

BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lt. Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual <https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/99625415225>

Members Present: Joni Kroll, D.Ac., Chairperson
Deborah McMenemy, L.Ac., D.A.O.M, Vice-Chairperson
Ellen Roos-Marr, Member

Staff Present: Relley Araceley, Executive Officer
Rise Doi, Executive Officer
Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Karyn Takahashi, Secretary to DCCA Director Catherine P. Awakuni Colon
Terry Akasaka-Toyama, Secretary to DCCA Deputy Director Jo Ann M. Uchida
Ahlani Quiogue, Supervising Executive Officer
Rochelle Araki, Secretary
Kelly Wei, Secretary

Guests: Michelle

A short video was played to explain procedures for this virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order: There being a quorum established, Chair Kroll called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Ongoing Business: a. Update on process and clarifications of Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 16-72 amendments

Chair Kroll asked if there were any public comments on Ongoing Business: Update on process and clarifications of Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 16-72 amendments.

Ms. Takahashi advised the Chair that no one has raised their hand.

Chair Kroll stated that the Rules Committee met and has recommended comments and updates for the Board to consider.

Comments on DCCA Amendment and Compilation of HAR Title 16 Chapter 72 latest version

SUBCHAPTER 2 – DEFINITIONS – 16-72-3

“Acupuncture Injection Therapy (AIT)”

Add “intra-muscular injection therapy” after “as point injection therapy,”

Add definitions for:

Tui Na, literally meaning “push” and “to lift and squeeze”, is a hands-on body treatment utilizing specific manual techniques involving manipulation of muscles, tendons, joints and bones to regulate energy and blood flow, relieve pain, improve body dynamics.

Gua sha is an instrument-assisted unidirectional press-stroking of a lubricated area of the body surface to intentionally create transitory therapeutic petechiae called ‘sha’ representing extravasation of blood in the subcutis as well as providing a deep stretch and release of the connective tissue around tense and tight muscles.

SUBCHAPTER 3 – AUTHORIZED PRACTICE; SCOPE OF PRACTICE; LICENSE

16-72-4

- Add “pain” after “endocrine and...”
- Add “manual therapy and myofascial release such as tuina & guasha” after “cupping,”

16-72-5

- Add “Telehealth is allowed.” Before “Permanently implanted...”

16-72-6

- Add “and secure” after “shall keep accurate...”

SUBCHAPTER 4 – EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Chair Kroll asked DAG Suzuka if the Board can remove specific hours and instead state 436E; revisions below:

16-72-14:

Strike out (a) “but not less than two thousand one hundred seventy-five hours.”

Instead state “but not less than as found in 436E.”

Strike out (1) “but not less than one thousand five hundred fifteen hours.”

Instead state “not less than as outlined in 436E.”

Strike out (2) “but not less than six hundred and sixty hours.”

Instead state “as found in 436E.”

DAG Suzuka replied, “yes as long as the requirements are kept consistent.”

SUBCHAPTER 5 – APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

16-72-20 Applications (a) Change to read “Every person seeking a license to practice acupuncture or acupuncture and herbal medicine; or wishing...”

COMMENT: there is no “or herbal medicine.” It is either “Acupuncture” or “Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine.” Herbal medicine is not a standalone license.

SUBCHAPTER 7 – LICENSE RENEWAL

16-72-46 Renewal Change to read “Licensees licensed after January 1, 2022 must show proof of current NCCAOM Diplomate of Oriental Medicine status upon license renewal. (a) Licensees licensed prior to January 1, 2022 must show proof of 30 Professional Development Activities approved by the NCCAOM wherein one credit hour must be in Ethics and one credit hour in Acupuncture Safety or show proof of current NCCAOM Diplomate of Acupuncture or Diplomate of Oriental Medicine status upon renewing their license.”

SUBCHAPTER 9 – ADVERTISEMENT

16-72-57 Use of titles (c) The committee would like to change it to “a licensee who has met the academic standards set forth in 16-72-17 may use the title doctorate” instead of “approved by the Board.” After consulting with DAG Suzuka, Executive Officer Araceley and Executive Officer Quiogue, the Board decided to leave it as is and not make the change as it hasn’t posed any problems with the Board.

It was moved by Vice-Chair McMenemy, seconded by Ms. Roos-Marr, and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations and changes to the HAR.

New Business: a. Hawaii Acupuncture Association request for clarification on whether “traditional therapeutic means” includes manual therapy/myofascial release/tuina/gusha, moxa, and other numerous modalities that Hawaii acupuncturists are trained in throughout the process of their schooling.

The Chair asked if there were any comments on New Business: Hawaii Acupuncture Association request for clarification on whether “traditional therapeutic means” includes manual therapy/myofascial release/tuina/gusha, moxa, and other numerous modalities that Hawaii acupuncturists are trained in throughout the process of their schooling?

There were no comments.

Chair Kroll stated that the answer to the question was discussed in the changes being made to the HAR by adding them to the definition – yes, they are all included in the traditional therapeutic means.

Next Thursday, December 3, 2020 - virtual meeting.

Adjournment: Chair Kroll adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/Rochelle Araki

Rochelle Araki, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/Relley Araceley

Relley Araceley, Executive Officer

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- Minutes approved as is.
- Minutes approved with changes.