

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

June 3, 2009

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The examination committee convened at 8:00 a.m. at 1400 West Washington, Ste 230, Small Conference Room.

The following Board members were present:

Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)

Martha Grout, MD, MD(H)

Christine Springer, Executive Director, Dr. Garry Gordon, MD(H) and Carolyn Massad, Ph.D., Examination Consultant, were also present at the meeting.

Committee members discussed the following matters relating to the examination validation:

- An appropriate skill set necessary to establish a measurement of competency for physicians practicing alternative modalities recognized under the homeopathic medical license;
- Skills necessary for an entry level practitioner to perform chelation therapy, standards to test for metal levels, side effects and benefits;
- Acupuncture skill set;
- Ethics and legal issues regarding CAM therapies;
- Orthomolecular skill set;
- Pharmaceutical skill set particular to the CAM therapies, particularly herbals;
- Preparation of a job analysis determined from responses to a survey sent to all licensed homeopathic physicians. The results would be used to set the test specifications;
- A discussion of cut scores and the median score versus the mean score;
- Preparation of applicants related to suggested study materials, references and access to a bank of sample questions;
- Panel of judges to rate the weight of every question on the examination so that the Board may determine the cut score.

The committee agreed that homeopathy should entail 60% of the examination with the other six modalities comprising the remainder of questions.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with no further business discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer
Executive Director

Approved by the Board in Regular Meeting on July 14, 2009