On Friday, June 22, 2018, the East Asian Medicine Advisory Committee met at the SpringHill Suites – Marriott, 1421 S.E. Tech Center Drive, Columbia Room, Vancouver, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

Members Present:  
Cris Angel, EAMP  
Lisa Miller, Public Member  
Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair

Members Absent:  
Joa Crowder, EAMP  
Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM

Staff Present:  
Vicki Brown, Program Manager  
Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative  
Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)  
Sherry Thomas, Policy Analyst  
Joanne Miller, Credentialing Supervisor

Others Present:  
Netia Miles, Licensing Manager, Oregon Medical Board  
Shayne Nylund, Acupuncturist Licensing Specialist, Oregon Medical Board  
Leslie Emerick, Lobbyist, Washington East Asian Medicine Association (WEAMA)  
Susan Shultz, EAMP, DC  
Lisa vanHaagen, EAMP
OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the East Asian Medicine Advisory Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018 by Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair.

1.1 Introductions

The committee, staff and audience introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The committee reviewed and approved the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Angel and seconded by Ms. Ramgotra to approve the March 2, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. The committee voted in favor of the motion and the March 2, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION – 9:10 a.m.

2. OREGON MEDICAL BOARD

The committee received a presentation from Netia Miles, Licensing Manager and Shayne Nylund, Acupuncturist Licensing Specialist both from the Oregon Medical Board. The Oregon Medical Board and the committee exchanged information on the regulation of East Asian medicine practitioners/Acupuncturists.

3. EAST ASIAN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2017 – 2019 BUSINESS PLAN

The committee reviewed and discussed the revised 2017 – 2019 business plan. The committee made no additional changes to the updated business plan at this time. Ms. Brown shared that she will make the draft revisions to the business plan and will bring back for the committee to review at a future meeting.

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

4.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford provided committee members with an updated budget report through May 2018. The report continues to show revenue is exceeding expenditures. Program
staff will continue to monitor the budget and provide an updated report at the next meeting.

4.2 Licensing and disciplinary statistics

Ms. Miller provided an updated licensing statistics report showing the number of licensees. The report listed the following:

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Ms. Miller explained that currently there is a slight delay in issuing licenses due to being short staffed and that new staff are being hired. Ms. Miller also shared that online licensing was now available. An updated credentialing report will be provided at the next meeting.

Disciplinary statistics were presented to the committee by Ms. Crawford. Committee members reviewed and discussed the report. The report summarized the number and nature of the complaints received.

4.3 Other

The committee discussed changing the September 14, 2018 meeting to a rules workshop only to be held in Tumwater. Committee members voted in favor of changing the September 14, 2018 meeting to a rules workshop. The next committee meeting will be held on November 9, 2018 in Kent. Updated meeting information will be posted to the webpage.

5. 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 Cris Angel, EAMP to remove and place the consent agenda items onto the regular business agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
6. **DOCUMENTS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE AND PLACED ON BUSINESS AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

- Copy of a letter from Representative Eileen Cody, RN to NCQAC
- Copy of a letter from the Washington East Asian Medicine Association (WEAMA) to NCQAC
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- Copy of a letter from NCQAC to WEAMA

Ms. Emerick addressed the committee regarding NCQAC and their advisory opinion. NCQAC will be initiating rule making, but she does not think they will be defining medical acupuncture in the rules. NCQAC has agreed to have an interpreter during the initial meetings and the workshops.

There was discussion on the training that is available for medical doctors and osteopaths but this does not include advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs.) Currently there is no training available for ARNP’s.

The audience was reminded that the conversations on the education and training for ARNP’s to perform medical acupuncture should be with NCQAC and not with the committee.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 2017 – 2019 Business Plan
- Rules workshop for Chapter 246-803 WAC
- Review of department approved East Asian medicine school

8. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Emerick stated that WEAMA is looking to update the Revised Code of Washington (RCW’s) for the East Asian medicine practitioner scope of practice. It is a belief that acupuncture is only a technique and not a system of medicine. WEAMA would like to update the intent section of the RCW, set consistent standards of education and training, and possibly look at adding continuing education requirements. Ms. Emerick asked if the department would be willing to help with this.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018. The next committee meeting and rules workshop is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2018 in Kent, WA. Updated rules workshop and meeting information will be posted to the East Asian medicine webpage.
10. RULES WORKSHOP – The department will continue to work on the draft rules for chapter 246-803 WAC.

During the workshop, staff was presented with a petition for rule making on WAC 246-803-030 East Asian medicine from Susan Schultz, DC, EAMP. Ms. Schultz clarified that she really did not intend to call this a petition. She was asking for information, guidance and assistance on how local anesthetics such as procaine and lidocaine could be added to the list of authorized substances that can be injected using point injection therapy. Ms. Crawford stated that in order to add procaine and lidocaine to the rule, it would require a legislative change first. RCW 18.06.010(j) would have to be amended to have procaine and lidocaine added as an approved substance. Dr. Schultz thanked Ms. Crawford for the information and said she will consult with the WEAMA Board of Directors about the possibility of this legislation.