

State of Alaska

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Tuesday, July 2nd, 2020

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By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners was held via teleconference on July 2nd, 2020.

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Agenda Item 1

Call to Order/Roll Call

Time: 10:03 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Larson, at 10:03 a.m.

Board members present, constituting a quorum:

Brian Larson, Doctor of Chiropractic
Jonathan Vito, Doctor of Chiropractic
James Morris, Doctor of Chiropractic
John Lloyd, Doctor of Chiropractic

Division staff present were:

Thomas Bay, Occupational Licensing Examiner

Present from the public were:

Sheri Ryan, Chief Operating Officer, Alaska Chiropractic Society

The Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners (ABOCE) welcomed Sheri Ryan, Chief Operating Officer for the Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS), to the meeting. Chairman Brian Larson explained that this was a teleconference to create a regulations project for board approved post-graduate training for the administering of nutritional substances via injections and intravenous drip.

Agenda Item 2

Review/Approve Agenda

Time: 10:06 a.m.

After the roll call, Dr. Larson asked the board to review the agenda.

On a motion duly made by Jonathan Vito, seconded by James Morris, and approved unanimously by a roll call, it was

RESOLVED to approve the agenda as written.

Agenda Item 3

Board Business

Time: 10:08 a.m.

Ethics Report

Dr. Larson addressed ethics reporting. The board had no ethical violations to report.

Agenda Item 4

New Business

Time: 10:08 a.m.

Regulations Project

At their last meeting, the board approved a regulations project, that had just come back from public comment, to move forward in the regulations process and go to the Department of Law for review. Part of that regulations project included a section that required “board approved post-graduate training” for the administering of nutritional substances via injections or intravenous drip. It was the board’s goal to come up with the required training, through a new regulations project, at this meeting. Mr. Bay reminded the board that they needed to create the regulations project before addressing it.

On a motion duly made by Jonathan Vito, seconded by James Morris, and approved unanimously by a roll call, it was

RESOLVED to begin a regulations project to create regulation for board approved training for the administration of nutritional substances via injections or IV.

At their last meeting, Dr. Lloyd was tasked with researching the educational standards for injectable nutrients, specifically to find recommendations for already established courses that other states use. The board asked him to present the information he found. Dr. Lloyd informed the board that the American Academy of Chiropractic Physicians provides a course that is taught by Dr. Michael Taylor, the only instructor for chiropractic injectable nutrients in the United States, and that the course is either 24 or 36 hours, depending on the state. At the end of the course, he explained, a test is provided that allows for certification in injecting nutritional substances. He mentioned that most states that allow for injectable nutrients require the 36-hour course. He informed the board that, while this course would be his recommendation, there were some other courses that were available. He explained that there is a continuing education course taught by Dr. Laurence Hicks, in association with the University of Western States, and that it is a two-day 24-hour course that does include testing. He also explained that there is a two-year program, comprised of 36 credits, offered through Northwestern Health Sciences University. He further explained that this course certifies chiropractors in advanced practice and results in a master’s degree. He informed the board that this course offers only three hours in the administration of nutritional substances via injections or intravenous drip and that the majority of the course is learning about nutrition and other aspects of being an advanced practice doctor. He said that, while the program is probably very informative, it is likely not one that the board would use. Another program Dr. Lloyd presented was one that is done through the State of New Mexico. He informed the board that the course is 90 hours in length and that it includes prescription drugs, something that Alaska does not allow chiropractors to deal in, and that the board would likely not use this course either. The last program Dr. Lloyd presented was from Idaho. He informed the board that it consists of 77 classroom hours and 24 clinical hours, and that after completing the program you become a nutritionist with a certification in injections. Aside from the courses mentioned, Dr. Lloyd explained that an Alaskan chiropractor could potentially do injections if he/she graduated from a specific

program that is offered through Mid America University, and became a nurse practitioner, but that the program would need to be approved by the nursing program in Alaska.

Dr. Lloyd suggested the board use Dr. Taylor's course, offered through the American Academy of Chiropractic Physicians, citing that it is already used in other states, there is a test for certification, and it is taught by the only instructor for chiropractic injectable nutrients in the country.

In addition to the injectable nutrients course that the board was discussing, Dr. Morris suggested the board maybe consider also requiring a person attempting to do injectable nutrients to have a diplomate in nutrition, specifically one that is already board approved. Dr. Larson and Dr. Lloyd thought that a 300-hour diplomate was in excess of what the board should consider. Dr. Lloyd suggested that the board approve a course or courses that are already approved and used in other states. Dr. Morris suggested that they did not necessarily need to require a diplomate in nutrition, but that whatever course they chose should address clinical nutrition. The board discussed the different programs provided by Dr. Lloyd and ultimately decided to use Dr. Taylor's 36-hour course titled, "Chiropractic Injectable Nutrients," or its equivalent, as board approved post-graduate training for administering nutritional substances via injections or intravenous drip. The board also decided to require, for a chiropractor who has been approved to administer nutritional substances via injections or intravenous drip, eight hours of continuing education in nutrition or injectable nutrients as part of their required 32 hours of continuing education during a licensing period, and that the continuing education requirement would not come into effect until the beginning of the next renewal cycle following approval to administer nutritional substances via injections or intravenous drip.

On a motion duly made by Jonathan Vito, seconded by James Morris, and approved unanimously by a roll call, it was

RESOLVED to have staff provide a transcript of the discussion to the regulations specialist for drafting proposed regulation.

Agenda Item 5

Adjourn

Time: 11:37 a.m.

Having nothing left to address, the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners' Chair, Brian Larson, adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Thomas Bay
Licensing Examiner

Date

Approved by:

Dr. Brian Larson
Alaska State Board of Chiropractic Examiners