



D.C. Board of Chiropractic

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YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Changing your mailing address? Send your name, mailing address, and license number to:

DC Board of Chiropractic Processing Department
Address/Name Change
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

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Summer 2010

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The Board of Chiropractic (BOC) is pleased to present our July 2010 newsletter.

The Board has faced challenges since our last newsletter—the loss of two Board members—however we have gained a new Board member, Keita Vanterpool, DC. See interview with Dr. Vanterpool on page 6. The Board continues to function in a professional manner, fully dedicated to our mission to protect and serve the citizens of the District in our best capacity. This spring Board members and staff attended the FCLB + NBCE convention in Baltimore and we continue to work to ensure best practices in the District. For photos with our fellow delegates, see page 8.

Since our last newsletter, regulation regarding visiting practitioners has been resolved, as well as the swift resolution of an investigation regarding the Board's advertising and discounted-fees regulation. The BOC will continue to explore new methods for improving public outreach. We will hone regulations that still need attention, and we will continue to rigorously examine licensure applications and disciplining licensees as appropriate.

Moving forward as a Board, our goal is to ensure safe and ethical practice in the District. In keeping with this goal we ask that you, the licensees, to continue to maintain high standards and practice in accordance with District regulations. In addition, be mindful that you should keep open the lines of communication between yourself and the Board/Health Professional Licensing Administration. Remember to update your online profile (see page 10). Let us know if you have changed employment address. Be candid when renewing your license; if you have operated a vehicle while impaired by a legally-obtained medication, an illegal substance or by alcohol, please indicate this information on your renewal application (see page 5). And be sure to earn adequate continuing education requirements.



Anthony J. Mirando, MS, DC

— Anthony J. Mirando, MS, DC
Chairperson
DC Board of Chiropractic

OUR NEW WEB ADDRESS:
WWW.HPLA.DOH.DC.GOV/BOC

Board Meetings

THE BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC
meets

6 times per year:

- January
- March
- May
- July
- September, and
- November

at 717 14th St., NW, 10th Floor,
Washington, DC 20005

Open Session is at 9:00 am.

LICENSEES MUST PRACTICE UNDER NAME ON LICENSE

A notice of final rulemaking has been made regarding the name under which a health care professional may practice. Section 4016 of 17 DCMR Chapter 40, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS: GENERAL RULES states that “an individual holding a license, registration, or certification to practice a health occupation in the District of Columbia shall perform all professional practice in the District under the full name in which his or her license was issued.” § 4016 also specifies that all signage, stationary, and advertisements, as well as oral and written communication with the public must be in the same name as on one’s license.

FROM WHERE I SIT

by Jacqueline A. Watson, DO, MBA
Chiropractic Board Executive Director

How quickly time flies! This past March marked my one year anniversary serving as the Executive Director of the DC Board of Chiropractic (BOC). In March, the Board also welcomed a new chiropractic member, Keita Vanterpool, DC, who has quickly rolled up her sleeves and got down to work and is proving to be a dynamic new addition to the Board—meet her on page 6. In April, I had the distinct pleasure of attending my first FCLB (Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards) annual conference in Baltimore, along with the Board Chair, Dr. Mirando and new member Dr. Vanterpool. This was the 84th year of the FCLB conference and it was an excellent opportunity for me to meet and network with other Executive Directors from the other states and learn firsthand from the experts about the pressing issues impacting the chiropractic profession, both nationally and internationally. I look forward to attending the regional district meeting in Florida in September.

Throughout the past year, the Board has been very busy, working diligently to address/resolve several key issues pertaining to improving the practice of the profession such as, finalizing the rules associated with **travel to treat** and what it means to be



Dr. Jacqueline A. Watson

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“in affiliation with” another chiropractor for short periods of time, to treat a patient or group, or to give a clinic or demonstration; regulations in the areas of **advertising, the chiropractic treatment of animals, acupuncture as an ancillary procedure** for chiropractors, and the **duty of chiropractors to maintain records.**

Of significance this month, and after careful deliberation, the Board voted to **eliminate the local administration of the DC practical examination** as a requirement for licensure in the District.

Moving forward, applicants will be required to successfully pass NBCE I-IV, and

the local jurisprudence exam only, to qualify for a license to practice the chiropractic profession in the District of Columbia.

