

# Arizona Homeopathic & Integrated Medicine

## Board Notes

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### Other News

### Rulemaking Updates

#### Title 4, ARTICLE TWO

A proposed rulemaking has been published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*. The rulemaking concerns Dispensing and Labeling of Drugs and describes the process to store and dispense drugs. The definition of drugs includes controlled substances, legend pharmaceuticals, homeopathic remedies (prescribed and over-the-counter), over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, naturals substances, and prescribed and non-prescribed devices. Renewal criteria for the dispensing permit is also described.

#### Title 4, ARTICLE ONE, Section 105 Fees

The annual Renewal Fee has increased to \$1000 and is effective November 2, 2012. (See below for more informa-

tion regarding the need for this increase).

#### New Rules—Homeopathic Doctors

A committee has been formed that has been considering rules to define educational criteria, examination processes and other rules to govern the licensing of homeopathic doctors. Licensure for these individuals will begin in January 2015.

#### Advisory Committee Members:

Martha Grout, MD, MD(H), Alan Kennedy, John Soliven-Laguno, Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)

If you have an interest in participating. Contact the Board at: 602-542-8154

#### Examination Assistance Needed

The Board is in the process of validating examination questions that are part of the new homeopathic physician examination. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated if you could take some time to respond to survey questions posted at the Survey Monkey website. Please take a few minutes from your busy schedules and visit the link and respond to the questionnaire. Your opinion is greatly valued and will help the Board continue with its validation process.

Here is the link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZDB9LMP>

### Dollars and Cents: How Are My Renewal Fees Used By the Board?

The Board is self-sufficient and does not receive general fund money from tax collections on Arizona citizens! **In fact, by law the Board must submit 10% of its revenues to the general fund.**

#### Revenues Come From?

License, Renewal, Dispensing, Registration Fees

#### How are the fees distributed?

90% Board and 10% General Fund.

Over the last two years, the board

by law gave an additional \$5K in cash to the general fund to help balance the State's budget.

#### Board Expenses:

48% salary

29% insurance, retirement, attorney general, personnel division apportionment, disability

23% rent, payroll and warrant processing, phones, risk management, email, webpage, rules writers, court reporters, office supplies, accounting

A direct relationship between the number of licensees and annual renewal fees is listed below:

MD Board: 20000 licenses/\$250

DO Board: 2500 licenses/\$318

MDH Board: 85 licenses /\$975

NMD Board: 900 licenses/\$360

Note: In FY2012 revenue decreased by 14.8%. In 3 fiscal years revenues reduced from \$98,700 to \$88,364 due to retirement, non renewals, and fewer applicants.

### CSPMP

Governor Brewer is requesting that all medical practitioners participate in the Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program. The number of Arizonans between ages of 45 and 65 that die from prescription drug overdose more than tripled in the last 10 years from 160 in 1999 to 518 in 2009.

#### New Medical Assistants

Sybil Ihrig

Cynthia St. Jean-Stevens

Molly L. Hale

Timothy Hunter

Deidre Boswell

#### New Physicians

Dr Kathryn Slaine, MD

Dr. Seema Rao, MD

Dr. Paul Branch MD

Dr. Oliver Cooperman, MD

Dr. Suruchi Chandra, MD

Number of 2011 Complaints :  
11

2012 Pending Complaints: 6

**\*AAC R4-38-115 Use of Title and Abbreviations by homeopathic physicians**

**A homeopathic physician practicing in Arizona who is not also licensed by either the Arizona Medical Board or Board of Osteopathic Examiners may only use the professional designations MD(H) or DO(H).**