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**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
MEETING MINUTES
Licensing Committee
July 17, 2008
State Capitol
Assembly Room 126
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Committee Members

Judge James Duvaras, retired, Chair
Richard Tyler, D.C.

Staff Present

Brian Stiger, Executive Officer
Marlene Valencia, Staff Services Analyst
Valerie James, Office Technician

Call to Order

Dr. Tyler called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Dr. Tyler called the roll. Judge James Duvaras was absent. In the absence of Judge Duvaras, Dr. Tyler assumed the role as committee Chair.

Approval of Minutes

April 24, 2008

Dr. Tyler tabled the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

License Reciprocity with Other States

Dr. Tyler shared his experience when he reciprocated to California from Vermont and he expressed the need for the Board to review the differences between each state to ensure applicants reciprocating to California are fully qualified.

Mr. Stiger explained the current process for an applicant to reciprocate to California and requested clarification from the committee that a letter from another state's licensing board would satisfy one of the requirements contained in the Initiative Act.

Dr. Tyler tabled the decision on this issue until the next meeting.

Public Comment

Dr. Welch expressed is concern regarding the discrepancies of the requirements from other states.

Recognizing Chiropractic Assistance

Mr. Stiger informed the committee that representatives from Sacramento County requested that the the Board certify Chiropractic Assistant in California. Mr. Stiger also explained that the Sacramento County's program may be in danger of losing its funding if the Chiropractic Assistants are not certified.

Dr. Tyler has discussed this issue with the California Chiropractic Association (CCA) and supports the certifying of Chiropractic Assistants. He also expressed his concern about the chiropractor's responsibility and liability regarding insurance.

Public Comment

Kristine Shultz, CCA, informed the Board that CCA does not have a position on this issue. Ms. Shultz expressed her concern to the Board of the recent problems with Chiropractic Assistants in that they must meet local requirements because they practice massage therapy.

Dr. Davis expressed the value of having a formal training for the Chiropractic Assistants.

Multiple Satellite offices

Dr. Tyler expressed his concern with Quality Medical Examiners (QME) having several satellite offices and the actual need to have a large number of satellite offices.

Dr. Davis expressed his concerns with trying to decrease the amount satellite offices the Board would run into restraint of trade issues.

Mr. Stiger expressed his concern with multiple satellites and that the intent of establishing a satellite office is to treat patients. He expressed concerns that chiropractors who have an excessive amount of satellite offices may be using these offices for illicit activity. He also explained that the chiropractor should be supervising the employees at each location.

Increase of license and Renewal Fees

Dr. Tyler expressed his concern raising licensing fees at this time due to the financial times.

Dr. Davis asked how long has it been since the Board has increased the License Fees and what the future budget looks like.

Mr. Stiger informed the Board that the Board is currently spends more than it brings in and that the reserve will be spent down in fiscal year 2012/2013.

Licensing fees were last raised in 1991 and it would require legislation to enact. Mr. Stiger stated that raising licensing fees is inevitable.

Future Agenda Items

Dr. Tyler would like all Licensing items discussed to be placed on the agenda due to lack of quorum.

Adjournment

Dr. Tyler adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.