The Board has also been looking very closely at tangible and effective ways to **increase access to chiropractic care** for all residents of the District, regardless of where they reside. As we move into the next fiscal year, the Board will meet with key stakeholders and develop a strategy for ensuring that greater access is achieved.

I continue to work with the Mayor’s Office of Boards and Commissions (OBC) and hope to have a full complement of board members by the end of this fiscal year. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a member of the Board, please complete an application at:

<http://obc.dc.gov>
and submit it to OBC for consideration.

Lastly, please remember that this is the year to renew your license to practice your profession. **Renewals begin** October 1, 2010-December 31, 2010. I encourage you to complete the renewal process no later than December 1, 2010 to avoid any interruptions in the practice of your profession.

Enjoy your Summer!

BOARD WELCOMES NEW ATTORNEY ADVISOR



EUGENE IRVIN, ESQ

The Board of Chiropractic welcomes the new Senior Assistant Attorney General for HPLA, **EUGENE E. IRVIN, ESQ.** As our Board's attorney advisor, Mr. Irvin will provide legal counsel on health professional licensing and oversight matters.

With over 20 years of service in the United States Navy, Mr. Irvin served as Deputy Director Appellate Government Division; Staff Judge Advocate, Commander Navy Region MidAtlantic (Formerly Commander Naval Base Norfolk); Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General, Civil Affairs; Assistant Force Judge Advocate, Commander Naval Surface Forces, US Atlantic Fleet; and Staff Judge Advocate, USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

In addition, Mr. Irvin has ten years of legal service to the DC government, most recently as General Counsel to the Department of Employment Services. In this position, he was the primary legal advisor to the director and program managers on matters relating to personnel law, training and recruitment regulations, workers' compensation law, wage-hour law, alien certification, OSHA standards and unemployment compensation law. He also served as the agency's ethics counselor and FOIA officer.

Mr. Irvin holds an LLM degree in Labor Law from The George Washington Law Center, a JD/MBA from the University of Kansas, and a BA in political science from Brown University. He has been awarded three Meritorious Service Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals and a Navy Unit Commendation. He holds admissions to practice with the DC Bar, Kansas Bar, Federal District Court in Kansas, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Navy-Marine Court of Criminal Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

LICENSURE RENEWAL REMINDER

RENEWALS BEGIN OCTOBER 1, 2010 - DECEMBER 31, 2010

All licensees will be able to begin to access renewal forms online beginning in October. Renewal notices and detailed information will be mailed to all licensees in September.

APPLY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD! If you are a resident of DC, you may apply to serve on the Board. For full instructions on how to apply, please contact the Mayor's Office of Boards and Commissions (OBC):

OBC Website: <http://obc.dc.gov>

Phone: (202) 727-1372

Fax: (202) 727-2359

Address:

Office of Boards and Commissions
Executive Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Suite 302
Washington, DC 20004

BOARD MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM TECHNOLOGY OFFICE AND FINANCE OFFICE



Left to right: Eva Stern, representative of the Office of Chief Technology Officer, and Linda Elam, PhD, Director of Health Care Policy and Planning in the DC Office of Health Care Financing.

Eva Stern and Linda Elam, PhD, spoke to the Board of Chiropractic at the June meeting to discuss topics of interest to Chiropractors in the District.

Linda Elam, PhD (right) Director of Policy and Planning in the DC Department of Health Care Finance, spoke with Board members about increasing access to chiropractic care in the District by ensuring that chiropractic is included on Medicaid panels (currently, chiropractic is NOT included). DC residents on Medicaid do not have access to chiropractic care. Board members discussed, with Dr. Elam, the procedure—the steps that need to be taken—to have chiropractic included, to help underserved Medicaid patients gain access.

Eva Stern (left) of the Office of the Chief Technology Officer spoke with Board members about the GIS mapping system available on the DC government website (www.dc.gov). This system allows interested parties to search for practitioners based on demographic information.

WHEN YOU MOVE (OR CHANGE YOUR NAME): Licensees sometimes forget to inform the Board of Chiropractic when they move, or undergo a name change. If we do not have your current address, you may not receive your renewal mailing because we may send it to your former address. All name and address changes must come in writing to our office within 30 days of the change. Failure to do so may result in a \$100 fine per section 16A DCMR § 3201.1 (d). Please include your name, address, Social Security number, and license number (if you know it). If you have a name change, you must also enclose a copy of your certificate of marriage, divorce decree, or court order that authorizes the change. Fax your request to (202) 727-8471, or mail your name and/or address change to: DC Board of Chiropractic, Attn: HRLA Processing Department, Address/Name Change, 717 14th Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005.

