

Alaska State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Newsletter

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ALASKA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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Most recent State Board of Chiropractic Examiners meeting was on January 17, 2003 in Anchorage. Present Board Members are: Dr. Carol Davis, President (Fairbanks), Dr. Greg Culbert, Vice President (Eagle River), Dr. Clark Davis, Secretary (Ketchikan), and Sean Siegel, Public Member (Anchorage). Present from the Division of Occupational Licensing was Licensing Examiner Barbara Roche, Acting Investigative Staff Supervisor Quinten Warren, and Investigator Andrea Jacobson. Visitors attending were Dr. Fred Risch, DC & Dr. Nick Williams, DC. Visitors are welcome.

FEDERATION OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSING BOARDS FCLB UPDATE

PACE Program: The FCLB is in the process of developing the Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE) program where providers of continuing education programs may apply for recognition status with FCLB. Recognized providers pay a fee for program evaluation and agree to comply with PACE Policies for Quality Continuing Education. The PACE program could reduce the Board's and Dr. Risch's workload and standardize approval criteria. The Board needs to review the program (which is of no cost to member Boards) in more detail and placed it on the next agenda.

CE PROGRAM REVIEW

Dr. Risch, assisted by the licensing examiner, continues to review continuing education courses to be approved by the board. Thank you Dr. Risch and Barbara. The list of Approved Continuing Education Courses is available on the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners web site: <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pchi.htm>.

TRAVEL TO TREAT COURTESY LICENSES

Travel to treat regulations from other states were reviewed. It was suggested that all board members further study the existing regulation examples. The topic will be further discussed at the next meeting in May.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING

It is our legal responsibility as chiropractic doctors to report any abuse of a minor to State authorities. It is a moral obligation to inform adult victims of abuse of the different avenues available for protecting themselves from further abuse. It is a board goal to address reporting requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault and to work with the Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS) to set up a related seminar.

PEER REVIEW

The Peer Review Committee is advisory to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Current members of the Peer Review Committee are Dr. Mark Kufel and Mr. Alfred Tamagni, Sr. (public member). Applications for the peer review committee vacancy are needed. Peer review committee nominees need to submit a letter of application to the Board by contacting Cindy Roccodero at 907-465-2543. Peer Review guidelines have already been written and approved. A patient, patient's representative, insurer, or the patient's chiropractic physician may file a request for peer review with the board by submitting a request to the Division of Occupational Licensing.

ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

The state investigators stated that there are 16 open cases and 3 closed cases since the last report. There are approximately 200 active licenses. The investigators also stated that chiropractors have relatively few licensing actions compared to many other boards. All complaints must first go through the Division's Investigators (907-269-8189 or 8185) and not through the Board. Dr. Culbert gave all the Board members a flowchart showing the "Investigative Process" and the "Administrative Hearing" Process. Contact a Board member if you would like a copy. Anyone may make a complaint against a chiropractor and the Division's Investigative Staff investigates all complaints. The cost of investigations is directly reflected in the licensing and renewal fees for chiropractors. Licensing information is

public record. Information regarding current licensees, including mailing addresses, license actions, memorandums of agreement, is available on the division's web site at <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/> under "occupational license search."

LIFE UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION AND CE APPROVAL

Life University continuing education courses that were previously on hold for approval re: loss of CCE accreditation are now approved by the State Board. Also, Per AS 08.20.120 Qualifications for license, an applicant is required to be (3) "a graduate of a school or college of chiropractic that (A) is accredited by or a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Chiropractic Education or a successor-accrediting agency recognized by the board" when sitting for the Alaska State Board exam.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was asked if pinprick blood analysis, venipuncture, and lab work are included in the scope of practice for chiropractic. It was noted that a past Board Position Paper states that lab studies and venipuncture are within the scope of chiropractic. Lab studies and venipuncture are not specifically listed in AS 08.20.100(b)(1) but are implied as being within the scope of practice as "ancillary methodologies." Per AS 08.20.900(1) Definitions.

Ancillary methodologies means employing within the scope of chiropractic practice, with appropriate training and education, those methods, procedures, modalities, devices, and measures commonly used by trained and licensed health care providers." The Board emphasized that the burden of proof is on the chiropractor to have appropriate education and training to perform "ancillary methodologies.

EXAMINATIONS

The following took the Alaska State Examination on January 18, 2003 passed the exam, and were eligible for licensure pending all other requirements:

Dr. John Anthony Pairmore; Dr. David Mark Prator, Jr.
Dr. Darren S. Strong; Dr. Jonathan Thomas Victorino;
Dr. Trecia S. Johnson

MEETING / EXAM SCHEDULE 2003

May 16, 2003 – Board Meeting
State Office Building
Conference Room A
333 Willoughby Ave. 9th Floor
Juneau

May 17, 2003- Examinations
Baranof Hotel
AJ Room
127 N. Franklin Avenue
Juneau

August 22-23, 2003 – Fairbanks
Location not yet determined

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