

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

**APPROVED MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 4, 2012 MEETING**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.
2. The minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting were approved as written.
3. Director Winters discussed the budget with the Board. At this time the ratio has increased slightly. The Office will continue to monitor and consider fee reduction in 2014.

Director Winters also discussed a paperless licensure proposal. He is proposing that the Office stop issuing paper licenses in the interest of efficiency and cost-savings.

Dr. Peet asked if it would be possible to have some meetings via teleconferencing. Dr. Peet will gather more information on this. Director Winters said he would explore this further.

4. Hearings/Closings/Case Managers Report
 - a. 2011-812 – Dr. Foster presented this case for closure. Dr. Temple moved, seconded by Dr. Peet, to close this case. Approved.
 - b. Ms. Preston updated the Board on its case load. The Board currently has 5 cases: 1 was just closed; 3 are ready for Investigative Team meetings and 1 is under investigation.

5. Continuing Education

VCA – “Get Squeaky Clean with Documentation, Compliance, and Medicare and Live to Tell About It” was approved.

Living Well Spinal Care Center – “Intervention Management and Treatment Options for Spine-Related Pain” was not approved at this time. The Board would like to know who they are directing this continuing education for and if unlicensed individuals will be recruited to attend. If it is found that this course is being offered to professionals it will be accepted by the Board.

CE4YOU – 7 courses which were all approved:

“Low Tech Rehab in Whiplash”
“Radiology in Practice”
“Spinal Trauma”
“Coding and Documentation in Practice”
“Extremity Adjustment”
“Faulty Movement Patterns”
“AIDS and Infectious Disease”

6. Correspondence

- a. FCLB Dues – Dr. Temple moved, seconded by Dr. Palmer, to pay these dues and one registration fee. Approved.
- b. Email from Ashley Hernandez asking if a chiropractor can dispense to a patient durable medical equipment, a devise that is restricted to the sale or on order of a physician. The Board responded that it is not its practice to answer specific legal questions which it may have to address in its adjudicatory functions, that is, in the course of deciding a disciplinary complaint. It would be premature for the Board to answer specific her specific question without knowing the full context and background behind the question, or hearing “the other side” if there is one. It would be inappropriate for the Board to say now how it would decide this matter in the future.

- c. PowerPoll asking the Board if hormones are considered nutritional supplements. The board responded that it has not addressed this issue.

7. Other

- a. Newsletter - Mr. Comart will make the revisions to the Newsletter and send out to members of the Board for a final review. It will then be sent to be printed and mailed.
- b. Jurisprudence Examination Review – The Board will review the Jurisprudence Examination at its next meeting.
- c. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 5th, 2013 to begin at 1:30 p.m.

8. The Board adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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