

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

**APPROVED MINUTES OF
FEBRUARY 5, 2013 MEETING**

Present: Palmer Peet, D.C., Vernon Temple, D.C., Charles Foster, D.C., and Daniel Coane;
Absent: John Webber; **OPR Staff Present:** Carla Preston, Larry Novins, Peter Comart, and Diane Lafaille.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.
2. The minutes of the December 4, 2012 meeting were approved as written.
3. Hearings/Closings/Case Managers Report
 - a. 2012-235 – Dr. Peet presented this case for closure. Dr. Temple moved, seconded by Dr. Foster, to close this case. Approved.
 - b. Ms. Preston updated the Board on its case load. The Board currently has 4 cases: 1 was just closed and 3 are ready for Investigative Team meetings.
4. Continuing Education

VCA – “How to Utilize Evidence Based Guidelines and Outcome Assessment Tools” was approved.

Fetterman Events – “Chiropractic Treatment of Shoulders and Common Athletic Injuries” was approved.

Dr. Ken Liebman requested continuing education for on therapeutic laser. More information is needed before the Board can make a determination on whether ceu’s should be awarded or not.
5. Correspondence
 - a. Power Poll – asking:
 - 1) Have you had any experience with CLEAR Protocol for the treatment of scoliosis?
No.
 - 2) Does your board allow doctors of chiropractic to perform needle EMG? The Statutes and Rules do not address this issue. The Board is not permitted to give advisory opinions or legal advise.
 - b. The Board was asked who can operate a chiropractic practice. The Statutes are silent on who can own and operate a practice. A chiropractor license is required to practice chiropractic.
 - c. Anne Sorrentino of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians asked what the state’s policy was on a sports chiropractor’s authorization for evaluating, managing and determining return to play for concussed athletes. The Statutes and Rules of the Board do not address this issue. The Board is not permitted to give advisory opinions or legal advise. We are aware that 16 V.S.A. § 1431 addresses concussions and head injuries. There may be other laws affecting the answer. They may wish to consult their legal advisor.

- d. Dr. Ivy Liebman emailed the Board stating that she had read about a medical doctor in Vermont who has converted to cash practice and rather than billing by procedure, they bill exclusively by the time increments. She wondered if this billing model would be compliant with Vermont chiropractic statutes and rules. The Statutes and Rules governing the profession do not address ownership or billing. The Board is not permitted to give an advisory opinion regarding the legality of any ownership or billing arrangement.

6. Other

- a. Jurisprudence Examination Review – The Board made corrections to the jurisprudence examination.
- b. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2013 to begin at 1:30 p.m.

7. The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane W. Lafaille
Licensing Board Specialist