

**Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
Acupuncture Council Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018 at 10:00**

I. Call to Order: Called to order by Douglas Petrie at 12:04.

II. Roll call:

Rhonda Bathurst, L.Ac., present by phone; Cynthia Chamberlain, L.Ac., present by phone; Douglas Milfeld, M.D., not present; Douglas Petrie, L.Ac., present; Deb Young, Public Member, not present. Staff present: Ryan Hamilton, Susan Gering, Nichole Schlesener. Others: Diane Belquist, KOAM attorney.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Council's consideration of whether the California Acupuncture License Exam (CALE) is equivalent to the NCCAOM examination.

IV. Motion to approve the minutes from January 2018 L.Ac. Council meeting. (Bathurst, Chamberlain, carried).

V. Motion to approve the minutes from April 2018 L.Ac. Council meeting. (Bathurst, Chamberlain, carried).

VI. Old Business:

- a. Review of draft revisions to K.A.R. 100-76-6, Continuing education requirements.
 - i. The Council reviewed the revisions to K.A.R. 100-76-6. The Council did not have comments related to the revisions, but there was substantial discussion regarding further changes to other areas of the regulation.
 - ii. Sub-section (i) prevents awarding CE for activities "on the same topic". The council agreed that CE should not be awarded for repeating the same course, but that it was desirable to award credit for different CE, even if on the same topic.

Motion to amend sub-section (i)(new h) to read "No contact hours shall be awarded for the same continuing education course within a 24-month period." (Chamberlain, Bathurst, carried).

- iii. The Council discussed whether the 14-hour limitation on online courses is appropriate. This limitation means an acupuncturist is effectively required to complete 16 hours in person. This requirement is burdensome, disproportionately so to rural acupuncturists.

Motion to direct the Assistant General Counsel to investigate and examine impact of a potential amendment to allow online courses to fulfill 100% CE hourly requirements and determine if there is need for further consideration of such an amendment. (Bathurst, Chamberlain, carried).

- iv. The Council discussed sub-section (g)(9)(A)(i). The four-hour limitation prevents acupuncturists who spend 100s of hours on research and policy from claiming these hours as CE. The removal of the entire section was suggested. Assistant General Counsel expressed that this requirement may have such effect, but is commonly considered necessary to prevent abuse since no verification of these hours is possible.

Assistant General Counsel requested the Council provide specific examples of the types of activities that it believes should be counted as CE and not limited by (g)(9)(A)(i). The Council is to provide these by email, and a focused discussion will be held next meeting.

- b. K.A.R. 100-76-2 update.
 - i. The Council was notified that the regulation was approved by the Board, but that new requirements mean the regulation is pending approval in the Office of Budget before the temporary regulation can go into effect.

VII. New Business:

- a. Consideration of whether the CALE is equivalent to the NCCAOM examination.
 - i. The Council discussed that, if anything, CALE is a higher standard than the NCCAOM.

Motion to approve CALE as substantially equivalent to the NCCAOM examination for purposes of qualifying for licensure as an acupuncturist in Kansas. (Bathurst, Chamberlain, carried).

VIII. Next meeting dates:

- a. October 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. Disciplinary Report: none

X. Application Review: none

VIII Adjourned at 11:24: