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Board Membership (as of the Date This Report was Approved)

Date of Final Board Approval: 5/3/2024

Dr. Brian Larson Board President	Soldotna	March 1 st 2017	March 1 st 2025
Dr. John Lloyd Board Vice President	Anchorage	March 1 st 2020	March 1 st 2024
Dr. Walter Campbell Chiropractic Physician	Palmer	March 1 st 2022	March 1 st 2026
Dr. Tim Kanedy Chiropractic Physician	Anchorage	March 1 st 2012	March 1 st 2025
Ronald Gherman Public Member	Soldotna	May 30th 2023	March 1 st 2024

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Accomplishments

Accomplishment 1 Board Business:

Objective 1: Conduct a minimum of three board meetings this year with different regional locations in the state to allow for public attendance and meeting transparency.

Objective 2: Continue timely processing of applications and licensing of chiropractic physicians.

- Objective 3: Continue to monitor investigative reports, monitor disciplinary actions, and provide professional direction to division investigative staff regarding disciplinary actions, probation matters, criminal history record information, and chiropractic practice.
- Objective 4: Utilize the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC) and Ethics & Boundaries examination (E&B) in memorandum of agreements.
- Objective 5: Continue to review and process continuing education credit approval in a timely manner.
- Objective 6: Continue to administer the jurisprudence examination as part of licensure.

Accomplishment 2: Continue affiliation with the Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS) to work cooperatively in the best interest of the public and the profession.

- Objective 1: Encourage regular Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS) participation at board meetings. The board will continue to appraise ACS of the scheduling of board meetings and movements of the board. Time will continue to be budgeted into meeting agendas for updates on
- Objective 2: Support the Alaska Chiropractic Society in its efforts to provide information to the profession and the public.
- Objective 3: Support the Alaska Chiropractic Society in pursuit of statutory changes or additions that expand the scope of chiropractic practice to provide better portal-of-entry service for the public and for those who wish to utilize their chiropractic physician efficiently as their primary care physician.

Accomplishment 3: Assess and evaluate regulations:

- Objective 1: Continue to assess and evaluate continuing education requirements for quality, relevance, and application of scientific chiropractic research and practice.
- Objective 2: Continue to assess and evaluate radiological safety, professional ethics and boundaries, public health, and emergency training.
- Objective 3: Proactively make recommendations through regulation and recommend changes to statute to anticipate changes in the health industry.

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Accomplishments

Accomplishment 4: Assess and evaluate the review process available through the Utilization Review Committee (URC):

- Objective 1: Direct appropriate inquiries to the committee for review and recommendations.
- Objective 2: Keep the committee roster fully staffed with three chiropractic physicians and one public member at all times.
- Objective 3: Maintain a list of alternate committee members to fill vacancies or recusals as needed.

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Activities

The board will participate in meetings with the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB), the Association of Chiropractic Board Administrators (ABCA), and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE). Attendance at these national meetings has the benefit of increasing awareness in the current issues concerning the practice of Chiropractic nationally and internationally and to participate in programs involving licensing requirements, professional standards, public protection, regulation and discipline. The board will conduct 4 meetings in 2024

Further activities:

Provide information regarding board activities to the profession and the public:

- Objective 1: Inform licensees of any pending regulation changes in the customary manner.
- Objective 2: Provide a public comment period during each meeting.
- Objective 3: Address concerns presented by licensees and the public at each meeting.
- Objective 4: Provide copies of agendas and/or minutes of the meetings to all who request them.
- Objective 5: Continue to work with other licensing boards, at both the district and national level
- Objective 6: Continue to address the reporting requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault; Board members will continue to be educated on the requirements of Alaska law considering this requirement. Bringing the information to the forefront of attention of practitioners is a priority.
- Objective 7: Seek and support efforts to educate the governor, state legislators, and the public regarding the benefit of chiropractic care as a health care option, and the opportunities to efficiently recover from work injuries (Workers Comp), and deal with pain without opioid prescriptions.
- Objective 8: Raise awareness regarding public health, emergency training, hazardous material, and OSHA requirements.
- Objective 9: Ensure current information is available on the board website through regular updates by staff and regular monitoring by board members.

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There is a need to upgrade statutes and regulations to recognize the training, and the developments of the chiropractic profession to better meet the needs of Alaskans, and a general desire by chiropractic physicians to step up to those roles. Efficiency in the statutory and regulatory process will be needed. Involvement with national organizations such as the NBCE and FCLB will be needed. Chiropractic physicians role in programs for opioid addiction will be needed. This board will continue to strive to protect and benefit the public while remaining vigilant of new trends in chiropractic practice, and be proactive in need for regulation while staying current with technology, trends and issues as they develop