ELIMINATION OF PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

By unanimous vote, the Board of Chiropractic decided to eliminate the requirement for new applicants to successfully complete the practical components of the District Examination. New applicants will still be required to pass the jurisdiction component of the examination. The Attorney for the Board has been instructed to prepare the necessary amendments to Chapter 48 of Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to effectuate this change. The amendments to the regulations are anticipated to be implemented by the middle of 2011.

REPORTING DWIs, DUIs, AND OWIs

DID YOU KNOW THAT WASHINGTON, DC HAS THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF “DRUNK DRIVING” VIOLATIONS?

1. **Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)** is the act of operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 or higher.
2. **Driving Under the Influence (DUI)** is the act of operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle “under the influence of alcohol” and this can mean a blood alcohol level as low as 0.05 or if you show that you are impaired by alcohol to an “appreciable degree.”
3. **Operating While Impaired (OWI)** is the act of operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle while you are so affected by the consumption of alcohol that it impairs your ability to operate a motor vehicle in the same way a reasonably careful and prudent driver, not so impaired, would operate a vehicle in similar circumstances.

According to a 2009 National Highway Transportation Safety Administration report, in 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died in drunk driving crashes involving a driver with an illegal Blood Alcohol Content (0.08 or greater). These deaths constitute 31.6 percent of the 37,261 total traffic fatalities in 2008. There are increasing reports of people who think “driving while buzzed” is not as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. This is not the case. In Washington, DC any amount of drinking and driving can be cause for legal action.

One need not have an illegal BAC or fail a field sobriety test to be convicted of an OWI. OWI is the easiest of the three types of “drunk driving” violations for a prosecutor to prove and as a result the penalties for an OWI conviction are lighter than those for a DUI or DWI.

In Section 7 of the application for licensure it asks if you have ever been convicted or investigated of a crime or misdemeanor (other than minor traffic violations). Despite the low threshold for proof, an OWI conviction or investigation must be reported on your application for licensure. The Board takes an OWI conviction just as seriously as we would a conviction for a DWI or DUI. Answering “yes” is not cause for automatic exclusion from licensure. Each application for licensure that has a “yes” to that question is reviewed individually. As always, honesty is the best policy.

Excerpts taken from article by Melissa Musiker, MPP, RD, LD.



Dr. Keita Vanterpool

MEET BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC MEMBER KEITA VANTERPOOL, DC

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here to learn, grow and offer suggestions and ideas that ultimately will affect our profession.

about Chiropractic care. I would like to see Chiropractors treat within, build relationships with and obtain Hospital privileges. [Chiropractic care is] the missing link to quality and lasting healthcare for many patients being treated for musculo-skeletal injuries is being neglected.

comes, I will know. Being in the medical/health care profession for over 15 years, I have served on numerous boards and taught as an adjunct professor. Being able to adapt and conform to several roles helps to develop skills and ability. Patience is definitely developed as everyone does not agree with your opinion. The important thing to remember is that the ultimate goal is to protect the public and also our profession to ensure above all we do no harm.

When were you appointed to the Board?

I was appointed on March 18, 2010.

Why and how did you first get involved with the Board?

I can recall having an interest in the Board for the last 2 years as I wanted to gather more information about what the responsibility the Board [has] as it relates to Chiropractors in the District. I made many phone calls to [Board Health Licensing Specialist] Lisa [Robinson], who probably got tired of me calling...wanting to know when meetings were taking place so I could possibly sit in to observe.

What sparked your interest in serving as a board member?

Having the ability to be able to make suggestions, create policy and regulations as it relates to the advancement of our profession in the District.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

To be frank, I had no expectations, but came in with a clear and open mind. I am a listener and observer,

What issues, related to the regulation of your profession, interest you the most?

WOW! I have two special interests as it relates to our profession and for those who practice in the District.

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The other area of interest is the DC Health Profession Loan Repayment Program (DCHPLP). The entire Allopathic professions, including Dentists, are eligible to participate in this program. I would like to see Chiropractors added to the list of qualified health care professionals who are eligible to participate in this program as well.

Is there anything about the District of Columbia or the DC population that poses a unique challenge to your profession?

In the District of Columbia, there is a lack of education

What future goals do you have as a Board member?

