



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2021 – 10:03 A.M. TO 12:12 P.M.

TELECONFERENCE CALL

MDH METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 110
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD 21215

Board Members Present

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

Non-Members Present

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

*See attached list of call in participants

MINUTES

On January 14, 2021, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) met via Teleconference Call for the Open Session Meeting.

Call to Order & Roll Call - Dr. Gregory Lewis, President, called the Open Session Chiropractic Board Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Roll was called & all Board Members were present.

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

Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes – November 12, 2020 - Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes by Dr. Abosh; 2nd by Dr. Levin. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

President’s Report

Vaccine Distribution Coordination by the Local Health Department, not Boards and Commissions - Dr. Lewis wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Board has been receiving numerous phone calls regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. An email blast has been disseminated to licensees regarding vaccination schedules. Licensees are advised to contact their local Health Department since the Board has no authority over the distribution of vaccines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President’s Letter to Chiropractors- Scope of Practice: Medication Review - Dr. Lewis reviewed the updated draft letter. The letter confirms the ability of a Chiropractor to have

conversations about medication regimes with their patients without legal or administrative consequence. The final draft letter will be disseminated to all Chiropractors.

Bylaws Revision- Dr. Ingram - Dr. Ingram apprised the Board of administrative changes and language clean up. The Board voted in favor of the recommendations from the Bylaws Committee.

Tara Zern, D.C. Preceptor Sponsor Site Approval- Kensington, MD (Dr. Ingram & Marc Ware) - The office of Tara Zern, D.C. was found in satisfactory condition & approved for Preceptorship.

Noelle Miller, D.C. Preceptor Sponsor Site Approval (Dr. Abosh & Marc Ware) - The office of Noelle Miller, D.C. was found in satisfactory condition & approved for Preceptorship.

Michael Fedorczyk, D.C., Preceptor Sponsor Site Approval (Dr. Lewis) - The office of Michael Fedorczyk, D.C., was found in satisfactory condition & approved for Preceptorship. The Board voted in favor to accept all (3) three approved Preceptors.

Revised Regulations to remove Licensure by Credentials (Dr. Ingram) - The Chiropractic Board does not issue Licenses based solely on credentials. This section of language will be removed from the Regulations. The Board voted in favor of the updates to the Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations Committee Appointment (Executive Director) – Sharon Oliver wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Nominating Committee must be selected in today’s meeting due to the every other month Board Schedule. The slate of Executive Officers must be presented by the March Board Meeting. Dr. Pantazis and Dr. Abosh were asked to serve on the committee.

Preceptor Application- (Oakland and Grantville, MD) - Dr. Lewis volunteered & (Dr. Levin as back up) to conduct site visit with Marc Ware.

Legislation (Dr. Ingram & Lillian Reese)

- **SB125 - State Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Sunset Extension through July 1, 2032; effective date, July 1, 2021. First Reading, January 19, 2021.** The Legislative Committee is in support of this Bill. Sharon Oliver thanked Lillian Reese for her preparation of this Bill. Dr. Abosh is scheduled to testify in support of this Bill on January 19, 2021.
- **HB28 (SB 5) - Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities** (The Committee recommends No Position).
- **SB262 (HB 224) Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards** (The Committee recommends No Position).

- **HB123 (SB 3) - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021** (The Committee recommends No Position).
- **SB72/HB 344 - Open Meeting Act- Requirements for State Agencies Local Board of Elections** (The Committee recommends No Position).

RECESS AT 10:34 a.m. to discuss HB72 & RETURN FROM RECESS AT 10:41 a.m.

- **HB302 Environment - On Site Wastewater Services-Regulations** (The Committee recommends No Position).
- **SB106 Licensing-Good Standing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation-Requirements** (The Committee recommends No Position).
- **HB309 - Public Health-Data-Race and Ethnicity Information** (The Committee recommends No Position).
- **HB182 - Podiatric Physicians – “Podiatric to Podiatric Physicians”; A letter of Support was sent in 2020** (The Committee recommends Support).
- **HB247- State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Sunset Extension** (The Committee recommends No Position).
- **HB320 - Maryland Longitude Data System- Transfer of Student Data Modification** (The Committee recommends No Position).
- **The Board voted in favor of the above HB/SB recommendations by the Legislative Committee. Board Vote: 7/0/0.**

MCA Discussion – Donald Hirsch, D.C., Tim McKenna, D.C., Marc Cohen, D.C. & Robert Frieman, D.C. – Brief discussion of the concerns regarding the Board of Acupuncture’s stance on Dry Needling terminology, scope of practice expansion, educational requirements for licensees and the components of the Acupuncture Board’s Regulations. Another Letter of Concern detailing the Board’s concerns will be submitted to the MDH Secretary. Board Discussion. Motion to send back to the Legislative Committee for revisions & have Sharon Oliver consult with Stakeholders by Dr. Levin; 2nd by Dr. Abosh. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

FCLB 95th Annual Educational Congress, April 28-May 2, 2021, West Palm Beach, Florida Currently per Governor Hogan’s mandate, the travel restriction is still in effect.

NBCE Annual Business Meeting, Friday, April 30, 2021, West Palm Beach, FL - Delegate & Alternative Delegate (Dr. Lewis & Dr. Levin) – The Board appointed Dr. Lewis & Dr.

