



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2021– 10:02 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE CALL

MDH METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD 21215

Board Members Present

Gregory Lewis, D.C., President
Joshua Levin, D.C., Vice President
Kindra Ingram, D.C., Secretary
Paul M. Abosh, D.C. Board Member
Ella E. Pantazis, D.C. Board Member
Karen Munter, Consumer Member
Nelson Miranda, Consumer Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator
Grant D. Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Christopher Hawkins, SR, Licensing Unit Manager
T. Nicole Cullings, Chiropractic Investigator
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist, Board Staff
Lillian Reese, Legislative Specialist

*See attached list of call in participants

MINUTES

On March 11, 2021, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) met via Teleconference Call for the Open Session Meeting.

Call to Order & Roll Call - Dr. Gregory Lewis, President, called the Open Session Chiropractic Board Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll was called & all Board Members were present.

The Amended Open Session Agenda was approved - Motion to approve the Amended Open Session Agenda by Dr. Abosh; 2nd by Dr. Levin. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes – January 14, 2021 - Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes by Dr. Levin; 2nd by Dr. Abosh. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

President’s Report

Acupuncture Regulations – Outcome of Meeting with Board Presidents and ED’s (Drs. Lewis & Ingram) – Dr. Ingram, Dr. Lewis and Ms. Oliver met with Acupuncture Board President Brandie Armijo and Executive Director Penny Heisler via teleconference to clarify Dry Needling language in the proposed Acupuncture Regulations. The Acupuncture Board Chair indicated her Board will remove any reference to Dry Needling from their regulations. The meeting was amicable and Penny Heisler will forward the final changes in regulations for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kenneth Manakamyer, D.C. Preceptor Sponsor Site Approvals-Oakland & Grantville, MD

The offices of Kenneth Manakamyer, D.C. were found in satisfactory condition & approved for Preceptorship and Externship. Motion to accept both locations by Dr. Levin; 2nd by Dr. Pantazis. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Bills of Interest

- SB125 - State Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Sunset Extension through July 1, 2032; Testimony by Dr. Abosh. Passed in the Senate and Crossed over to the House.
- HB731 Telehealth Services – Expansion; The Legislative Committee (LC) recommended the Board take no position. Hearing held 02/10/2021.
- HB732/SB 568 Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners; The LC recommended no position. Hearing held 02/10/2021.
- HB1006 Service Members, Veterans, Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification and Registration; The LC recommended no position.
- HB1041 Health Occupations Boards - Uniform Reporting; The LC recommended no position. The bill is to be withdrawn by the sponsor.
- SB894 Post–Crisis Jobs Act of 2021- The LC recommended no position.

NBCE Part IV Examination, May 21-23, 2021 – The Board can send two representatives. Drs. Levin, Ingram, Lewis and Abosh all volunteered to attend.

NBCE Annual Meeting, Friday, April 30, 2021 (Virtual). Delegates are Dr. Lewis and Dr. Levin.

FCLB's Annual Educational Congress April 28-May 2, 2020. Registration is open.

FCLB's Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, May 1, 2021. – The Annual Meeting will take place on May 1, 2021 virtually.

FCLB Delegate & Alternative are Dr. Lewis & Dr. Levin.

Nominations Committee Report (*Dr. Pantazis and Sharon Oliver*)

Dr. Pantazis announced the slate of nominees for the executive officers for the upcoming election:

President: Dr. Ingram and Dr. Levin; **Vice President:** Dr. Abosh, Dr. Ingram and Dr. Levin; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Dr. Abosh, Dr. Ingram and Karen Munter. Board Members will receive their ballots prior to the May 13th Board Meeting. Votes will be accepted at the May meeting.

Preceptor Application – (Rockville, MD & Baltimore MD) – Dr. Ingram will conduct the Rockville, Maryland site visit. Karen Munter will conduct the Baltimore, Maryland site visit.

Online Jurisprudence and CA Examination - Sharon Oliver announced that she is working with David Marks of the HUB, and the Massage Board to set up online JP Examinations. COVID-19 has presented many challenges with testing applicants. Sharon Oliver would like to set up a committee to discuss using the HUB and explore online testing options for the Chiropractic Board.

CA Renewal Update:

Renewal YTD	163 of 785 = 20.76%
Year to Date Revenue	\$39, 750.00

Board Counsel

Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (TBCE) v Texas Medical Association decision – Grant Gerber updated the Board on the outcome of the 10-year legal battle between the TBCE and the Texas Medical Association.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Staffing Update: Christopher Hawkins, Licensing Unit Manager – Ms. Oliver introduced the new Licensing Unit Manager, Christopher Hawkins to the Board. He comes from the Cosmetology Board (DLLR) with extensive experience as Deputy Director. Welcome to Christopher Hawkins!

Financial Disclosure Filing due April 30, 2021 – Board Members were reminded to complete their 2020 Financial Disclosure as soon as possible to meet the deadline.