[Chiropractic Board Chairperson] Dr. Miranda has made an overwhelming contribution to our profession. Dr. Watson who is the new Executive Director of the Board of Medicine and Chiropractic brings her knowledge skills, ability and enthusiasm to the table. Being in the Nations Capital, my goal is to continue moving this Board forward, making the District of Columbia Board of Chiropractic (BOC) the standard of excellence and an example to other boards in the nation.

What unique perspective do you bring to the Board, if any?

I like to believe that I have an open mind, able to adapt to my environment.

What knowledge or skills have you developed as a Board member that you had not developed before?

I believe that there is always something to learn. I cannot say off hand what I had not developed but when the time

Based on my familiarity with the Board, what do you feel is the greatest recent accomplishment of the Board of its greatest challenge?

Accomplishments:

- potentially removing PT exam

Potential Challenges:

- timeline for implementing policy and amendments as discussed in question #4.

What would you tell someone who is thinking about applying to serve on our Board?

Be ready and willing to work and be committed to the process.

Any message you would like to convey to licensees?
DC is a great city and place to practice. We love diversity, culture and our residents.

FCLB'S ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

by Dr. Keita Vanterpool, Member, DC Board of Chiropractic

This year marked the 84th year of FCLB's Annual Educational Conference held in Baltimore, MD from April 30-May 2, 2010. The annual conference and district meetings provide an opportunity for a healthy exchange of ideas and viewpoints, as well as unified adoption of resolutions protecting the profession's examining regulatory standards and ultimately the consumer public.

Attendees from DC Board of Chiropractic were Dr. Anthony Mirando, Acting Chair; Dr. Keita Vanterpool, newly appointed Board Member; and Dr. Jacqueline Watson, DO, MBA, Executive Director of Board of Chiropractic.

Meetings and Breakout sessions included topics such as Accreditation standards for US and Canada, regulating Chiropractic Assistants, the administration of the Jurisprudence examinations and other pertinent topics relating to the advancement of Chiropractic standards of operation and care.

This meeting was not only informative, but gave a clear view of what happens in our

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profession from the inside two organizations, the FCLB (Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board and NBCE (National Board of Chiropractic Examiners).

The role of FCLB is to protect the public by promoting excellence in chiropractic regulation through service to our board members. In summary, these deal with maintaining high, uniform standards in areas related to chiropractic licensure, regulation, discipline, and education. Specialty areas within the FCLB include: CIN-BAD (Chiropractic Information Network-Board Action Databank), which is the only interjurisdictional chiropractic board action database. CIN-BAD protects the public while serving member-licensing boards.

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uniform high standards of excellence in the chiropractic profession and chiropractic education. The NBCE prepares and administers, to qualified applicants, examinations of superior quality.

Legal agencies that govern the practice of chiropractic within each state and other countries may accept, at their discretion, those individuals who have successfully completed any part of the examinations of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

The NBCE also provides test and measurement services to the chiropractic profession in all areas of demonstrated need, and to advance the chiropractic profession when in the best interests of the corporation and chiropractic testing.

I have been afforded the opportunity to participate and serve in many capacities within our profession

from private practice to the preparation and administering NBCE exams.

It is truly an honor to serve our profession in its fullest light and to be able to advance Chiropractic in such a way where access to quality health care may be afforded to all.

While serving on the BoChiropractic in Washington, DC, my goal is threefold:

- To see our profession advance in serving the public's best interest by providing access and making available quality health care to the District residents and the inclusion of Chiropractors to participate in DC-HPLRP to provide care in underserved areas throughout the District.
- Make Chiropractic reimbursable to providers through Medicaid and other private/public resources
- Implement Chiropractic services within hospitals and clinics throughout DC and setting a standard for the nation.

For more information on FCLB and NBCE visit: www.fclb.org and www.nbce.org.

DC BOARD MEMBERS AT FCLB + NBCE MEETINGS IN BALTIMORE, MD AND GREELEY, COLORADO



DELEGATES



ABOVE: DC BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC CHAIRPERSON ANTHONY MIRANDO, MS, DC (CENTER), WITH BOARD MEMBER KEITA VANDERPOOL, DC (RIGHT), AND BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JACQUELINE WATSON, DO, MBA (LEFT).



ABOVE: BOARD CHAIR DR. MIRANDO (CENTER) WITH DR. MARC GAMMERMAN AND DR. KEITA VANTERPOOL.