Levin to attend as Delegate and Alternative Delegate. The NBCE Meeting is scheduled for in person but may be conducted virtually.

BOARD COUNSEL - NOTHING TO REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2021 Legislative Session Information for Board Members - An information sheet was prepared to outline Lillian Reese's role during the Legislative Session in conjunction with Board Members.

2021 General Assembly of Maryland Dates of Interest - Board Members can reference important dates of interest. This information is included in today's Open Session Board Packet.

CA Renewals-Portal Opens January 31, 2021- Online Renewals are set to open for licensees registrants on Sunday, January 31st. The State of Emergency Order is still in effect; therefore there are no hard deadlines for license renewal. Once the State of Emergency is lifted, licensees have one month after the Emergency Lifting to renew without penalty. Board Discussion.

2021 Board Meeting Dates: Change November 11, 2021 Meeting to November 4, 2021 – The second Thursday of the month, November 11th falls on Veteran's Day Holiday. Therefore, the Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 4, 2021.

Licensee Questions/Concerns (Dr. Ingram) -Dr. Ingram will submit her questions for clarification to Sharon Oliver regarding CA fees & Inactive status forms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee Reports/Recommendations (Dr. Pantakis)

“Chiropractic Assistant Radiological Technologist” Online Format- Submitted & Instructed by David Bohn, D.C. Sponsored by Chiro Solutions (60 CEU Hours/10 CEU Credit Hours) Online Format. Board Discussion. This item has been tabled for the March Board Meeting.

Bylaws/Legislative/Regulations (Dr. Ingram) – Dr. Ingram reiterated that all CEU approval requests must adhere to the regulations.

Legislative Committee (Dr. Levin) – Nothing to report.

Ratification of New Licensees and Registrations –November & December 2020- Motion to ratify and approve all new CA's and DC's by Dr. Abosh; 2nd by Dr. Levin. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

CHIROPRACTORS: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020

LICENSE NO.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
S04068	STEWART, SHACKLETON	12/21/2020
S04069	CORDERO ARROYO, CLARIANNE	12/22/2020
S04070	FRANK, CHELSEA	12/30/2020

Total 3

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020

REGISTRATION NO.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
RC2402	GREEN, ALLISON	11/17/2020
RC2407	BARRETT, HANNAH N.	11/19/2020
RC2404	GESSNER, CHRISTOPHER R.	11/19/2020
RC2409	GREEN, ASHLEY N.	11/19/2020
RC2406	SAELEE, SHAUNA M.	11/19/2020
RC2405	TANNER, JULIA M.	11/19/2020
RC2408	WALINKSI, AUTUMN R.	11/19/2020
RC2403	ZOBLISEIN, JOSEPH N.	11/19/2020
RC2412	CHARLES, MERVIN J.	11/24/2020
RC2415	CHUN, RAVIN	11/24/2020
RC2411	GUTIERREZ, KARLA T.	11/24/2020
RC2410	LUCAS, QUINSHE A.	11/24/2020
RC2416	MARIN LOPEZ, DAISY V.	11/24/2020
RC2413	NNADI, NKECHINYERE D.	11/24/2020
RC2414	OLAH, LAUREN A.	11/24/2020
RC2421	CRUZ, JEIDI	11/25/2020
RC2417	HONG, SOYEAN	11/25/2020
RC2418	LOWRY, ALLIE M.	11/25/2020
RC2419	MAYS, SHAYANNE L.	11/25/2020
RC2420	SLOWIK, KATHLEEN M.	11/25/2020
RC2425	COCKRELL, ANNA	12/02/2020
RC2427	DAVENPORT, ISHMAEL	12/02/2020
RC2424	MANAIG, JHIA ERIKA	12/02/2020
RC2422	NAYLOR, GRACE L.	12/02/2020
RC2423	SCHNEIDER, RACHEL E.	12/02/2020
RC2426	WINTSCH, KESTREL A.	12/02/2020
RC2428	AIZEN, TAL	12/08/2020
RC2431	BENITEZ, ANA S.	12/08/2020
RC2429	LOPEZ AVILA, JENNIFER, A.	12/08/2020

RC2432	MARTINEZ RAMOS, LAURA L.	12/08/2020
RC2430	RAMOS, JASENIA	12/08/2020
RC2433	CARR, TAMIA, L.	12/09/2020
RC2434	HEMBY, DAVID J.	12/15/2020
RC2435	ARENA, KATHLEEN M.	12/22/2020
RC2436	LEMUS, JACQUELINE J.	12/30/2020

Total 35

Current Board Data

Board	Status Codes	Numbers
Chiropractor	Active	919
Chiropractor	Inactive	41
Chiropractor Assistant	Active	782
Chiropractor Assistant	Inactive	17

MISCELLANEOUS

Next Meeting Date – March 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Abosh moved to adjourn the Administrative Session Meeting at 12:12 p.m.; 2nd by Dr. Levin.
The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kindra Ingram by SW

Kindra Ingram, D.C.

Secretary/Treasurer



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Kimberly Link, MDH

Bonnie Miranda

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Marc Cohen, D.C.

Marc Gulitz, D.C.

Tim McKenna, D.C., MCA