

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

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
APRIL 7, 2009 MEETING**

Present: Denise Natale, D.C., Chair, Sean Mahoney, D.C. and Anne Valliere. Absent: Charles Foster, D.C. OPR Staff Present: Larry Novins and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Ron Ferrara.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:43 p.m.
2. The minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting were approved as written.
3. Unprofessional Conduct
 - A. Dr. Steven Gruber submitted proof of continuing education courses he has completed to meet the requirements of the Stipulation and Consent Order. He also submitted proof that he is scheduled to sit for the SPECE examination in June 2009. Once this has been successfully completed, he will have met all of the conditions within the Stipulation and Consent Order.
4. Continuing Education
 - A. Katherine Lee, D.C. requested continuing education credit for the following:

VC Fall Meeting – “Clinical Applications in Neurology” has been approved for 3 hours of continuing education credit.

“Documentation: Using Common Use of Medical/Chiropractic Terminology and Abbreviations” has been approved for 1 hour of continuing education credit.

VC Spring Meeting – “Sacroiliac Joint Dysfunction” – the Board needs additional information. They need to know the number of hours of credits that are being requested. Once the Board has this information, it will be reviewed at its next meeting.
5. Other
 - A. Dr. Patrick Garrette mailed the Board asking if a chiropractic can:
 - 1) Order the collection of Blood, Urine and Saliva?
 - 2) Draw these bodily fluids in our offices?
 - 3) Bill for these services?

The Board refers Dr. Garrette to the Laws and Rules of the Board. The Board is not authorized to render advisory opinions and has not specifically addressed the questions he raised in a disciplinary action.

B. John Staphe-mailed the Board asking if a Chiropractor can:

- 1) Sell nutritional supplements from their offices ?
- 2) Recommend various nutritional supplements based on blood lab results?

The Board refers Mr. Staphe to the Laws and Rules of the Board. The Board is not authorized to render advisory opinions and has not specifically addressed the questions he raised in a disciplinary action.

C. Dr. Kevin Bodinge-mailed the Board regarding the Scope of Practice of Chiropractors:

- 1) Are licensed chiropractors or their staff legally permitted to perform venipunctures and/or capillary sticks for the purpose of performing routine, diagnostic laboratory tests?
- 2) Excluding obstetrical procedures, are licensed chiropractors permitted to perform male and female pelvic exams, including collecting routine histological and microbiological specimens such as papsmears and cultures?
- 3) Are licensed chiropractors legally permitted to surgically remove any tissue(s) for the purpose(s) of histological evaluation (biopsy)?

The Board refers Dr. Bodinge to the Laws and Rules of the Board. The Board is not authorized to render advisory opinions and has not specifically addressed the questions he raised in a disciplinary action.

D. Veterinary Chiropractic—tabled until the Board next meeting.

E. The Board discussed changes in its rules. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

6. The Board adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Diane Lafaille