

ACUPUNCTURE BOARD Executive Officer's Report

Agenda Item: 6.0
Date: November 2011

- **Board Updates**

The Board recently lost two board members, Nancy Carroll and Frank He, in that their appointments were not sent for Senate confirmation. It is my understanding that the Governor's Office is actively working to fill those two vacancies.

The Board will be relocating to our new office on Monday, November 21st. Staff has been extremely busy cleaning out and packing. This has all been in addition to attempting to stay current with daily activities and filling in on the vacant desks.

The Board continues to have three vacancies. The Department's Operational Efficiency Plan (otherwise known as the reduction plan) has been approved by the Department of Finance (DOF). This approval still requires Boards to submit Hiring Freeze Exemption Requests to fill only our most critical positions. However, final approval of Hiring Freeze Exemption Request rests with the Agency Secretary, so the approval process will be shortened. Hopefully the process will be shortened as our most recent exemption request has been with the DCA since August 10, 2011

- **DCA Update**

On 9/13/11 and 10/11/11, DCA Director Brian Stiger conducted monthly telephone conference calls with all of the Board Presidents/Chairs to provide an update of DCA activities. Chair Robert Brewer and/or the Executive Officer Janelle Wedge has participated in these monthly conference calls. Discussion topics focused on the state hiring freeze, board member appointments, budget change proposals, Breeze, legislation and expert consultant contract requirements.

- **Budget Update**

DCA is submitting a departmental BCP for Budget Year 2012/13 to obtain the required funds to implement Breeze and the credit card processing of payments. The Board is tentatively scheduled to implement Breeze in March 2013.

The Board has received approval for two out of state trips this fiscal year. Both trips are identified for on-site reviews of two new schools, one in Arizona and the other in New York.

- **Sunset Review**

The Board filed our Sunset Review Report with the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development on November 1, 2011. A hearing date has not been scheduled, however, It is anticipated that it will be in early 2012.