EAST ASIAN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Wingate by Wyndham Hotel – Spokane Airport
Concourse A - Large Meeting Room
2726 S. Flint Rd.
Spokane, WA

Members Present:  Cris Angel, EAMP
                 Jacob Godwin, EAMP, DAOM
                 Lisa Miller, Public Member
                 Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, chair
                 Vacant

Staff Present:    Vicki Brown, Program Manager
                 Trina Crawford, Executive Director
                 Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present:  Heather Godwin
                 Colleen Smith, EAMP

OPEN SESSION – 10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the East Asian Medicine Advisory Committee (committee) was called to order at 10:08 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019 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 May 10, 2019 meeting agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2019

A motion was made by Cris Angel, EAMP and seconded by Lisa Miller, Public Member to approve the February 22, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The committee voted in favor of the motion and the February 22, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. LEGISLATION

2.1 Department of Health weekly “Meet me call” conference calls – Update – Inderjeet Ramgotra, EAMP, Chair and Lisa Miller, Public Member

Ms. Miller stated that this was her first time being on the legislative meet-me-calls. She expected there to be more content than there was during the calls. Substitute House Bill 1865 was mentioned as to the name change but there was nothing further.

Ms. Ramgotra informed the committee that the acupuncture bill did pass. She further mentioned that the Health Care Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) project will increase license renewals by about $10.00 a year.

2.2 2019 Legislation – Update – Trina Crawford, Executive Director

Ms. Crawford updated the committee of 2019 legislation that has passed the legislature. This legislation is as follows:

- SSB 5386 related to telemedicine optional training.
- Health Care Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) was approved. As the East Asian medicine practitioner programs has a health balance, their fees will probably not increase. They may use the fund balance instead of charging an estimated $10.00 per license for four years to fund the new system.
- Medical marijuana received its own funding and will no longer be receiving funding from the health professions 02G account.
- HB 1198 Sexual Misconduct Sanction Notification to Patients has passed and it affects all health professions. The bill requires the practitioner to do a one-time notification to patients about any disciplinary action taken against their license for sexual misconduct.
3. **2019 LEGISLATION**

The committee was provided a copy of and discussed Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1865 – An act relating to Acupuncture and Eastern medicine. Ms. Crawford and Ms. Brown presented an overview of the bill and its effect on the profession. As soon as the legislation has been codified and the current rules adopted, Ms. Brown will file a CR-101 to open up Chapter 246-803 for rule-making. This will be added to the November 15, 2019 agenda.

4. **EAST ASIAN MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2019 – 2021 BUSINESS PLAN**

The committee reviewed their draft 2019 – 2021 business plan. Staff will revise the draft business plan to include the changes required from SHB 1865 and add to the next meeting agenda.

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

5.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Crawford provided the committee members with an updated budget report through March 2019. The report continued to show revenue is exceeding expenditures. Some of the fund balance will be used to pay the HELMS amount for the profession. As there is a significant fund balance, the budget office may consider lowering fees in the future.

5.2 Recruitment for Professional Member Position

Ms. Brown updated the committee members on recruitment efforts for a professional member. She has received nine applications and will be contacting the individuals to schedule phone interviews. She is hoping that a new professional member will be appointed by the September meeting.

5.3 Update credentialing and disciplinary report

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

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5.4 Other

Ms. Brown said she had received a copy of the CR-103P filed by the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) regarding acupuncture medical coverage for approved conditions. Effective June 1, 2019, the final rule will allow L&I and self-insurers to pay for acupuncture as specified in WAC 296-23-238.

Ms. Brown also received a copy of a letter sent to Lori Matsukawa King 5 News Anchor from the Charis Wolf, Vice-President of the Washington East Asian Medicine Association regarding the practice of acupuncture.

Both items listed above were available for review by the committee members.

6. 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.

There were no items for the consent agenda.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2019 – 2021 Business Plan
- Rules hearing for Chapter 246-803 WAC
- Rules workshops for Chapter 246-803 WAC
- Professional member update
- Presentation on the 02G fund and how it operates

8. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Heather Godwin thanked the committee for their work.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2019 in Kent. Updated meeting information will be posted to the East Asian medicine webpage.
10. RULES WORKSHOP

The department conducted the last review of chapter 246-803 WAC prior to the rules hearing that is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2019 in Tumwater. Once the CR-102 has been filed, an update will be sent out to interested parties via GovDelivery.