

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners Minutes of Teleconference Meeting September 25, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Presiding officer, Dr. Todd Rowe, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)
Martha Grout, MD, MD(H)
Don Farris
Dr. Les Adler, MD, MD(H)
Dr. David Rupley, Jr., MD(H)
Marie Stika

Christine Springer, Executive Director was also present.

II. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, and ACTION ON PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget and Strategic Plan

Mrs. Springer reviewed the budget request for 2009 and 2010 for the members. She noted that she had requested \$12,900 in additional appropriation for FY 2009, but cautioned that the Governor's announcement of lower state revenue projections may preclude approval of the additional funding request. The additional 2009 request will be utilized to address audit findings and will include five additional hours per week for the executive director (from 30 hours to 35 hours per week), funds to hire professional assistance to validate the new comprehensive written examination, and funds to address needed changes in the rules. The members expressed concern that her \$2000 projection to validate the examination would be insufficient and requested that the amount be increased to \$10000. This would bring the total request for additional 2009 appropriation to \$20,900.

Mrs. Springer noted that state rental costs had increased by \$4.00 per square foot effective in 2008, joint office costs increased from \$18,700 to \$19,900 and board member travel would increase by \$1000 in 2009 and 2010. All of the increases were reflected in the 2009 and 2010 budget request. Mrs. Springer provided a brief overview of expenditures for 2008 and explained that funds were available to conclude the medical assistant rulemaking and enhance the website to include an online complaint screen. In view of the increased rent costs board member per diems would be distributed at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year. She informed them of her ongoing efforts to query the NPDB for all incoming and existing licensees. As of the meeting date all new licensees as of 2005 had been queried and 57 existing licensees had been queried.

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Dr. Rupley made a motion approving the budget and strategic plan as discussed. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Roll Call: 6-0 approve: Dr. Adler, Dr. Grout, Dr. Rowe, Dr. Rupley, Mr. Farris, Ms. Stika

III. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

IV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

No discussion

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m. following a motion by Dr. Rupley. Mr. Farris seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will convene at the State Board's Offices, 1400 W. Washington, Basement Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona, 9:00 AM, on **November 13, 2007**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer