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#### January 19, 2016 12:30 p.m.

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#### **Teleconference Meeting Locations:**

Corey Lichtman, DC 538 Stevens Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075 (858) 481-1889 Heather Dehn, DC 4616 El Camino Ave, Ste B Sacramento, CA 95821 (916) 263-5355 John Roza, Jr., DC 800 Douglas Blvd Roseville, CA 95678 (916) 786-2267

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order & Establishment of a Quorum
- 2. Approval of Minutes October 19, 2015
- 3. Review and Discussion of Continuing Education Audit Statistics
- 4. Update Regarding CE Provider Qualification Focus Group
- 5. Review and Discussion Regarding Proposed Outreach Publications
  - Licensee Guide
  - Newsletter
- 6. Public Comment

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- 7. Future Agenda Items
- 8. Adjournment

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#### <u>LICENSING, CONTINUING EDUCATION</u> <u>& PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE</u>

Heather Dehn, D.C., Chair John Roza Jr., D.C. Corey Lichtman, D.C.

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# Board of Chiropractic Examiners TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES Licensing, Continuing Education & Public Relations Committee October 19, 2015 901 P Street, Suite 142A Sacramento, CA 95814

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#### **Committee Members Present**

Heather Dehn, D.C., Chair John Roza Jr., D.C. Corey Lichtman, D.C.

#### **Staff Present**

Robert Puleo, Executive Officer Dixie Van Allen, Staff Services Manager I Brianna Lauziere, Staff Services Analyst

#### **Call to Order**

Dr. Dehn called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M.

#### Roll Call

Dr. Roza called roll. All Board members were present at the locations specified on the Agenda.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: DR. ROZA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2015 LICENSING, CONTINUING EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

SECOND: DR. LICHTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION

VOTE: 3-0 (DR. ROZA – AYE, DR. LICHTMAN – AYE, DR. DEHN – AYE)

**MOTION CARRIED** 

#### **Review and Discussion of Continuing Education Audit Statistics**

Mr. Puleo shared statistics of non-complaint licensees found in CE audits from October 2013 to July 2015. Approximately 60 audits were conducted each month.

Dr. Dehn inquired about the Board's procedures when a licensee is found to be in violation with the CE requirements.

Mr. Puleo explained that if the chiropractor cannot produce records of CE credit they are sent to enforcement and may be issued a citation.

Dr. Dehn asked how long a chiropractor has to correct the deficiency.

Mr. Puleo stated that the chiropractor must complete the CE credits within a few weeks and provide proof of completion to Board staff. The chiropractor will most likely be audited again at their next renewal. First offenses typically result in a warning letter and subsequent offenses result in a citation.

Mr. Puleo shared that the Board has never had to open a formal complaint and file an accusation on a chiropractor for continuous violations with CE requirements.

Dr. Lichtman asked about the time frame for completing CE credits after a warning letter is issued.

Mr. Puleo explained that the Licensing Unit will allow the chiropractor to complete the CE within a few weeks of the audit. If course completion certificates are not received in a timely manner, a hold may be placed on their license which would prevent the licensee from practicing.

Dr. Dehn requested additional information to be presented at the next committee meeting on penalties for chiropractors who do not comply with the CE renewal requirements.

#### Review and Discussion on Strategic Plan Action Items

Dr. Dehn discussed Goal 1- Licensing and its relationship to the committee.

Mr. Puleo updated the committee on the Board's status regarding the conversion to the Breeze system. The Board continues to use CAS until the conversion takes place.

Dr. Dehn discussed Goal 3- Professional qualifications and continuing education. This is an ongoing project.

Mr. Puleo stated that the utilization of the CE provider task force will provide the Board with documentation justifying changes proposed in the rulemaking package.

The committee revised a timeline for goal 3.1- Establish provider review standards for continuing education providers. Action item 3.1.1- Define proficiency standards for CE providers has a new completion date of Q4 2015. Action item 3.1.2- Prepare proposed regulatory language in document and display changes in Q2 2016. Action item 3.1.3- Submit document to the Board for review and approval in Q2 2016. And action item 3.1.4- Complete

the regulatory process by Q2 2017.

Ms. Van Allen stated no changes have to be made to the strategic plan but the Board should be notified of the new dates.

Dr. Dehn stated that Goal 3.2- Develop a continuing education course auditing system will have to be revised once new regulations are put into place. This goal is currently completed with the laws that are in place.

Dr. Dehn explained that Goal 3.3- Evaluate effectiveness of compliance with CE regulations to ensure competency is on hold.

The committee has made an effort to provide CE providers with disciplinary information by creating a "Top 10 Violation" handout to distribute to chiropractors in hopes of lowering the rates of violations by licensees.

Mr. Puleo stated this goal has been completed but it is an ongoing goal to remind our CE providers to educate chiropractors of common violations to decrease infractions.

Dr. Dehn inquired about the process for distributing the "Top 10 Violation" handout.

Mr. Puleo shared that staff has emailed PDF versions of the handout to CE providers in the past.

Dr. Dehn suggested that the "Top 10 Violation" handout be provided to CE providers upon course approval and be included in course material for ethics courses.

Dr. Lichtman suggested an email blast to be sent quarterly to CE providers with a PDF version of the "Top 10 Violations" as a reminder to include this material in their course and encourage providers to distribute this document to course attendees.

Mr. Puleo stated that staff can create a template to send out regularly to CE providers.

Dr. Dehn discussed the travel restrictions with Goal 3.4- Establish and document protocols for ongoing communication with chiropractic oversight organizations to ensure consistent standards.

Ms. Kim DeWeese from California Chiropractic Association suggested the Board present and teach an ethics course.

Dr. Dehn discussed Goal 5- Public Relations and Outreach. She questioned the status of action item 5.1.2- contact DCA Office of Public Affairs for information on development of a BCE Communication Plan.

Mr. Puleo explained that the Government Affairs Committee completed this task. DCA's Public Affairs Office provided tips on navigating the Board's social media sites and networking. Julie Elginer, Dr. PH will provide social media training for the Board members at the next public Board meeting on January 28, 2016.

Dr. Dehn discussed Goal 5.2- Through the DCA Office of Publications, Design and Editing, develop consumer education materials about the Board. She stated that the Board continues to work with staff on creating new publications. We are currently in the process of completing a Licensee Guide and the winter 2015 Newsletter.

Dr. Dehn asked Mr. Puleo about Goal 5.3- Collaborate with DCA to optimize the Board's website.

Mr. Puleo mentioned there are limited changes that can be made to the website because DCA created templates for all Board related websites. We have the authority to make changes to the contents but cannot alter the appearance of the website.

Dr. Dehn suggested that the committee revisit the website matter in Q4 2016.

# Review and Discussion on Possible Revisions to the Continuing Education Regulations for Approving Continuing Education Providers- Update Regarding CE Provider Qualification Focus Group

Mr. Puleo announced that the first CE Provider Task Force is scheduled on November 5, 2015 from 12:30PM-3:30PM in Sacramento. The Board appointed DCA's SOLID Unit to facilitate the task force.

Dr. Dehn asked if a specific location has been selected.

Ms. Lauziere announced that the CE Provider Task Force will be held at the Department of Consumer Affairs HQ2 at 1625 N. Market Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95834 in the Sapphire Room #285.

Dr. Dehn inquired about the number of CE providers who were notified about the CE Task Force.

Ms. Lauziere stated that the Board mailed out invitations as well as emailed 180 CE providers. Additionally an email blast was sent to our online subscribers. Currently 6 CE providers have RSVP'd.

Mr. Puleo announced that there will be a second CE Provider Task Force held in Southern California early next year.

The committee members discussed possible dates and locations for the second task force.

Mr. Puleo stated the CE Provider Task Force will be considered a public meeting and announcements will be emailed to online subscribers and posted on the BCE website.

Dr. Dehn thanked Dr. Mark Cymerint for the email and CE provider application that he sent to the Board for review. She will have these materials available at the task force for open discussion.

#### Review and Discussion Regarding Proposed Outreach Publications

Dr. Dehn reviewed the Licensee Guide with the committee members.

On page 1, the committee recommended that the first and third paragraph under the chiropractic profession section be deleted.

On page 3, Dr. Dehn suggested the Board refer to the Top 10 Violation under the "show it off" section to remind chiropractors to "protect their license".

#### **Public Comment**

Dr. Cymerint referred to the material he sent to the Board and pointed out information about grandfathering CE providers and asked the committee members if they had any questions.

Mr. Puleo stated that since the materials were not included in the agenda they cannot be discussed but will have them available at the task force meeting for review and discussion.

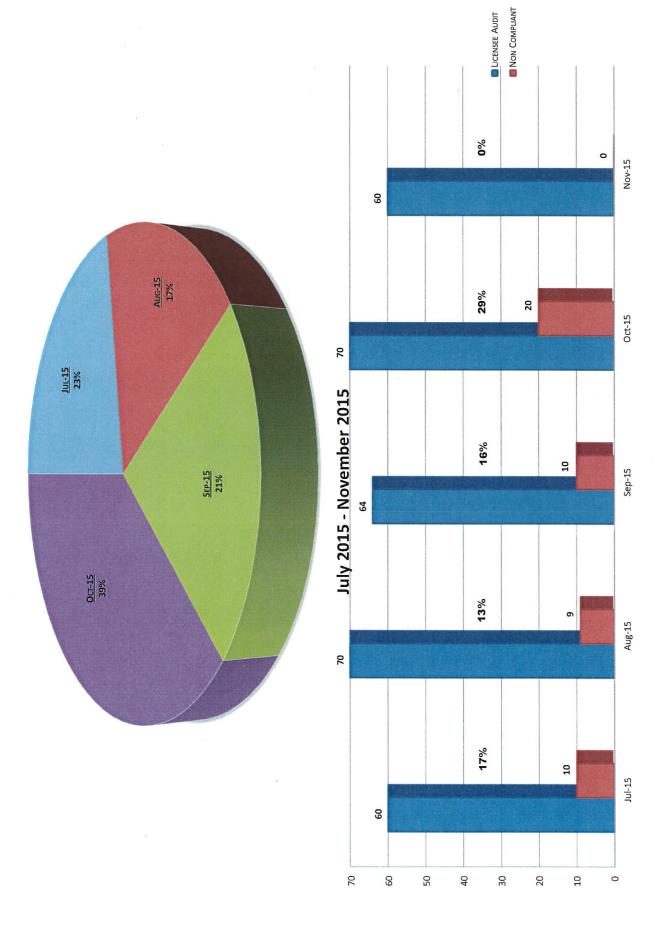
#### **Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Dehn requested more information on the penalties for chiropractors who do not complete their required annual CE credits. Provide an update on the next Continuing Education Providers Task Force and update on Licensee Guide.

#### **Adjournment**

Dr. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 1:55 P.M.

# Continuing Education Audit







December 29, 2015

Dear Continuing Education Providers-

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners' Licensing and Continuing Education Committee is convening a second focus group on *February 12, 2016* in Los Alamitos and is asking for your participation. The purpose of this Focus Group is to discuss possible changes to the CE regulations pertaining to CE Provider requirements.

<u>Please note</u>: Attendance at the meeting(s) is at your own expense. The Board is unable to reimburse participants for their travel and time to attend the meeting(s).

CE Provider Qualification Focus Group Date: Friday- February 12th, 2016

Time: 1:00pm- 4:00pm

Location: Department of Fish and Wildlife

4665 Lampson Avenue, Suite C

Los Alamitos 90720

To RSVP, or if you have any questions, please contact Brianna Lauziere at (916) 263-5355, Ext. 5373 or <a href="mailto:Brianna.lauziere@dca.ca.gov">Brianna.lauziere@dca.ca.gov</a> Please respond ASAP but no later than Friday, February 5, 2016.

We hope that you can join us in this collaborative effort to ensure licensees receive quality continuing education.

Sincerely,

**Executive Officer** 

**Board of Chiropractic Examiners** 

# BCENEWS

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS BIANNUAL NEWSLETTER





#### **Message From the Board President**

By Sergio Azzolino, DC, DACNB

During the past year as President of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board), I have had the distinct pleasure of working with other dedicated Board members and staff as we have tackled many issues that have been lying dormant for many decades.

Thanks to Governor Brown's office, we now have a fully appointed Board comprised of our professional members, Dr. Heather Dehn, Dr. John Roza, Dr. Dionne McClain, and Dr. Corey Lichtman; and our very qualified and resourceful public members, Julie Elginer, Dr. P.H., and Mr. Frank Ruffino. Mr. Robert Puleo continues to perform an outstanding job leading our very productive staff.

As I enter my 21st year of clinical practice, I am honored to have cared for so many patients and am grateful to the many selfless leaders in our profession who have assisted in the public's acceptance of chiropractic.

As wellness, alternative health care, and the philosophy we share become a staple in our society, it is imperative that the chiropractic profession seize the opportunity to lead. As other professions expand their scopes and embrace change, it is incumbent upon us to adopt modern-day science and stay at the forefront of the evolution in health care.

The Board's mission is to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public through licensure, education, and enforcement in chiropractic care. We are dedicated to the advancement of this profession so that we can better serve the patients we care for on a daily basis. To these ends, the Board has been working on the following:

#### **Chiropractic Curriculum**

The Board has focused much of its energy on ensuring quality chiropractic education. We've worked closely with the State's chiropractic colleges to

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identify possible regulatory changes that will improve the educational experience by updating and streamlining chiropractic curriculum. This is an opportunity to modernize the current requirements to eliminating provisions that are redundant, obsolete, and inconsistent with 21st-century teaching models.

#### **Continuing Education**

In addition, the Board recently convened the first of two focus groups aimed at gathering continuing education (CE) providers and other stakeholders to develop standards for CE providers. In conjunction with CE providers, the Board wants to ensure that they are qualified and prepared to deliver quality CE to our licensees. The focus groups enable us to work closely with current providers to establish minimum requirements that achieve our goal of effective CE without being unnecessarily burdensome or restrictive. The next focus group will be held February 12, 2016, in Southern California.

#### **Antitrust Liability for Board Members**

Over the past couple of years, many of our licensees have expressed great concern over the Governor utilizing his executive powers to have the Board join all other health and regulatory boards in the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

What was considered a controversial move has actually proven to be serendipitous given a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners (North Carolina Dental) v. FTC* established a new standard for determining whether a state licensing board is entitled to immunity from antitrust actions. The Court held that a state regulatory board where a controlling number of decision makers are market participants (i.e., licensees) must satisfy the "active state supervision" requirement in order to invoke state-action antitrust immunity. Though there is no clear-cut definition of what constitutes active supervision, the California Attorney General's office issued an opinion that identifies a few requirements of active supervision. The opinion concluded that "active state supervision" requires a state official to review the substance of a regulatory decision made by the licensing board to determine whether the decision actually furthers

a clearly articulated state policy to replace competition with regulation. The opinion further stated that the official reviewing the decision must not be an active member of the profession being regulated and must have and exercise the power to approve, modify, or disapprove the decision.

Following the *North Carolina* decision, some observers have suggested that reforming the composition of professional boards would be the best resolution for both state and consumer interests. However, reducing the ratio of licensees to public members raises a number of logistical policy issues that would make this option problematic.

Fortunately, as currently structured, the Board through its relationship with DCA is in compliance with active State supervision requirements. DCA's oversight ensures that the Board's actions are consistent with clearly articulated State policies. As such, it is unlikely the Board will be subject to any modifications to its structure or composition.

#### **Chiropractic Occupational Analysis**

Currently, the Board is working with DCA's Office of Professional Examination Services to conduct an Occupational Analysis (OA). The purpose of the OA is to define the practice of chiropractic in California in terms of actual job tasks that newly licensed chiropractors must be able to perform safely and competently at the time of licensure. The results of the occupational analysis serve as the basis for the chiropractic licensing examination in California.

In early 2016, the Board will begin recruiting licensees to serve as Subject Matter Experts (SME) at one or more of the OA workshops. SMEs are essential to the OA process. A diverse group of SMEs ensures that all area of current practice and different approaches to practice are represented. Serving as an SME also gives licensees an opportunity to network with other chiropractors and provide direct input into the chiropractic profession. The results of the OA will affect decisions regarding the chiropractic profession and the licensure examination for up to eight years.

I encourage you to volunteer to serve as an SME when the Board begins recruiting. If you would like to obtain more information about the OA process or would like to submit your name for consideration as an SME, please contact Brianna Lauziere at (916) 263-5355, ext. 5373, or at brianna.lauziere@dca.ca.gov.

# BCE NEWS

#### NEW DOCTORS OF CHIROPRACTIC May 1, 2015-October 31, 2015

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)	DATE ISSUED	D.C.#
Alan Rillorta Floresca	5/4/2015	33279
Bria Lauren Iacini	5/4/2015	33280
Andy Chiang	5/5/2015	33281
Timothy David Lanier	5/5/2015	33282
Su Joung Youk	5/5/2015	33283
Joshua Natan Caya	5/6/2015	33284
Monica Liliana Grove	5/6/2015	33285
Andrew Edmund Magsumbol	5/6/2015	33286
Joseph Richard Martinez, Jr.	5/7/2015	33287
Jennifer Lynn McCleary	5/7/2015	33288
Sarah Marie Alfon	5/8/2015	33289
Josephine Inez Morales	5/8/2015	33290
Rebecca Jane Fidler	5/19/2015	33291
Steven Wayne Fleek	5/19/2015	33292
David Kun Ju Chen	5/29/2015	33293
Jordan Bernard Cohen	5/29/2015	33294
Haron Hashmat Kazem	5/29/2015	33295
Maria Anjoline Lopez	5/29/2015	33296
Andrea Kimberly Cavalla	6/3/2015	33297
Shane Anthony Edwards	6/3/2015	33298
Hanmo Gu	6/3/2015	33299
Ahmad Naweed Kazem	6/3/2015	33300
Manasseh Chibuzor Nwaigwe, Jr.	6/3/2015	33301
Sydne Michelle Pomin	6/3/2015	33302
Kristina Herrera Portillo	6/3/2015	33303
Jonathan Rickie Price	6/3/2015	33304
Jaime Sebastian Tojos	6/3/2015	33305
Juan Carrasco Torres	6/3/2015	33306
Gilbert Mathew Ziebell IV	6/3/2015	33307
Souren Alexanian	6/11/2015	33308
Jesse Ellis Call	6/11/2015	33309
Patrick James Cucarola	6/11/2015	33310
Aimee Rose Duarte	6/11/2015	33311
Charles Richard Fagenholz	6/11/2015	33312
Monica Felix	6/11/2015	33313
Nicholas Popplein Hall	6/11/2015	33314
Melisa Keo	6/11/2015	33315
Rupeshbhai Arvindbhai Patel	6/11/2015	33316
Anne Marjorie Yeakel	6/11/2015	33317

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)	DATE ISSUED	D.C.#
Karl Joseph Baune	6/12/2015	33318
Christopher John Boman	6/12/2015	33319
Joshua David Paredes	6/12/2015	33320
Ashlyn Elizabeth Lanes	6/15/2015	33321
Amber Jean Truelove	6/15/2015	33322
Cordie Lee Williams	6/15/2015	33323
Zayneb El-Shibib	6/23/2015	33324
Fereshteh Saeeda	6/23/2015	33325
Geoffrey Ronald Hargett	6/25/2015	33326
Alexsandra Kaykov	6/25/2015	33327
John Knox Maltby II	6/25/2015	33328
Douglas Thomas Morris	6/25/2015	33329
Jordan Curtis Wishmyer	6/25/2015	33330
Roni Yani	6/25/2015	33331
Ren-Tsz Yeh	6/25/2015	33332
Ronnie Jon Boesch	6/26/2015	33333
Sarah Ashlee Ferguson	6/26/2015	33334
Gary Thomas Wilson	6/26/2015	33335
Yi-Chen Chen	6/30/2015	33336
Kristyn Lynn Silver	6/30/2015	33337
Christopher Joseph Alegria	7/3/2015	33338
Justin Kyle Cheng	7/3/2015	33339
Saul Ethan Sclamberg	7/3/2015	33340
Heather Creed	7/9/2015	33341
Veronica Isabel Diaz	7/9/2015	33342
Joshua John Ellis	7/9/2015	33343
Walter Raymund Fermin	7/9/2015	33344
Nicholas Allen Garcia	7/9/2015	33345
Dustin William Martinez	7/9/2015	33346
Carlos Castro	7/10/2015	33347
Michael Andrew Torrez	7/10/2015	33348
Dominador Lorenzo Ang, Jr.	7/17/2015	33349
Troy Mark Benfield	7/23/2015	33350
Timothy Tanh Cambridge	7/23/2015	33351
Peter Alexander Rehl	7/23/2015	33352
German Arellano	7/29/2015	33353
Masi Brede Bayless	7/29/2015	33354
Michael James Behymer	7/29/2015	33355
Casey Jay Derr	7/29/2015	33356

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Rachel Michelle Hamel	7/29/2015	33357
Manvel Simonyan	7/29/2015	33358
Belin Sibel Tekin	7/29/2015	33359
Christopher Chang	7/31/2015	33360
Tiffany Wuu Chen	7/31/2015	33361
Daniel Joseph Saenz	7/31/2015	33362
Justin Lee Jobelius	8/12/2015	33363
Naxielly Maritza Rodriguez de Cordoba	8/12/2015	33364
Brittany Christine Falcone	8/17/2015	33365
Neils Conrad Larson	8/17/2015	33366
Emily Katherine Mayo	8/17/2015	33367
Noah Daniel Perlman	8/17/2015	33368
Jordan Scott Fairley	8/18/2015	33369
Joon Sung Kang	8/18/2015	33370
Alexandra Threadgill-Inouye	8/18/2015	33371
Alia Hussain Tomaszewski	8/18/2015	33372
Andrew Salvatore Vercellino	8/18/2015	33373
Gurwinder Kaur Bath	8/25/2015	33374
Jordan Alice Millar	8/25/2015	33375
Kyle Kyunghyun Park	8/25/2015	33376
Brandon Michael Thomas	8/25/2015	33377
Arnott Aaron Adler	8/26/2015	33378
Joel Joseph Dickson	8/26/2015	33379
Bilal Bashir Khan	8/26/2015	33380
Troy Daniel Schott	8/26/2015	33381
Thomas Robert Surnock	8/26/2015	33382
Natasha Fallahi	8/31/2015	33383
Ellen Leigh Koehler	8/31/2015	33384
Jacqueline Louise Beres	9/11/2015	33385
Adam Scott McBride	9/11/2015	33386
Gerald Arpad Ferencz	9/15/2015	33387
Erik Frederiksen	9/15/2015	33388
Ariel Electra Thorpe	9/15/2015	33389
Ronald James Watson III	9/15/2015	33390
Jeffrey Michael Kay	9/15/2015	33391
Javier Antonio Leon	9/18/2015	33392
Jacob Mathias Paredes	9/18/2015	33393
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New Doctors of Chiropractic (continued from page 3)

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)	DATE ISSUED	D.C.#
Kimberly Ann Gambino	9/23/2015	33394
Jonathan Rudolph Noel	9/23/2015	33395
Shalom Samuel	9/30/2015	33396
Sherry Ching-Ching Wang	9/30/2015	33397
Linda Teresa Cruz	10/12/2015	33398
Natalie Jean Huang	10/12/2015	33399
Karen C Krieg	10/12/2015	33400
Katherine Louise McCarty	10/12/2015	33401
Alicia Nicole Tsounis	10/12/2015	33402
I-Ching Hsieh	10/20/2015	33403
Thomas Edward John	10/20/2015	33404
Janine Marie Ludwig	10/20/2015	33405
Nicole Mary McDonald	10/20/2015	33406
Hoan Dinh Vu	10/20/2015	33407
Katherine Hightower	10/29/2015	33408
Heather Nicole Valinsky	10/29/2015	33409

#### Earn CE Credit for Attending Our Board Meetings

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (Board's) regulations allow a licensee to earn a maximum of four hours of continuing education (CE) credit per renewal period for attending a full Board meeting that includes the hearing of cases related to petitioners seeking the reinstatement of revoked licenses or early termination of probationary licenses (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 361(g)15). A petitioner may not earn any CE hours for attending a Board meeting on the same day in which her or his hearing is conducted. The attendance of a licensee at a Board meeting under this regulation shall be monitored and confirmed by Board staff designated by the Executive Officer.

#### **Post Your License Proudly**

As chiropractors, you're aware of the rigorous requirements the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) asks you to fulfill before it issues a license to practice in California—among them, comprehensive academic and clinical training, successful completion of national and State examinations, and a clean criminal background check.

We know the path to licensure may not be easy, but we believe you'd agree that California's chiropractors and their state regulatory board share a responsibility to ensure the health and well-being of patients of chiropractic care across the State.

We're confident that you will take this responsibility seriously.

We're also taking this opportunity to remind you that displaying your license is not only a well-deserved privilege but also a requirement under the Board's Rules and Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 308). Your license must be clearly visible to consumers at your place of practice, including any certificates issued for satellite offices.

You've earned the right to post your license proudly, and we encourage you to do precisely that. Displaying your license is more than compliance—it is our mutual pledge to provide continued excellence in chiropractic care to California's consumers.



# BCE NEWS

#### ACCUSATIONS FILED April 1, 2015–October 31, 2015

AUUUUATTE			April 1, 2013—October 31, 2013			
NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	DATE FILED	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS			
Moffett, Richard V. – Scotts Valley	DC 11081	4/1/2015	Failure to file current address; failure to display license; unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; endangering public; failure to refer patient.			
Cooke, Myron Blaine – Los Angeles	DC 18766	4/17/2015	Conviction of a crime or offense involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, physical violence, or corruption.			
Skrenes, Thomas M. – Tustin	DC 17821	4/27/2015	Exceed scope of practice; unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; excessive treatment; failure to refer patient; failure to maintain patient records.			
Farbenbloom, Yaniv — Studio City	DC 25863	5/4/2015	Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; commission of acts involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/corruption; knowingly making/signing documents related to chiropractic that falsely represents the facts; participation in fraud/misrepresentation; referring patient to entity with financial interest; insurance fraud; failure to provide copy of patient records.			
Zeravica, Robert – Paso Robles	DC 26527	5/4/2015	Unprofessional conduct; knowingly making/signing documents related to chiropractic that falsely represents the facts; failure to comply with conditions of probation.			
McMillan, Michelle – Santa Monica	DC 22770	5/11/2015	Exceed scope of practice; failure to file current address; accountability for failure to restrain conduct in place of practice that violates State law or the Board's regulations; unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; endangering the health, welfare, or safety of the public; dispensing or administration of narcotics/dangerous drugs/controlled substances; commission of acts involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/corruption; knowingly making/signing documents related to chiropractic that falsely represents the facts.			
Lagomarsino, Frank – Stockton	DC 27930	5/21/2015	Unprofessional conduct; administering drugs to oneself to the extent that proves dangerous to the public; conviction of a crime/offense involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/physical violence/corruption; crime related to chiropractic duties; dispensing or administration of narcotics/dangerous drugs/controlled substances.			
Thawer, Shafina – Porter Ranch	DC 29316	6/1/2015	Exceed scope of practice; unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; repeated acts of negligence; incompetence; endangering public; acts involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/corruption; failure to maintain patient records with required content.			
Froehling, Nicholas J. – Spring Park	DC 30767	6/26/2015	Discipline by another state; commission of any act of sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, or sexual relations with a patient, client, customer, or employee; unprofessional conduct.			
Kausler, Keith N. – Tustin	DC 11950	7/30/2015	Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; repeated acts of negligence; failure to maintain patient records.			
Arakelian, John Brent – Fresno	DC 21191	8/19/15	Conviction of insurance fraud; unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, duties of a chiropractor; conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, ph violence/corruption; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; knowingly making or s false documents.			
Tovanyan, Arutyun – North Hollywood	DC 29828	8/25/15	Failure to comply with terms of probation.			
Lubecki, John – Fair Oaks	DC 11147	9/9/15	Advertising containing falsehoods and misstatements used to deceive the public; unprofessional conduct; incompetence; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public.			
Scruggs, William K. Jr. – Toluca Lake	DC 29843	9/14/15	Unprofessional conduct; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public; administering drugs/alcohol to oneself that could result in public harm/safety; conviction of a crime substantially related to chiropractic functions/duties; conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.			
Claborn, Kenneth L. – Granada Hills	DC 24053	9/22/15	Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; repeated negligent acts; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; participation in acts of fraud/misrepresentation; failure to ensure accurate billings; insurance fraud.			
Schreiner, Robert R. – Salinas	DC 18180	10/1/15	Failure to comply with terms of probation.			
Richardson, James H. – El Monte	DC 12518	10/6/15	Unprofessional conduct; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public; conviction of a crime substantially related to chiropractic functions/duties; conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, physical violence/corruption; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption.			
Marrs, Jeffrey R. – Hemet	DC 24168	10/14/15	Unprofessional conduct; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public; conviction of a crime substantially related to chiropractic functions/duties; violating provisions of Chiropractic Act.			
Kunz, Martin V. – Fresno	DC 30135	10/26/15	Unprofessional conduct; repeated negligent acts; incompetence; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public.			

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#### Accusations Filed (continued from page 5)

NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	DATE FILED	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Isaacson, Kelly M. – Ceres	DC 30582	10/26/15	Unlicensed practice; unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public; acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; participation in fraud/misrepresentation; unauthorized disclosure of patient information; failure to refer patient to physician, surgeon, etc.; insurance fraud.

**NOTE:** As used in this summary, the term "accusation" is a formal document that notifies a licensee of the agency's charges against the licensee and that requests a disciplinary order. The licensee is entitled to contest the charges in a formal hearing before an administrative law judge. An accusation is usually resolved by an agency decision following such a hearing or by an agency decision pursuant to a settlement agreement. Often there is a considerable period of time between the date of filing an accusation and the resolution of the accusation.

#### CITATIONS FILED April 1, 2015–October 31, 2015

NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	FINE AMOUNT	DATE ISSUED	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Body Rituals – Upland	N/A	\$500	6/5/2015	Unlicensed individual/illegal practice.
Froehling, Nicholas J.  – Spring Park	DC 30767	\$1,500	9/24/15	Discipline by another state.

**NOTE:** Payment of the fine is a satisfactory resolution to the citation.

#### DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FILED April 1, 2015–October 31, 2015

NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Mitchell, Solomon Quinn – Santa Cruz	DC 30616	Revoked	4/1/2015	Unprofessional conduct that may endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public; self-administering or self-consuming drugs or alcohol to the extent that proves dangerous to oneself, another person, or the public.
Woods, Kerry B. – Whittier	DC 21571	Revocation, stayed, 3 years probation	5/2/2015	Unprofessional conduct; administering drugs to oneself to the extent that proves dangerous to the public; conviction of a crime/offense involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/physical violence/corruption; conviction of crime involving drugs/alcohol.
Yoo, Casey – Los Angeles	DC 19339	Voluntary surrender	5/31/2015	Unprofessional conduct; endangering the health, welfare, or safety of the public; conviction of a crime/offense involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/physical violence/corruption; crime related to chiropractic duties.
Edwards, William R. – Santa Ana	DC 21955	Revocation, stayed, 3 years probation	6/6/2015	Unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; endangering public; acts involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/corruption; participation in fraud/misrepresentation.
Todd, Nathan S. — Panorama City	DC 16777	Revocation	6/12/2015	Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications/ functions/duties of a chiropractor; conviction crime involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/physical violence/corruption; acts involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/corruption; knowingly making/ signing false documents; violating provisions of Chiropractic Act; false statement on license application; participation in fraud/misrepresentation; offer/receive compensation for referrals.
Kwait, Joseph M. – San Anselmo	DC 31500	Revocation, stayed, 2 years probation	6/13/2015	Unprofessional conduct; administering drugs to oneself to the extent that proves dangerous to the public.
Shannahan,Timothy – San Diego	DC 24900	Revocation, stayed, 5 years probation	6/13/2015	Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications/functions/duties of a chiropractor; conviction crime involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/physical violence/corruption.
Roman, Victor H. – Glendale	DC 30578	Voluntary surrender	6/15/2015	Unlicensed practice; unprofessional conduct; gross negligence; repeated acts of negligence; incompetence; endangering public; dishonest acts; knowingly making/signing false documents; participation in fraud/misrepresentation; failure to refer patient; failure to maintain patient records; failure to ensure accurate account billings; insurance fraud; illegal advertisement; violating provisions of Chiropractic Act.
Hargett, Geoffrey R. – Irvine	DC 33326	3 year probationary license	6/25/2015	Unprofessional conduct; endangering public; administering drugs to oneself to the extent that proves dangerous to the public; conviction of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications/functions/duties of a chiropractor; conviction of a crime involving alcohol/drugs.
Ghodousi, Nosrat N. – Los Angeles	DC 21864	Voluntary surrender	6/27/2015	Failure to comply with terms of probation.

## **BCE** NEWS

#### **Tips for License Renewal**

On average, 8 percent of all license renewal applications are incomplete. Your license will not be updated appropriately until all the information and fees are received and complete. If the renewal delay causes your license to become delinquent, your ability to work is at risk. Follow these tips for a smooth renewal process:

- 1. Before starting the application, read through it thoroughly.
- 2. Make sure you complete all required continuing education hours prior to checking the appropriate checkbox and submitting your application and fee.
- 3. Check all appropriate boxes and sign the form.
- 4. Review your completed renewal application before you submit it.
- 5. Make sure your check or money order is for the correct amount.
- 6. Renew early.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) sends renewal reminders about 60 days before a license expires. However, you are responsible to renew on time, even if you do not receive the reminder. A *Replacement Renewal Form* is on the Board's website at www.chiro.ca.gov/forms\_pubs/replace\_renewal.pdf.

## **Upcoming Public Board Meetings**

January 28, 2016 Sacramento

May 2016 Southern California

July 28–29 2016 Northern California

October 14, 2016 Southern California

Specific times and locations to be announced. For current meeting information, visit www.chiro.ca.gov/about\_us/meetings/index.shtml.

#### **Board Meeting Videos**

View the Board meetings from your home, workplace, or mobile device at www.chiro.ca.gov/about\_us/meetings/notices\_mtgsvideo.shtml.

Disciplinary Accusations Filed (continued from page 6)

NAME AND CITY	LICENSE NO.	ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
Hutchison, David E. – Corona	DC 21374	Revocation, stayed, 3 years probation	7/3/15	Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications/functions/duties of a chiropractor; conviction of crimes involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/corruption; acts involving moral turpitude/dishonesty/corruption; participation in fraud/misrepresentation; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public.
Nwoga, Ekechi J. – Aiken	DC 30405	Revocation, stayed, 5 years probation	7/8/15	Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications/functions/duties of a chiropractor; conviction of crime involving drugs/alcohol.
Giles, Derrick Jeffrey  – Salt Lake City	DC 32359	Voluntary surrender	8/8/15	Failure to comply with terms of probation.
Dahan, Daniel – Long Beach	DC 19744	Voluntary surrender	8/12/15	Insurance fraud; unprofessional conduct; endangering health, welfare, and safety of public; committing acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption; knowingly making or signing false documents; participation in acts of fraud/misrepresentation.
Tomaszewski, Alia – Foothill Ranch	DC 33372	Denied, stayed, 2 years probation	8/28/15	Unprofessional conduct; convictions involving alcohol/drugs; administering drugs/alcohol to oneself that could result in public harm/safety.
Zeiler, Thomas W. – Fort Collins	DC 15632	Revoked	8/30/15	Failure to comply with terms of probation.
Shinn, Yong Pyo – Las Vegas	DC 22465	Voluntary surrender	9/24/15	Failure to comply with terms of probation.
Bradshaw, Andrea J. – Las Vegas	DC 24091	Voluntary surrender	10/8/15	Failure to comply with terms of probation.
Acosta, Elizabeth M. – Panorama City	DC 30542	Revoked, stayed, 3 years probation	10/15/15	Unprofessional conduct; convictions involving alcohol/drugs; administering drugs/alcohol to oneself that could result in public harm/safety.
Lang Patrick J. – Chula Vista	DC 13820	Revoked, stayed, 5 years probation	10/15/15	Unprofessional conduct; conviction of a crime substantially related to chiropractic functions/duties; convictions involving alcohol/drugs; administering drugs/alcohol to oneself that could result in public harm/safety.

## **BCE** NEWS

#### 2016 Board Outreach Events

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) seeks participation from the following groups for these upcoming events:

**Stakeholders:** Strategic Planning meeting. Tentatively scheduled for July 2016 in the Bay Area.

**Continuing Education (CE) Providers:** CE Provider Focus Group. Tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2016, in Los Alamitos.

Licensees: Occupational Analysis event. Date and location to be determined.

**Note:** Please check our website, **www.chiro.ca.gov**, and/or subscribe to our **mailing list** for more information on these upcoming events.



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#### Help Us Stay in Touch: Let Us Know if You Moved

Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (Board's) regulations require that licensed chiropractors in the State of California file with the Board a current address for each principal place of practice and for every associated satellite office (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 303). You must notify the Board within 30 days of new addresses for any places of practice.

If you're renewing your license, this will avoid critical delays in receiving your renewal notice or other important Board information.

Submit your address changes via U.S. mail or fax by completing the *Address Change Request* form, which is available on the Board's website at **www.chiro.ca.gov/forms\_pubs/add\_change.pdf**.

# A Guide to the Chiropractic Profession:

Getting licensed and staying licensed





#### The profession

Chiropractic is a health care profession that emphasizes the power of one's own body to heal itself without the use of drugs or surgery. The practice of chiropractic focuses on the relationship between structure (primarily the spine) and function (as coordinated by the nervous system), and how that relationship affects one's health.

#### Its future

Employment of chiropractors is projected to grow 15 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Also, more people are becoming interested in chiropractic care, since chiropractors use nonsurgical methods and do not prescribe drugs.

#### Getting licensed

If you're interested in a career as a chiropractor in California, you must meet the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (Board's) strict requirements:

- Degree. You must receive a Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree from a Board-approved college.
   For a list of these colleges, go to the Board's website, www.chiro.ca.gov. The curriculum includes class time as well as clinical experience hours.
- NBCE. Chiropractic students must pass parts I, II,
  III, IV, and physiotherapy of the National Board of
  Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) exam to be eligible to
  apply for a State license.



- Application. Complete the Application for a Chiropractic License, which must include your 2-inch-by-2-inch photograph. Be sure to use the Check Sheet for the Application for a Chiropractic License to ensure your application packet is complete. Both forms can be found on the Board's website, www.chiro.ca.gov.
- Fingerprinting. Live Scan is a process that scans your fingerprints electronically and is mandatory for applicants who are California residents. Take the Request for Live Scan Service form to a Live Scan site for fingerprint scanning. Out-of-state residents must submit fingerprint cards.
- Background check. California chiropractic license applicants must disclose all citations/arrests on your record—whether set aside, dismissed, or expunged in response to any direct question in any questionnaire or application for licensure.

- Fees. The standard license application fee is \$100.
   The reciprocal application fee is \$25. The Live Scan fingerprint services fees are paid directly to the Live Scan agency submitting the print. The fee to submit out-of-state fingerprint cards is \$49.
- CLPPE. The California Law and Professional Practice Exam (CLPPE) is administered through computerized testing on a continuous basis. Once the Board determines the licensee applicant is qualified to take the CLPPE, the applicant will be notified by letter.

More details regarding requirements can be found in the Board's Chiropractic Initiative Act and Chiropractic Examiners Rules & Regulations. Both can be found on the Board's website, www.chiro.ca.gov.

The average time for an initial review of your license application is three to four weeks. At that time, either a letter requesting more information or letter authorizing you to sit for the CLPPE will be sent. The average processing time for an application once received by the Board is three to five months.



#### Staying licensed

#### **Continuing education**

To maintain an active chiropractic license, D.C.s must complete 24 hours of continuing education (CE) per year. Six of the 24 hours are mandatory from the following categories:

- Two hours of Ethics and Law
- Four hours in any one of or combination of the following topics:
  - Chiropractic Adjustive or Manipulation Technique
  - History Taking and Physical Examination Procedures
  - Proper and Ethical Billing and Coding

Of the 24 hours, 18 hours may be completed in general subject categories, four hours of CE credit can be gained by attending a full Board meeting, and a maximum of 12 CE hours may be completed through distance learning.

#### License renewal

It is your responsibility to keep your license current. When renewing, do it early. Remember to read and review your completed form carefully, check all boxes, and sign the form. Also, be sure you complete all required CE hours prior to submitting the renewal form, and that your check or money order is for the correct amount. Incomplete renewal forms can cause a license to become delinquent, putting your ability to work at risk.

At this time, license renewals cannot be submitted online. Renewal forms are mailed to the address the Board has on file approximately 60 days prior to your license expiration date. If you did not receive your renewal form, you may print and complete a *Replacement Renewal Form* and mail it to our office.



Please note that the Board is required to deny an application for licensure and to suspend the license/certificate/ registration of any applicant or licensee who has outstanding tax obligations due to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) or the State Board of Equalization (BOE) and appears on either the FTB's or BOE's certified lists of top-500 tax delinquencies more than \$100,000 (Assembly Bill 1424, Perea, Chapter 455, Statutes of 2011).

#### Show it off

Displaying your license is not only a well-deserved privilege, but also a requirement under section 308 of the Board's Chiropractic Examiners Rules & Regulations. Your license must be clearly visible to consumers at your place of practice, including any certificates issued for satellite offices.

#### Not worth it

Be aware of and understand the top licensee violations that may result in disciplinary actions. Frequent enforcement violations include:

- Insurance fraud
- Unlicensed practice
- Sexual misconduct
- Excessive treatment
- Violation involving drugs/alcohol
- Conviction of a crime
- False and/or misleading advertising
- Negligence/incompetence

More information regarding possible grounds for discipline can be found in the Board's Chiropractic Initiative Act and Chiropractic Examiners Rules & Regulations. Both can be found on the Board's website, www.chiro.ca.gov.

#### For More Information

If you have any questions about obtaining, maintaining, or renewing a license, visit **www.chiro.ca.gov**, or call the Board at (916) 263-5355 or the Department of Consumer Affairs' Consumer Information Center at (800) 952-5210.



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