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State Board for Acupuncture
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1411 Broadway, New York
89 Washington Avenue, Albany
85 Allen Street, Rochester
via WebEx

Board Members in Attendance:

James Shinol, Chair
Danett Bean
Yap Kokwai

Russell Kordas
James Shinol

Board Staff Members in Attendance:

Christina Amato
Kellie Murphy

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Murphy briefed the Board on license statistics and education program updates including the approval of the first entry-level Doctor of Acupuncture program in New York State.

The Board discussed two prepared statement that will be posted on the Office of the Professions website. The first was in relation to dry needling and the second was in relation to Acupuncture Assistants. The Board agreed to the statements and Murphy will begin the internal process for approval. At the next meeting the Board will take a formal vote on the statements.

As follow-up to the dry-needling conversation it was shared only five states are left that do not allow Physical Therapists to practice dry-needling. There are also other professions seeking the ability to practice dry needling such as Athletic Trainers and Occupational Therapists.

Shinol recommended the Board establish a resource packet for licensed Acupuncturists to better share information with the field. Also, reaching out to ASNY to see if we can share information with their membership.

A question came into the Board regarding Acupuncture on animals, and it was confirmed that a New York State licensed Acupuncturist is specific to Humans and does not pertain to animals.

Murphy shared there was a change in the score reporting for the NCCAOM examination and shows score expire. It was determined by the Department that as long as the score report shows the applicant passed the examination whether it has the expired designation or not, it will be accepted.

Murphy also shared that the board office received an inquiry regarding Pro Nanoinfusion treatments and whether it was within the scope of an Appearance Enhancement license. These pens would scratch the surface of the skin in order to exfoliate the skin's surface without penetration. Doing so enhances the absorption of skincare products. The board discussed the practice of Gua Sha and how it falls under the scope of practice of an Acupuncturists.

The meeting was adjourned around 3:00pm. The Board will reconvene on March 13, 2025