NBCE PART IV TEST COMMITTEE SELECTS EXAMS

Part IV test committee members gathered on June 11-12, 2010, at the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners headquarters in Greeley, Colorado. NBCE Executive Vice President, Horace Elliott, welcomed the test committee members to Greeley. "Here we honor longevity and commitment. It is very good to see familiar faces. It's also nice to see the new faces for some fresh input." NBCE Director-at-Large and Part IV Liaison, Dr. Salvatore LaRusso, shared how vital it is to have their participation. "It's important to have input from you and the states. It makes these exams as top notch as they are." Twenty two participants from across the United States were named by their state boards to review patient case scenarios and select case-related questions for the Part IV Practical Examination to be administered in November 2010 and May 2011. Part IV assesses clinical skills in diagnostic imaging, chiropractic technique and case management for applicants seeking state licensure. The NBCE Part IV Examination was administered for the first time in January 1996 and has been administered to more than 47,000 doctors. Part IV is presently accepted by 49 states and the District of Columbia for initial licensure in chiropractic. Part IV attendees were:

Dr. Chad Abercrombie, Colorado
 Dr. James Badge, Arizona
 Dr. Greg Baker, Georgia
 Dr. Michael Cavanaugh, Louisiana
 Dr. Gary Counselman, Kansas
 Dr. Robert Daschner, Minnesota
 Dr. Shannon Ewing, Idaho
 Dr. Michael Fedorczyk, Maryland
 Dr. Jerrid Goebel, South Dakota
 Dr. James Knight, Utah
 Dr. Philip Knight, Michigan
 Dr. Richard Lacey, South Carolina
 Dr. Michael Mathesie, Florida
 Dr. Nicholas Opie, Hawaii
 Dr. Ron Rogers, Washington
 Dr. Michael Seibert, Kentucky
 Dr. Albert Stabile, New Jersey
 Dr. Kathleen Summers, Texas
Dr. Keita Vanterpool, Washington DC
(Member of DC Board of Chiropractic)
 Dr. Anna Villarreal-Jenkins, Ohio
 Dr. Joel Weiss, North Dakota
 Dr. Rosemary Zimmerman, Alaska



Source: www.nbce.org

VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

Licensing authorities and some health facilities often require a letter of verification of the licenses you currently hold or have held in the past. These letters of verification are sometimes called “letters of good standing,” even though your DC license may have expired.

If the jurisdiction or institution to which you wish the letter sent gave you a form, simply forward the form, with a check or money order payable to “DC Treasurer” in the amount of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00), to:

DC Board of Chiropractic
Suite 600
717 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

On the form, be sure to include your name, and the address where the form is to be sent.

If the jurisdiction or institution did not give you a form, please send us a short note requesting a letter of verification. The note should include your name, and the name and address of the institution where you want the letter of verification sent. Please enclose a check or money order, payable to “DC Treasurer.”

BOARD TERMS

CONSENT ORDER: A voluntary agreement entered into by a board and a respondent (person disciplined) in lieu of hearing for violation of the HORA. A Consent Order may or may not be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCIPLINE (OR DENY): A document requested by a board and prepared by the Office of the Attorney General which places a licensee on notice that he or she is being charged with violating one or more of the health profession laws as outlined in Title 3 Chapter 12 of the D.C. Code. It may also indicate violation of District regulations as found in Title 17 of the District Register, and/or federal law. It will give a summary of the facts which serve as the basis for the violations. The document also contains information about how to request a hearing. The disciplinary action (if any) from a “Notice” is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION: A document requested by the Administrator of the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (not a Board), and is prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. The purpose of the document is to immediately terminate the right of a person to practice a health profession because the Administrator believes that the person poses an imminent danger, because of his or her misconduct, to the health and safety of the residents of the District of Columbia or its visitors and guests. The “Suspension” informs the person that he or she must request a hearing within 72 hours and is entitled to a hearing within 72 hours – provided that the beginning and ending period for the 72 hours does not fall on a weekend or holiday, in which case it is carried over to the next business day. Failure to request a hearing within the 72 hours results in the suspension remaining in place until it is lifted by the board having jurisdiction over the licensee. A Summary Suspension is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER: A Cease and Desist order is a document requested by the Administrator and prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. It is served on a person whom the Administrator believes may cause immediate and irreparable harm. Unlike a Summary Suspension, it is usually served on persons who are engaging in a health profession while not being licensed, registered, or certified. The person receiving the Cease and Desist must request a hearing within 10 days and is entitled to a hearing within 10 days. If the hearing isn’t requested, the Cease and Desist remains in effect. If the person continues to be engaged in the activity after being served a Cease and Desist, the Administrator may ask the Office of the Attorney General to seek a criminal prosecution to enjoin the activity.

