

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

Rules Committee Minutes

Teleconference Meeting held at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room, Suite 230

January 28, 2010

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Presiding officer, Dr. Todd Rowe, called the teleconference meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present and responded to the roll call on the telephone:

Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)
Martha Grout, MD, MD(H)
David Rupley, Jr., 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. Review and Consider Changes to Rules

Proposed Changes to the rules in the *A.A.C., Chapter 38, Article 1, R4-38-103 to R4-38-115* and new sections relating to continuing education.

Neurotherapy: The committee discussed a training standard for licensees that practice neurotherapy. They agreed that in proposed Section 106 (page 10 of the draft), licensees that want recognition as proficient in neurotherapy shall provide evidence to the Board of certification by the Biofeedback Certification Institute of America (BCIA). In addition, the Committee agreed to add the language "or completing training equivalent to that offered through the BCIA and approved by the Board." They also agreed that recertification of training in neurotherapy should occur every four years through the BCIA or equivalent agency.

Use of title MD(H)

Dr. Rowe and Dr. Grout both commented that the current Section R4-38-115 language is confusing, especially subsection C. Dr. Rupley agreed that the existing rule may confuse not only licensees, but also members of the public, noting that the Board has reviewed a number of complaints regarding the use of M.D. or D.O. as a educational credential. After additional discussion

the Committee agreed that subsection A is intended to define the initials, M.D.(H) to the public. They suggested adding the language '*D.O.(H) Doctor of Osteopathy (Homeopathic)*' to the subsection.

The Committee recommended that subsection B. be amended to delete the language '*which shall be followed by the full, written designation "Homeopathic Physician"*'. They also requested the initial '(H)' be inserted after both the MD and DO. In subsection C. they requested that the language be changed to indicate Arizona rather than 'any state' and delete 2. and 3. in the subsection. The amendment would clarify that a physician licensed by the Board and the Arizona Medical Board or the Arizona Osteopathic Examiners Board would use the following initials: MD, MD(H) or DO, DO(H).

Subsection C would remain the same.

****Dr. Rupley left the meeting at this time****

Post Graduate Coursework in Homeopathy

The Committee also discussed Section 103(B) and agreed that language describing each of the classical homeopathic training components be removed. They agreed this information could be included with instructions provided to applicants as they prepare to take the written examination.

Preceptor Training Standards

The Committee agreed that a preceptor conducting on the job training for an applicant undergoing a preceptorship should have at least 3 years of full time clinical practice in the homeopathic modality being trained.

III. Future Meeting Dates

No discussion

IV. Adjournment

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. with no further business discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer
Executive Director

Approved by the Board at the Teleconference Meeting of March 9, 2010