Criminal Records History Check Challenges with CJIS – The Board was apprised of the challenges with obtaining CJIS reports. Chiropractors are encouraged to inform CA Trainee applicants to get fingerprinted at least five days prior to submitting a Request to Employ applicant packet.

Request to reduce CEU requirements for 2021 Chiropractic renewals – Chiropractic Renewals will start in July 2021. There was a recommendation to reduce CEU requirements due to COVID-19 related extenuating circumstances. Board Discussion. Motion to reduce required CEU's by 15 elective hours for the 2021 renewal period only made by Dr. Ingram; 2nd by Karen Munter. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Dry Needling Applications post regulations – Dry Needling Applications are no longer being grandfathered. Applicants must complete training as stipulated in Regulations.

Payment of Per Diem delays- Boards are experiencing significant delays in the processing of per diems due to amended telework schedules in the General Accounting Office.

New Executive Orders and MDH Directives – Governor Hogan held a conference on March 9, 2021. The following are the new orders & directives:

- Amending and Restating the Order of February 23, 2021, Regulating Certain Businesses and Facilities and Generally Requiring Use of Face Coverings.
- Amending and Restating the Order of March 16, 2020, Relating to Various Health Care Matters.
- Amending and Restating the Order of June 19, 2020, Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations and Other Governmental Authorizations and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements. **License, registrations and certificates will expire on June 30, 2021.**
- Directive and Order Regulating Certain Businesses and Facilities & General Directives Concerning Limiting the Spread of COVID-19.
- Amended Directive and Order Regarding Various Healthcare Matters.

Committee Reports

CE Committee Report/Recommendations (*Dr. Pantakis*)

- "Chiropractic Assistant X-Ray Technologist" Submitted by & Instructed by David Bohn, D.C. Sponsored by Chiro Solutions. CEU hours: 60 Hours Instruction/ 10 CEU credit hours. Online format
- “Dry needling For Lumbopelvic & Lower Extremity Condition: An Evidence Based Approach” Submitted by Stephen Knoyer, D.C. Sponsored by Dry Needling Institute.
- “Dry needling For Craniofacial, Cervicothoracic & Upper Extremity”, submitted by Stephen Knoyer, D.C. Sponsored by Dry Needling Institute.

The committee recommended approving all of the above CEU recommendations. The Board voted to approve the CEU Committee recommendations.

Ratification of New Licensees and Registrants – January & February 2021

The Board Voted to accept the following Licensees and Registrants. Welcome to the State of Maryland!

CHIROPRACTORS: JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021

LICENSE NO.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
04071	Rodriguez-Vasquez, Ricardo-Alejandro	01/05/2021
S04073	Ukaegbu, Ogechi	01/28/2021

S04072	Wright, Antoine J.	01/28/2021
04074	Atkins, Deborah T.	02/17/2021
S04075	Williams, Ashley	02/23/2021
04077	Choe, Hojin D.	02/24/2021
S04076	Hirschman, Alyssa B.	02/24/2021
04079	Garrett, Jason J.	02/25/2021
04078	Moll, Erik S.	02/25/2021
S04080	Nealon, Sean	02/25/2021

Total 10

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS: JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021

REGISTRATION NO.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
RC2437	Hernández, Andrea	02/22/2021
RC2438	Schreiber, Julie A.	02/22/2021
RC2444	Grant, Carlisa C.	02/23/2021
RC2439	Albanese, Jason JA.	02/24/2021
RC2440	Choe, Hojin D.	02/24/2021
RC2441	Curtis, Emily R.	02/24/2021
RC2442	Edwards, Kholil P.	02/24/2021
RC2443	Getty-Barnes, Megan E.	02/24/2021
RC2445	Palma, Kelly E.	02/24/2021

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CURRENT BOARD DATA as of 03/02/2021

BOARD	STATUS CODES	PRIOR PERIOD NUMBERS REPORTED	CURRENT NUMBERS
Chiropractor	Active	919	929
Chiropractor	Inactive	41	41
Chiropractic Assistant	Active	782	785
Chiropractic Assistant	Inactive	17	25

MISCELLANEOUS

- FCLB Resolutions-Comments due April 2-11, 2021- Board Members, please review the following. All comments are due to Dr. Lewis.

- i. 1-21 Nerves in Chiropractic, submitted by Dr. Mark Bronson

- ii. 2-21 Radiographic Imaging and Chiropractic, submitted by Dr. Robert Frieman
- iii. 3-21 Recognizing Subluxation, submitted by Dr. William Rademacher

The next meeting date is May 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Administrative Session Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kindra Ingram by ssv
Kindra Ingram, D.C.
Secretary/Treasurer



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Keith Scott, D.C.

Lillian Reese, Legislative Specialist

Kimberly Link, MDH

Marc Gulitz, D.C.