Ian Sok, EAMP

The Washington State East Asian Medicine Advisory Committee met on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the Department of Health, Town Center Two Room 158, Tumwater, WA.

### **OPEN SESSION – 1:00 p.m.**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The business meeting of the East Asian Medicine Advisory Committee (committee) was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016 by Vicki Brown, Program Manager.

##### **1.1 Introduction of East Asian Medicine Advisory Committee members, staff and audience**

The committee, staff and audience introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP was nominated and unanimously elected as Chair. Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

**PRESENTATION – 1:15 p.m.**

**3. ONLINE LICENSING AND INFORMATION COLLECTION PROJECT – Dan Renfroe, Online Licensing Project Manager will provide information regarding the department’s online application project.**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**4. 2016 LEGISLATION – The committee will be provided a copy of and discuss Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2448 – An act relating to the practice of certain East Asian medicine therapies.**

Ms. Brown provided the committee with an overview of SHB 2448 – An act relating to the practice of certain East Asian medicine therapies. SHB 2448 includes a list of substances that can be injected by point injection therapy and adds an East Asian medicine practitioner to the definition of “practitioner” under RCW 69.41.010 of the pharmacy law.

With this bill, the department, in consultation with the East Asian medicine advisory committee, shall establish by rule the definition of “point injection therapy” and shall adopt rules regarding substances administered as part of point injection therapy consistent with the practice of East Asian medicine.

The bill also states that the department shall adopt rules by July 1, 2017, to specify the education and training necessary to provide point injection therapy.

**5. SETTING 2016 MEETING AND RULE WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS –**

The committee discussed proposed meeting and rule workshop dates and location for 2016 – 2017. The committee voted unanimously on the following:

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Type of Meeting</b>
June 24, 2016	Tumwater	Rules Workshop - tentative
July 29, 2016	Kent	Business Meeting
October 7, 2016	Spokane	Business Meeting
January 27, 2017	Tumwater	Business Meeting
April 28, 2017	TBD	Business Meeting

**PRESENTATION – 2:00 p.m.**

**6. POINT INJECTION THERAPY (PIT)**

The Washington East Asian Medicine Association (WEAMA) gave a presentation to the committee on point injection therapy. The WEAMA members present included:

- Andy McIntyre, EAMP
- Zachary Fulton, EAMP
- Curtis Eschels, EAMP
- Iman Majd, MD, EAMP

The presentation included information on the following topics:

- Background
- Training in different states
- Live demonstration
- Training in different professions
- Considerations from teaching perspective
- Technical considerations
- Safety considerations
- Training in what is excluded
- Possible Bastyr involvement re: formal class

**7. EAST ASIAN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSED 2015 – 2017 BUSINESS PLAN**

The committee reviewed their proposed 2015 – 2017 business plan and asked the purpose behind the business plan. Ms. Brown explained the business plan and requested the committee to thoroughly review the plan and bring any recommended changes to the next meeting. This item will be discussed at the July, 2016 meeting.

**8. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Information provided to the committee by the program manager and executive director.**

**8.1 Interim Operating Budget Report**

Ms. Castle provided committee members with an update and overview of the East Asian medicine program's operating budget for July 2015 through March 2016. The report shows revenue exceeding expenditures. Ms. Emerick asked about the possibility of reducing the license/renewal fees. Ms. Castle explained that as the committee is brand new, the department will be monitoring the budget for the rest of the biennium. She explained that the program needs to maintain a healthy balance to cover committee costs and any disciplinary costs. It was added that each profession is required to be self-supporting which means that the fees coming in must support the program.

## 8.2 Licensing and disciplinary statistics

Ms. Brown provided licensing and disciplinary statistics to the committee. It was noted that there are currently 1,422 active licensed East Asian medicine practitioners.

## 8.3 Other

There was nothing discussed under this agenda item.

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

A motion was made by Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM and seconded by Joa Crowder, EAMP to place items 9.1 and 9.2 on the regular business agenda for further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9.1 Letter from the Washington State Senate requesting the Department of Health consider a sunrise review application for a proposal that would add dry needling to the physical therapy scope of practice.

Ms. Brown explained to the committee that the Chair of the Senate Health Care Committee sent a letter to the department. The letter requested the department to consider sunrise review application for a proposal that would add dry needling to the physical therapy scope of practice. The letter also requested the department to review the evidence on the efficacy of dry needling.

- 9.2 Opinion from the Attorney General on the Scope of Practice of Physical Therapy regarding dry needling

Ms. Brown provided information on the opinion from the Attorney General regarding the scope of practice of physical therapy. Ms. Brown did say that the department may be looking to the committee for their input on this issue.

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)
- Washington Recovery and Monitoring Program (WRAMP)
- 2015 – 2017 Business Plan
- Rule Workshops
- Online Licensing and Information Collection Project – Dan Renfroe
- Interim Operating Budget Report
- Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics

- Bylaws
- Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) – Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP) performing acupuncture

## 11. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Emerick suggested that a future agenda item might be from the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) on the topic of Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP's) performing acupuncture.

Ms. VanHaagen and Ms. Emerick thanked the committee for volunteering to be on the committee.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2016 in Kent. Update meeting information will be posted to the East Asian medicine webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Vicki Brown, Program Manager

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Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair