

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

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January 13th, 2015

2:30pm-3:30pm

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Board of Chiropractic Mission Statement:

"To **serve** and **protect** the public and ensure high standards of chiropractic care and professionalism through best practices in regulation, education, and outreach."

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OPEN SESSION – 2:30p – 3:30p

OS-15-001 ALL	<p><u>MINUTES</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 4th, 2014 meeting.</p> <p>Motion to approve Seconded Passed</p>	
OS-15-002 ALL	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT</u> In this segment, discussion can be held on issues and/or activities pertaining to the activities of the Board/Department. Presenters may be members of the Board, staff, or public.</p> <p>1. <u>BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT</u> Dr. Vanterpool stated that she didn't have anything to report at the moment.</p> <p>2. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>A. FY2015 BOC Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 • Future meeting dates will be May 12th, July 14th, and September 8th <p>B. Exam Administration in FY 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Jurisprudence Exam will be administered March 10th and July 14, 2015. <p>Dr. Watson stated that the District's Board of Chiropractic used to meet on a monthly basis, however, due to a lack of quorum and agenda content, meetings were reduced to every other month. In addition, exam administration dates were increased from 2 to 3 with a potential 4th at the discretion of the Board.</p> <p>The regulations state that the Board is required to offer the exam 2 times per year. Mr. Kim stated that the Board has far exceeded the minimal requirement for the exam administration and that the Board is well in line with other</p>	<p>KV JW BK</p>

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	<p>jurisdictions (local, and nationally) pertaining to the Jurisprudence Exam.</p> <p>Dr. Watson stated that when she began with the Board in 2009 there were 76 Chiropractors. Now there are 92 Chiropractors in the District. This is a 20% increase and the numbers continue to grow.</p> <p>Consumer member Palmer asked if Chiropractors are able to practice under the supervision of another licensed Chiropractor in the District while waiting to take the Jurisprudence Exam. Dr. Watson stated “yes,” and explained that there is also a policy under the Jurisprudence Exam that allows the applicant to re-take the exam if they fail it the first time. They are allowed 2 chances to take the exam. If they fail the exam twice, they must come before the Board for further dialogue to determine if they will be able to take the exam for a third time. However, if an applicant fails the exam twice they are no longer allowed to practice under the supervision of another licensed Chiropractor in the District. All of this information is posted under the BOC website under policy guidelines.</p> <p>C. Jurisprudence Exam Research Research was conducted by the staff in order to determine how many other states offer a jurisprudence exam, how many times the exam is administered in a year in those states, and what type of format it is administered in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 states don’t administer the exam at all • Approximately 9 states offer the exam in written form • 3 states offer the exam in a testing center • 3 states mail the exam and Indiana emails the exam once the application is complete • The following states offer the exam on-line: • Arizona • Alabama • New Jersey • New Mexico • Ohio • Minnesota • Virginia and Delaware don’t offer the exam at all 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland offers the exam 6 times a year as their Board meets monthly <p>D. BOC Census</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 92 Chiropractors are currently under the Board's purview - 70 have Ancillary Privileges in Physiotherapy <p>E. Renewals 2014 Stats Approximately 83% of licensees renewed</p> <p>Dr. Watson apologized for the inconveniences some licensees may have experienced during the renewal season due to the HRLA IT upgrade. She explained that the technology upgrade caused some glitches in the renewal process (specifically the issue of obtaining a physical copy of a license) but that ultimately the improvement made to the system will allow HRLA to be more responsive and efficient in the future.</p> <p>F. Workforce Capacity Report – Part II Dr. Watson stated that the Board agreed to establish a task force for the Workforce report II development and suggested that the Board consider the names of people to invite to participate.</p> <p>G. FCLB Annual Conference May 6-11, 2015 Dr. Watson asked the Board who will be the voting delegate at the annual conference. Dr. Vanterpool (delegate) and Dr. Bazley (alternate delegate) will both be representing the BOC.</p> <p>H. New DOH Director-Dr. LaQuandra Nesbit Dr. Watson gave a background summary of Dr. Nesbitt and her qualifications. She was a member of the Board of Medicine as the statutory member from DOH in the past and will be returning to the District after being the Director of Health for the City of Louisville. She will begin later in the month.</p> <p>I. BOC Newsletter Dr. Watson stated that the BOC Newsletter is being drafted and the plan is to have it published by February. The newsletter will capture the past open house in September 2014, the workforce capacity survey, conferences, and</p>	
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	<p>strategic planning goals in 2015, etc. She recommended that the July newsletter be delayed until September after the Open House.</p> <p>J. Technology upgrade Dr. Mehta stated that last year HRLA decided to put a strategic plan in place to overhaul the technology in the department. He is happy to state that all of those plans are coming to fruition in 2015. The new licensing system will be in place for the staff to better serve the applicants. The staff will be able to streamline processes that are much more efficient and data that will be gathered with the My License Office (MLO) will also provide excellent reporting metrics. All compliance monitoring will be housed in the new MLO system as well. Dr. Mehta stated that the department is also moving to a paperless system for applicants. He will also get members DOH emails and badges (for security purposes) in 2015.</p> <p>Dr. Mehta stated that the technology upgrade in the Board room will allow the Open Session meetings to be live streamed. This technology upgrade will also be available to help facilitate any subcommittee meetings or any video conferences for convenience purposes for the Board members.</p> <p>Dr. Mehta informed the board that he will continue to support the presence of the District board members at the national conferences. Dr. Mehta would like to make sure that the request for travel is placed at least 6 months ahead to ensure that the paperwork is processed in a timely manner.</p> <p>Dr. Mehta ended by stating that he has started having “all hands” meeting with the Board Chairs with the purpose of establishing a culture of health in the District. He will continue to have the conversation about the use of the health professional in advancing public health. He wanted to put a strong emphasis on looking at profession practice and how that will advance public health as well. He wants to the Board to start thinking about that mission for 2015 when deciding on any future regulations. He is also looking forward to the next Open House.</p>	
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Dr. Watson stated that there are lots of people in the District that don't have access to Chiropractic care because Chiropractors aren't part of the Medicaid panels. Council Member Alexander supported the fact that all people of the District should have access to Chiropractic care regardless of their economic status is.

K. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

L. Regulatory Amendments

Mr. Kim stated that the Board has adopted the policies listed on the BOC website. He stated that they are ready to be amended into regulation. He stated that he will need to wait until the new Dr. Nesbit settles in as the new Director of the Department of Health before presenting her with any regulation amendments. This will allow him time to review the policies to make sure that aren't any minor inconsistencies.

M. Presentation from Thomas Connelly, DC –VP of DC Chiropractic Association

Dr. Connelly presents again before the Board and will share more recommendations for improvements to the DC Jurisprudence Exam.

Dr. Connelly introduced himself as the VP of the DC Chiropractic Association. He stated that this is his 4th presentation to the Board during Open Session.

Dr. Vanterpool welcomed Dr. Connelly and asked how many members are currently in the DC Chiropractic Association. Dr. Connelly stated "everybody in DC is a member of the association." Dr. Bazley stated that she is a member of the association unknowingly if Dr. Connelly's statement is true. Dr. Connelly stated that there are bi-laws and that anyone that is interested in being a part of the association needs to apply and will be accepted.

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Dr. Connelly asked for stats on the jurisprudence exam in DC.

	# of applicants	Pass	Fail	Re-Takes
FY2012*	14	13		
FY 2013*	11	9		1
FY2014	4	4	1	1

*applicant withdrew application

Dr. Connelly continued with his presentation. He stated that he feels that the Board may be discriminating against him because of his age, race, or gender. He stated that he feels that his recommendations to the Board aren't unreasonable. He visited 21 Chiropractors in District that signed a petition agreeing the Jurisprudence Exam should be given 6 times a year. He stated that he believes that the # 1 reason why Chiropractors don't want to be licensed in the District is because of the Jurisprudence Exam.

He stated many states don't offer a pass/fail examination for a licensing pre-requisite. He gave the example of PA being a state that focuses on the applicant knowing the regulations and being aware of the laws. He recommended the Board consider doing what the state of PA does with their applicants for licensure. PA gives the applicant a list of rules and regulations that they feel all Chiropractors should know and then require them to write down where these regulations can be located.

Dr. Connelly stated that he disagrees - that DC is not in line with other local jurisdictions. He stated that he doesn't feel that having the preceptorship program in place and allowing the applicant to work under a licensed Chiropractor while waiting to take the Jurisprudence Exam is beneficial. He stated that his colleague that is working under him will not be able to obtain insurance until she is licensed. She will have to wait 2 more months until the exam is administered in March to obtain the insurance.

Mr. Popat explained to Dr. Connelly that they have heard his

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	testimony loud and clear and he is glad that he is bringing more of the Chiropractic community to the table with his discussions. He stated that with the technological upgrades that the Department of Health will be implementing this year, it will be a lot more advantageous for all licensure applicants when the process becomes available on-line.	
OS-15-003 ALL	<p><u>Chiropractors in Primary Care Settings in DC</u> Consideration of Mr. Falardeau's recommendation for the Board to mirror the CT model that allows Chiropractors to practice in primary health care centers.</p> <p>Dr. Watson summarized Mr. Falardeau's presentation from the strategic planning retreat in September of 2014. Dr. Watson stated that the Board can potentially invite Mr. Falardeau via video conference along with any other persons involved with the CT model. Dr. Vanterpool stated that she will speak with Dr. Lehman as well to see if he is willing to attend an open session in person or via video conference. Dr. Watson stated that the Board can use the information provided by the CT model and Mr. Falardeau to decide if they would like to move forward with any actions. Dr. Bazley stated that she would be interested in knowing if any other stakeholders or local organizations would like to join in the discussion during open session. Dr. Watson agreed to gather relevant stakeholders for a conference call meeting once the Board discussed the topic with Mr. Lehman.</p>	JW
OS-15-004 ALL	<p><u>Call for 2015 NBCE Delegates and Alternates Delegates</u> The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners' Annual Business Meeting of State Delegates will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the <i>JW Marriott New Orleans</i>, 614 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA. In order to participate during the business meeting, your state's NBCE delegate and alternate delegate names must be received no later than Monday, March 9, 2015. Dr. Vanterpool and Dr. Bazley have volunteered to represent the Board as the State Delegate and Alternate Delegate.</p>	JW

This ends the Agenda.

Next Meeting, March 10th, 2015, @ 2:30pm



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Approved:

Keita Vanterpool, D.C. – Board Chairperson

3/16/2015

Date

Submitted By Marvin Romero, Health Licensing Specialist