UPDATE YOUR ONLINE PROFILE

CHIROPRACTORS MUST REPORT CHANGES

RELATED TO:

- Employment Address
- Settlements, judgments, and convictions
- Disciplinary actions by other jurisdictions
- Final orders of any regulatory board of another jurisdiction
- Restriction or termination of privileges as a result of a peer review action
- Disciplinary action taken by a federal health institution or federal agency.

To update your profile, login to our online system at:

<https://app.hpla.doh.dc.gov/mylicense/>

Questions? Call the Board of Chiropractic
at (202) 724-8800.

Keep your profile updated, either by updating it yourself or by reporting items to the Board of Medicine when the changes relate to settlements, judgments, conviction of a crime, or any disciplinary action by other jurisdictions. The changes to your profile need to be reported at the time your application is approved for licensure, within thirty (30) days of renewal or within thirty (30) days of a change to the data in your profile. Know what has to be reported for your profile.

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD

To file a complaint against a licensed DC Chiropractor, simply write a letter that describes your complaint. The letter must be signed, and you should attach copies of any pertinent documents that you may have. The letter must also include your address, so we may contact you as necessary and notify you of any findings.

Please note: You can print a complaint form from our website at www.hpla.doh.dc.gov/boc

You should mail the complaint to:

DC Board of Chiropractic
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

You can also fax the complaint to the Board at (202) 724-8677.

If your complaint alleges unlicensed activity, you should address your complaint to:

Supervisory Investigator
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

You can also fax your complaint about unlicensed activity to (202) 724-8677.

Please be advised that the health professional licensing boards do not have jurisdiction over fee disputes, except for billing for services that were not provided. If you have a fee dispute with a health professional, you can seek redress through the civil courts.

BOARD ORDERS

July 31, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

There have been no reportable Board Actions against
Board of Chiropractic Licensees during this period.

Public Discipline:

Disciplinary actions that are reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and viewed at

<http://app.hpla.doh.dc.gov/weblookup/>

Non-Public Discipline:

Disciplinary actions that constitute an agreement between the Board and the licensee and, if complied, are not made public.

TIPS FOR EXPEDITING YOUR LICENSE

- **Make sure to have your entire application filled out and signed.**
- **Provide official court documents of final case dispositions for any felonies or misdemeanors that you incurred.**
- **Case dispositions should include a case number, jurisdiction, year, all the defendant names, all plaintiff names, a brief summary of the case, and final disposition, such as judgment dollar amount, dismissed with or without prejudice, or settlement dollar amount—this information must be sent with your application.**

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HPLA MISSION

MISSION: The Health Professional Licensing Administration (HPLA) administers all District and federal laws and regulations governing the licensing, certification and registration of health-related professionals. The administration also provides staff support to the Health Professional boards and advisory committees that regulate the practice of their respective health professions in the District of Columbia. The staff of HPLA effectively administers the licensing programs, provides information to the public and licensees, and provides administrative and staff support to the boards, as well as manages the day-to-day business of the boards.

HPLA GOALS:

- To protect the public health of DC residents and have skilled, experienced personnel in appropriate positions to support the health care needs of the District.
- To remove unnecessary organizational, procedural, and legal barriers to obtaining and renewing health professional licenses.
- To be responsive to the needs of license applicants, existing licensees and other constituents.
- To rely to the fullest possible extent on technology to greatly accelerate the licensing process, reduce manual efforts and enhance information dissemination.
- To strengthen enforcement and investigative capabilities to protect the public.

To use HPLA's website to check and verify a license, go to: www.hpla.doh.dc.gov



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Health Professional
Licensing Administration

Address

DC Board of Chiropractic
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

Board phone number

(202) 724-8800

Fax number

(202) 724-8677

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Current Members of The District of Columbia Board of Chiropractic

Anthony Mirando, MS, DC
Chairperson

Keita Vanterpool, DC
Board Member

Vance Farrow, MPH, representing
Pierre N. D. Vigilance, MD, MPH
Statutory Member

Director, Department of Health
Pierre N.D. Vigilance, MD, MPH

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