



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’  
Advisory Committee for Acupuncture**

**Teleconference**

**Friday, February 13, 2015**

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An emergency teleconference meeting of the Tennessee Board of Examiners’ Advisory Committee for Acupuncture was called to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243 by Committee Chair, Jill Kelly.

**Member(s) Present:**            **Jill Kelly, LAC, Chair**  
   **Serina Scott, LAC, Vice Chair**  
   **Jian Yan, LAC**  
   **Shelia Ann Berry-Sanders, ADS**

**Member(s) Absent:**            **Charmaine Jamieson, Consumer**

**Staff Present:**                    **Maegan Carr Martin, Executive Director, BME**  
   **Stacy Tarr, Interim Unit Manager**  
   **Hannah Lanford, Assistant Attorney General**  
   **Keshia Evans, Committee Administrator**

Ms. Martin established the formalities necessary to conduct an emergency teleconference. It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting to discuss the Committee’s opposition to HB 0025/SB 0385 was convened.

Ms. Kelly asked all Committee members to confirm that they received a copy of the draft letter which was generated jointly by Ms. Kelly and the administrative office to formalize the Committee’s opposition to HB 0025/SB 0385. These bills authorize physical therapists to practice dry needling technique.

All Committee members confirmed that they had received and reviewed the letters. Ms. Kelly invited the Committee members to remark on the letter and suggest any edits they felt would improve it. Ms. Scott complimented the letter and offered a few minor edits. First, she recommended that the letter be amended to specify that the needle referred to in the bill, the filiform needle, is actually an acupuncture needle. Second, she suggested that the language regarding the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommendations be added near the end of the letter, for emphasis. Third, she suggested that the second to last paragraph of the letter be amended to emphasize that the Committee's concerns really center on patient safety. And finally, Ms. Scott suggested that the letter be amended to refer to the need for practitioners of dry needling technique to have adequate training in clean needle technique standards.

The remaining Committee members were invited to provide their input and all agreed with the substance and content of the letter.

Ms. Martin explained that counsel, Ms. Hannah Lanford, would be working to finalize these edits and that the signed letter would be delivered to the sponsors and the House Subcommittee on Health on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kelly asked the Committee if they would empower her to make these changes with the assistance of counsel. Ms. Scott made a motion to allow Ms. Kelly to make the aforementioned changes without further review by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berry-Sanders and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Martin summarized the suggested edits for the Committee. Ms. Lanford reminded the Committee that no further discussion should take place between members on this issue outside of a public forum.

A motion was made by Mr. Yan to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Scott. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.