

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

Minutes of Five Year Review Committee Meeting

February 24, 2009

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Presiding officer, Dr. Todd Rowe, called the teleconference meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present by telephone:

Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)
Martha Grout, MD, MD(H)

Christine Springer, Executive Director was present at the meeting location within the State Board's Office located at 1400 West Washington, Room 230, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. Five Year Review Committee

Mrs. Springer stated that a five year review of A.A.C. Title 4, Chapter 38, Articles 1 through 4 is due to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council on April 28, 2009.

She explained that with regard to Chapter 38, Articles 3 and 4 the wording for the report relative to the proposed course of action would state that a Notice of Final Rulemaking was filed with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council and is pending Council review following the lift of a rulemaking ban by the Office of the Secretary of State. Mrs. Springer explained to committee members that had the Notice of Final Rulemaking been approved as originally filed with Council, Articles 3 and 4 would not have been subject to the five year review.

Committee members discussed Chapter 38, Article 2 and agreed that the current rules should be changed to reflect the auditor general recommendations made in their 2007 performance audit report. Committee members reviewed the proposed draft of Article 2 prepared in response to the auditor concerns and directed that the five year review should note these recommended changes for each section of Article 2.

Mrs. Springer and committee members addressed Chapter 38, Article 1 and went through each section and made recommendations that will be included in the five year review. During this review the committee referred to the draft of Article 1 prepared in response to auditor general concerns. Mrs. Springer noted that a

Rulemaking docket on Article 1 had been opened on December 24, 2008 and was on hold because of the Secretary of State's ban on rulemaking.

The committee went through each section of Article 1 as follows:

R4-38-101 – no change necessary

R4-38-102 – no change necessary

R4-38-103 the committee reviewed this section extensively and suggested changes related to clarifying the certification of proficiency in each therapy modality. They agreed that the certification notice would be in the form of a letter from the Board that would state that the applicant was proficient in a particular therapy modality. Dr. Rowe requested that the level of training for classical homeopathy proficiency be changed to reflect the national standard of at least 750 hours or state that the licensee must be certified by either the Council of Homeopathic Certification or the National Board of Homeotherapeutics. References to the Council of Homeopathic Education, the American Institute of Homeopathy, and the Homeopathic Association of Naturopathic Physicians will be removed.

Dr. Grout requested that additional research be conducted on the proficiency standards related to chelation therapy. She stated 16 hours did not appear to indicate proficiency but rather an entry level of understanding. She recommended the Board review standards at the American Board of Chelation Therapy, the American Board of Clinical Metal Toxicology, and the American Academy of Environmental Medicine to obtain their recommended training levels. Dr. Grout also requested that proficiency standards be added for neurotherapy under neuromuscular integration therapies. She stated that 36 hours of training and BCIA certification would be a proficiency level.

The Committee reviewed R4-38-104, 105, 107, 108 through 115 and recommended no change. In R4-38-106 Dr Rowe commented that any references to repertories other than Kent should be deleted.

The Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer
Executive Director

Approved in Regular Meeting on 3-10-09