

# **Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners**

## **TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**April 16, 2009**

### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Presiding officer, Dr. Todd Rowe, called the teleconference meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

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

Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)  
Don Farris  
Les Adler, MD, MD(H)  
Martha Grout, MD, MD(H)

Absent Members:

Marie Stika  
Dr. David Rupley, MD(H)

Christine Springer, Executive Director, and Seth Hargraves, Assistant Attorney General, were also present at the meeting location within the State Board's Office located at 1400 West Washington, Room 230, Phoenix, Arizona.

### **II. Review, Consideration and Action on Complaints and Investigations**

Case No. 09-11                      Lloyd Arnold, D.O., MD(H)  
Dr. Rowe requested that Mrs. Springer provide an overview of the pending matter. Mrs. Springer stated that information regarding the complaint had been received March 5, 2009 from the Osteopathic Medical Examiners' Board. The complaint had been submitted by a pharmacist employed by a Fry's Pharmacy and involved the prescribing of controlled substances. Mrs. Springer requested that the Board affirm that jurisdiction to conduct the investigation pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2907 be ceded to the Osteopathic Medical Board.

Dr. Adler made a motion to table the complaint and cede jurisdiction to conduct the investigation to the Osteopathic Medical Board. Mr. Farris made a second to the motion. No additional discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote to cede the investigation to the Osteopathic Medical Board:  
4-0 Aye

Farris, Adler, Rowe, Grout

Case No. 09-12 Charles Schwengel, D.O., MD(H)  
Mrs. Springer provided a background on the history of the complaint made by an individual that had sought a consultation in August, 2008 from Dr. Schwengel. The original complaint had been filed with the Osteopathic Medical Board who provided a copy to the Homeopathic/Integrated Medicine Board on March 17, 2009. The complaint alleged that Dr. Schwengel did not offer therapy for her left upper quadrant back pain, but instead offered therapies that were unrelated to what the patient sought treatment for.

Dr. Grout commented that use of the EAV is a common diagnostic assessment tool utilized by the homeopathic medical community. Both Drs. Grout and Rowe stated they shared concerns regarding the informed consent process; however, they noted the patient was seen prior to the effective date of A.R.S. §32-2933(41) that requires informed consent from the patient before treatment or an examination is performed.

Dr. Grout made a motion to request lead jurisdiction to conduct the investigation pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2907. Dr. Adler seconded the motion.

During further discussion the Board directed Mrs. Springer to write to the Osteopathic Medical Board notifying them of the Board's decision. Assistant Attorney General Hargraves noted that the letter should request that issues and concerns noted by the Osteopathic Medical Board during their preliminary review should be forwarded to the Board's attention so that they may be incorporated into the investigation.

Roll Call: Vote to request jurisdiction to conduct the investigation  
4-0 Aye  
Rowe, Grout, Adler, Farris

### **III. Review, Consideration and Action on Professional Business**

#### **1. Review Draft Newsletter**

Members made suggestions to a draft newsletter that the Board intends to publish two times per year in the Spring and Fall. They requested that the newsletter be placed on the Board's website as well as copies provided to each licensee at the time they renew their license.

#### **2. Schedule chelation peer review as required in A.A.C. R4-38-111**

A brief discussion was held regarding a date to hold a peer review of the patient records of those physicians that provide chelation therapy pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2933(27). The members agreed on June 3, 2009 with the review to be scheduled prior to the AHIMA meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. with no further business discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer  
Executive Director

**Approved in Regular Meeting May 12, 2009**