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Special Committee Meeting  
RX Committee  
Rio Grande Conference Room  
August 28, 2006 @ 7:15 p.m.

### Draft Minutes

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Fiquet Hanna Duckworth, DOM, Chair  
Anna C. Hansen, Public Member  
David Canzone, DOM

#### STAFF PRESENT

Rosemarie L. Ortiz, Executive Director

#### OTHERS PRESENT

See Sign In Sheet

#### Call to Order:

Dr. Duckworth called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Ms. Ortiz conducted roll with Dr. Duckworth, Ms. Hansen and Dr. Canzone present. In addition other members from the public were present and referenced on the sign in sheet. A quorum was confirmed.

#### Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Duckworth asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Hansen MOVED for approval of the agenda. Dr. Canzone SECONDED the motion, which PASSED unanimously.

#### Old Business

- Approve Modular Approach: Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the movement towards the modular approach for prescriptive authority certification.

Currently there is a 10 hour requirement for IV Therapy (5 hours didactic and 5 hours practicum). It was suggested to keep the hours with what is required at the national level. The American college of

Medicine is the leading educational provider with curriculum in IV Therapy.

Dr. Skardis indicated he believes that Chelation Therapy is the most important modality for humanity. Ms. Hansen stated Chelation Therapy is hard on the kidney and asked what remedies are used to address the effects. Dr. Duckworth indicated that NIH trials have been conducted but the results have not been released.

Dr. Duckworth stated the committee will be discussing a possible increase in Chelation hours.

Dr. Saranteas also recommended the committee require basic chemistry/biology as a prerequisite. Some of the students that took the Rx2 Program submitted by Dr. Lobe failed because they had minimal knowledge in basic chemistry & biology.

Dr. Canzone cautioned members about requiring prerequisites as the Board is trying to get out of the business of approving educational programs. Dr. Duckworth stated that the profession must recognize that the current curriculum does not require for entry into an acupuncture and oriental medicine college a four year bachelors of Science degree. Many will not have the knowledge necessary for this higher certification.

Dr. Duckworth stated that EDTA is yin and yang, which could be proven. Prescriptive authority has to move towards eastern pharmacology because of the scientific paradigm.

It was suggested to require 1 semester of basic chemistry or biology taken within the last ten years to meet the prerequisite.

The question was asked, what depth of knowledge is wanted here? The Board's purpose is to protect the public by ensuring practitioners know what they are doing.

Dr. Wilcox stated he would like to see a statement of what skills and competencies are required so the DOM in New Mexico can evolve.

Dr. Duckworth asked where the profession as a whole is on the evolution of the Rx. Dr. Duckworth stated expansions of scope should come from the Associations and its professionals. The Oriental Medicine Association has its next meeting on September 30, 2006 at 9 am. This discussion should be raised at that meeting.

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Ms. Hansen MOVED to TABLE the discussion on the modular approach until the next Rx Committee Meeting. Dr. Duckworth SECONDED the motion, which PASSED.

New Business

- Rx2 Program Application Submitted by Dr. Mavrick Lobe: Ms. Saranteas was present on behalf of Dr. Lobe. Dr. Saranteas indicated various pages within the application were modified per the interim meetings with Ms. Ortiz. Specific pages in the application that were discussed include pages 7, 8 and 10 as the hours increased. Ms. Hansen MOVED to approve the Rx2 Program submitted by Mr. Lobe. Dr. Canzone SECONDED the motion, which PASSED unanimously.
- Items from the Committee – For discussion with AAG Thalley  
Cosmetic over the counter drugs  
Review of the competencies and skills to determine/ensure there are no limitations on the basic DOM scope
- Items from the Public - None

Schedule Next Meeting

A meeting was not scheduled.

Adjourn

Ms. Hansen MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Duckworth SECONDED the motion, which PASSED unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosemarie L. Ortiz, Board Administrator Date

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiquet Hanna Duckworth, DOM, Chair Date

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