

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**BOARD MEETING**

*March 11, 2010*

**GENERAL SESSION AGENDA**

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1. **Review, approval of Agenda.**
2. **Review, approval of Board Minutes of last meeting (February 18<sup>th</sup>).**
3. **Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director:**
  - a) 2010 Legislative Session – Discussion of relevant bills:  
HB 135 (Sunset Extension); Status of HB 114 (Boards Omnibus);  
HB 627 (Consumer Member Requirements)
  - b) New Chiropractor test at 8:30 A.M.
  - c) New Supervising Chiropractor test following welcome/interview session
  - d) Update on the Regulation Revisions
  - e) FCLB Conference Update
4. **Requests for chiropractic trade name approval:**
  - a) *Chester Chiropractic & Rehab* – Brandon P. Steinbar, D.C.
  - b) *Grande Chiropractic Clinic* – Nicholas A. Grande, D.C. (*trade name change*)
5. **Request for massage trade name approval:**
  - a) *Inner Peace Massage, LLC* – Abbie L. Negus, LMT
6. **Update regarding the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards – Ms. Congo.**
7. **Dry Needling Issue – Mr. Vallone.**
8. **MCA On-line C.A. Course – Mr. Vallone.**
9. **FYI – Miscellaneous correspondence for review/discussion.**

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**MINUTES – GENERAL SESSION**

*March 11, 2010*

**Members Present**

Kay B. O'Hara, D.C., Board President  
Stephanie J. Chaney, D.C., Board Vice-President  
Mary Anne Frizzera-Hueck, Consumer, Board Secretary/Treasurer  
Issie L. Shelton Jenkins, Consumer  
Michael Fedorczyk, D.C.  
Daniel J. Kraus, D.C.  
Jonathan C. Nou, D.C.  
Clyde Anderson, LMT  
Karen Biagiotti, LMT  
Gwenda Harrison, LMT

**Non-Members Present**

J.J. Vallone, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director  
Grant D. Gerber, Esq., Board Counsel  
Maria Ware, Office Manager/Supervisor  
David Ford, Senior Board Investigator  
Marc C. Ware, Board Investigator  
Danielle Gonnelli, Compliance Analyst  
The Hon. Senator Paula Hollinger  
Sharon Bloom, DHMH Liaison  
Cher Hunter, LMT, Dir., MT Program, CCBC

**Member Absent**

Duane R. Sadula, D.C.

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*Dr. Kay O'Hara called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.*

**Review of Agenda and Minutes**

The March 11<sup>th</sup> Agenda was amended as follows: 1) under no. 3, add "d. Update on the Regulation Revisions"; and add "e. FCLB Conference Update"; 2) add no. 7, "Dry Needling Issue"; and 3) add no. 8, "MCA On-line C.A. Course." Dr. Kraus motioned to accept the amended Agenda; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

On advice of the Board Counsel, the February 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes shall be amended to list the Board Member(s) who seconded or supported motions presented by the Board.

**Board Orientation with New Applicants and Supervising Chiropractic Licensees**

The Board presented an open discussion/interview session for the supervising chiropractic licensees (7) and the new chiropractic applicants who appeared today to take their respective examinations. Discussion included various regulatory, disciplinary, and ethical issues relative to practicing in Maryland.

**Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director**

- Discussion Regarding the 2010 Legislative Session: 1) Update of HB 135 (Sunset Law) – The Senate has adopted HB 135 (cross-filed with SB 104). The Bill waives the Chiropractic Board from full evaluation and, in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, extends the Board's termination date by another ten (10) years (July 1, 2021). The Board is required to file two (2) follow-up reports by October 1, 2010 and 2011. 2) Status of HB 114 (Boards' Omnibus) – The Boards' Omnibus Bill is currently being reviewed by the Senate; DHMH Secretary John M. Colmers supports the Bill. 3) HB 627 (Consumer Members' Requirements) – The Bill requires that consumer members on Health Occupations Boards and Committees be members of the general public, prohibiting consumer members: (a) from being or having been or in training to be a health care professional; (b) from having a household member who is or is in training to be a health care professional; and (c) from participating or ever having participated in specified commercial or professional fields. It is the consensus of the Boards and Commissions to oppose the Bill.
- Update on the Regulation Revisions (COMAR Title 10, Subtitle 43, et seq): The regulatory packet will be put in the final vetted format by the Boards and Commissions' Legislation Liaison and will go out for public comment sometime in the Fall of 2010.
- Ms. Congo will continue to investigate the issue of Board membership in the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards and report back to the Board.
- The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual FCLB Conference will be held April 28 – May 2, 2010 at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards in Maryland. Dr. O'Hara and Dr. Chaney will attend. Dr. Sadula will attend and speak to the delegates on the issue of the Ethics and Boundary Exam development by the NBCE. Mr. Vallone and Ms. Congo will attend the Association of Chiropractic Board Administrators (ACBA) Meeting scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- NBCE Part IV Examination: Dr. Fedorczyk and Dr. Nou will act as examiners for the Part IV Practical Examination on May 14, 15, and 16, 2010. A Part IV Test Committee Meeting will be held on June 11 and 12, 2010.
- There will not be a Board Meeting in April due to an all-day hearing. Refer to Executive Agenda for details.

**Request for Chiropractic Trade Name Approval – Brandon P. Steinbar, D.C.**

Dr. Steinbar requests Board approval to use the trade name "Chester Chiropractic & Rehab" in his practice. Ms. Jenkins made a motion to approve the trade name; Dr. Kraus seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Request for Approval of Chiropractic Trade Name Change – Nicholas A. Grande, D.C.**

Dr. Grande requests Board approval to change his trade name to “Grande Chiropractic Clinic” (formerly: Crofton Pain Relief and Internal Wellness Clinic, Nicholas A. Grande, D.C.). Ms. Jenkins made a motion to approve the trade name change; Ms. Hucek seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Request for Massage Trade Name Approval – Abbie L. Negus, L.M.T.**

Ms. Negus requests Board approval to use the trade name “Inner Peace Massage, LLC” in her business. Ms. Biagiotti made a motion to approve the trade name; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Request for Massage Trade Name Approval – Laura A. Rye, L.M.T.**

Ms. Rye requests Board approval to use the trade name “Tranquility Massage & Bodywork” in her business. Ms. Biagiotti made a motion to approve the trade name; Mr. Anderson seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Dry Needling Issue**

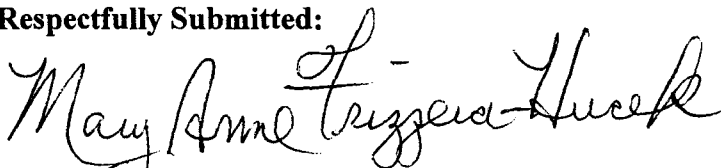
Mr. Vallone discussed the issue of whether physical therapists can perform dry needling. The Acupuncture Board notified the Assistant Attorney General’s Office for advice regarding this issue.

**MCA On-line C.A. Course**

Mr. Vallone has been in contact with Richard Schmitt, D.C., MCA President, through e-mails and verbally, regarding Board review/approval of an on-line C.A. course to be presented by MCA. As of this date, the C.A. course request has not been received from MCA. However, a review of MCA’s website indicated that the C.A. course has been listed as “100 hours approved by the State Board...” To correct this oversight, Dr. Schmitt will promptly submit the C.A. course for Board review/approval. Board Members might receive calls regarding the course.

*Upon motion by Ms. Hucek, seconded by Ms. Biagiotti, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the General Session at 10:50 A.M.*

**Respectfully Submitted:**



**Mary Anne Frizzera-Hucek  
Board Secretary/Treasurer**