

**VERMONT SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
VERMONT BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF
MARCH 22, 2011 MEETING**

Present: Charles Foster, D.C., Chair, Denise Natale, D.C., Palmer Peet, D.C., Jean Peterson; **Absent:** Anne Valliere; **OPR Staff Present:** Larry Novins, Christopher Winters, Terry Gray and Diane Lafaille; **Others present:** Anthony Otis.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:43.
2. The minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were approved as written.
3. At the Board's February meeting the board discussed how a current member of the Board may not be able to attend the FCLB meeting which will be taking place in May in Marco Island, Florida. It was moved that an alternate be designated to go in the Board's place, preferably a former member of the Board. Attorney Benjamin was asked to see if it would be possible for the Board to appoint someone else to go in its place. Attorney Benjamin notified the Board that this could not be done and that only a current member of the Board would be able to go.

Dr. Peet will try to rearrange his schedule to be able to attend this meeting.
4. Review of Audit – Members of the Board reviewed the audit. Three required additional documentation.
5. D'Youville College submitted a letter to the Board advising them that their program is CCE approved and requesting written confirmation that the Board will recognize graduates from NYC for licensure application process. The Board responded that the requirements for licensure are set forth in the Board's rules and statues which they can find on our website and that each application is reviewed individually to determine each applicant's eligibility for licensure.
6. At the Board's March 15th meeting the Board discussed the appropriateness of a member of the Board testifying before Legislature if public safety is an issue. At this time Attorney Benjamin stated that he believed that this was beyond the scope of the statute for a board member to do. He said that it would be fine to speak as an individual, but not as a member of the Board. Dr. Peet moved, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the Chair of the Board to testify in front of Legislature in relation to public safety in relation to Catamount Blue Cross and/or VHAP. Approved. Dr. Natale was opposed.

Office of Professional Regulation Director Christopher Winters spoke with the Board at today's meeting and spoke about the extent of Board authority given to it by law and the limits on that authority. He reminded the Board that testifying about insurance issues is beyond the public protection authority the Board is given, and that testifying about such matters can affect the Board adversely, if it is seen as being an advocate for the profession. He reminded the Board members of their different role as regulators.

Dr. Foster stated that many past board members have provided testimony before the legislative committee regarding chiropractic issues and the quality of health care. He believes that testifying before legislature in relation to public safety in relation to Catamount Blue Cross and/or VHAP is public safety.

Dr. Peet stated that if you don't have proper access, there will be individuals being prescribed drugs and having surgery instead of being treated by a chiropractor and that this is a public safety issue.

Director Winters reiterated that the Board's charge is to insure public protection by setting guidelines for qualified chiropractors to become licensed and to respond to disciplinary complaints.
7. The Board reviewed rules.
8. The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane W. Lafaille
Board Administrator