

147B.05 ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The advisory council to the Board of Medical Practice for acupuncture consists of seven members appointed by the board to three-year terms. Four members must be acupuncture practitioners licensed in Minnesota, one member must be a licensed physician or osteopathic physician who also practices acupuncture, one member must be a licensed chiropractor who is NCBAHM certified, and one member must be a member of the public who has received acupuncture treatment as a primary therapy from a NCBAHM certified acupuncturist.

Subd. 2. **Administration; compensation; removal; quorum.** The advisory council is governed by section 15.059.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The advisory council shall:

(1) advise the board on issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, revocation, conditioning, or restricting of licenses to practice acupuncture;

(2) advise the board on issues related to receiving, investigating, conducting hearings, and imposing disciplinary action in relation to complaints against acupuncture practitioners;

(3) maintain a register of acupuncture practitioners licensed under section 147B.02;

(4) maintain a record of all advisory council actions;

(5) prescribe registration application forms, license forms, protocol forms, and other necessary forms;

(6) review the patient visit records submitted by applicants during the transition period;

(7) advise the board regarding standards for acupuncturists;

(8) distribute information regarding acupuncture and herbal medicine practice standards;

(9) review complaints;

(10) advise the board regarding continuing education programs;

(11) review the investigation of reports of complaints and recommend to the board whether disciplinary action should be taken; and

(12) perform other duties authorized by advisory councils under chapter 214, as directed by the board.

History: 1995 c 177 s 6; 1998 c 254 art 1 s 47; 1999 c 33 s 6; 2003 c 87 s 1; 2007 c 123 s 8; 2016 c 119 s 7; 2026 c 115 art 1 s 21,22