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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 13, 2014
 July 8, 2014
 September 9, 2014

The Board of Chiropractic
 meets on the
 second Tuesday
 every other month.

OPEN SESSION IS 2:30 PM.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

MOVING FORWARD IN 2014!

2013 was a remarkable year as the Board of Chiropractic achieved many of its goals set in 2013. Some of those goals include but are not limited to:

- Conducting our first symposium, and co-hosting the FCLB District III & V meeting, September 19-21, 2013. James Bulger extended greetings and a warm welcome from the Mayor's office, while Ronald King of Councilwoman Yvette Alexander's office presented a Proclamation from City Council, naming September 20, 2013 National Chiropractic Regulation Day. Greetings were also extended from the newly named CEO of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA), James Potter.
- The Board met with several licensees and a representative from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in November, to conduct its first group activity—creating the first work development survey in the nation. The questions were based on the guidelines set forth by HRSA.



*Keita Vanterpool, DC
Chair, DC Board of Chiropractic*

The survey was developed to ascertain where our licensees practice within the District, to assist in projecting greater access to care. The survey will also help to understand how changes in population will affect future demands to inform public policy.

Other goals and accomplishments of the Board include but are not limited to:

- The update of numerous regulations, guidelines and policies (CE Credits, preceptorship program, exam retake policy, supervised practice, marketing and advertising).
- Establishing a working relationship and partnerships with DOH and other outside entities.
- Elimination of the physical therapy exam.
- Establishing mandatory criminal background checks.
- Increasing licensure. Licensees increased by 70% from 2011 to 2013.

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MISSION STATEMENT: To serve and protect the public and ensure high standards of chiropractic care and professionalism through best-practices in regulation, education and outreach.

FROM WHERE I SIT

by Jacqueline A. Watson, DO, MBA, Executive Director

2014

Spring has Sprung! And it's time to update you on the many activities the Board has been involved in since

our last publication in summer 2013.

Here are a few noteworthy mentions:

In September 2013, we co-hosted the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) District III & V regional conference held in Washington, DC. The meeting was very well attended and discussions were held on topics such as the chiropractic workforce and the ACA impact, regulating chiropractic assistants and transparency with the public on disciplining licensees. Representatives from both the Mayor's and Councilmember Yvette Alexander's offices were in attendance. CM Alexander's office presented a proclamation on behalf of the City Council declaring September 20, 2013, National Chiropractic Regulation Day. Dr. Vanterpool was honored to accept

this designation on behalf of the Board and the Board has agreed to use the month of September to host an annual meeting for the public and licensees. (See more on page 7.)

FAREWELL

In October, we bid Feseha Woldu, PhD, farewell and good luck. Dr. Woldu served as the Sr. Deputy Director of the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) for fourteen years. During his tenure, Dr. Woldu was instrumental in shaping HRLA into the highly regarded organization it is today with over 180 employees that staff more than 22 professional boards and regulate over 70,000 licensees. Dr. Woldu is now the Vice President of Quality at Howard University Hospital and we wish him all the best. (See page 4.)

WELCOME

- In January, we welcomed **Rikin Mehta, PharmD, JD, LLM**, as the new Sr. Deputy Director for HRLA. Dr. Mehta joins us from the US Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Mehta has brought with him a collaborative culture that promises to enhance the operations of HRLA. I enthusiastically look forward to working with him as he executes his vision to move HRLA to the next level. (Meet him on page 3.)
- In November 2013, the Board welcomed new chiropractic member, **Carol Hopson, DC**. Since joining the Board Dr. Hopson has gotten right down to work and her contribution to the Board is already being appreciated by her peers. (Meet Dr. Hopson on page 6.)
- In addition, I am happy to report that we welcomed three new staff members to our licensing team, **Marvin Romero, LaJuan Jeffries-Johnson** and **Mary Harris**. (Meet them on page 4.)

2014 WORKFORCE SURVEY

In February, the Board disseminated an online workforce capacity survey to all licensees. The survey is meant to capture and analyze critical demographic and practice information data in order to measure current, and determine future, chiropractic workforce needs in our nation's capital, particularly with the implementation of the Affordable Care



Dr. Jacqueline A. Watson

Act. I am happy to report that 56% of eligible licensees responded to the survey. The data from the survey is being analyzed and a final report will be published later in the fiscal year. The report will be used to help inform policy makers and decision makers about the chiropractic workforce in the nation's capital.

RENEWALS 2014

2014 renewals will begin on October 1, 2014. The Board posted a policy guideline to their website last year regarding recommendations on CE quantity and quality. After several discussions, and a review of other state board requirements, the DC BOC decided that the quantity of CE hours required during renewal should increase from 24 to 30 hours. The Board believes that the additional 6 CE hours over 2 years will allow licensees to acquire knowledge in subject areas the Board believes is relevant to continued safe practice. The Board recommends that licensees obtain

CE's in the following subject areas—**3 hours of communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and 5 hours in any combination of ethics, risk management documentation, record keeping and cultural competency**. Though not currently required by law, the Board encourages members to start taking courses in the subject areas listed above. I encourage you to visit www.doh.dc.gov/boc and select the link "**Board of Chiropractic policies**" to keep abreast of new policies recommended by the Board.

CEU AUDIT

The Board conducted a 100% CEU audit in 2013 and obtained a 92% compliance rate. **Please remember that all licensees are required to complete 24 hours of CEU's to be eligible for renewal.** All courses must conform to DCMR §17-4807 and licensees that are non-compliant with their CEU's will be disciplined by the Board.

FCLB ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Vanterpool, Board Attorney, Brian Kim and I attended the 88th Annual Educational Congress in Myrtle Beach. The theme, **Changing Tides of Regulation**, brought together a diverse group of chiropractic regulators from around the country, and internationally, to discuss hot topics in chiropractic such as licensure portability in the face of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act, Telehealth, Advertising issues such as Groupon Contracts and fee-splitting. (More on page 5.)

The Board will continue to fulfill its mission to serve and protect the public and ensure high standards of chiropractic care and professionalism through best-practices in regulation, education and outreach.

2014 promises to be an exciting year for the Board. September has been designated as Chiropractic month by the Board and DC BOC will host an open house for the public where they will release the findings of the workforce survey report conducted earlier this year. Stay tuned for the date. Our next issue will be in September 2014. Until then, Be Well.

Counsel's Column

FROM POLICY TO REGULATION

By Brian G. Kim, Esq.,
Assistant Attorney General & Board Advisor

The Board has been active in developing policies with the goal of incorporating those policies into the regulations affecting the practice of chiropractic. Specifically, the Board intends to promulgate into regulation regarding the following policies:

1. **Jurisprudence examination retakes (Policy No. 12-001)** — limits the number of times an applicant for license may sit for the District of Columbia jurisprudence examination following previous unsuccessful attempts.
2. **Preceptorship programs (Policy No. 12-002)** — identifies three levels of preceptorship programs the Board will recognize in order to allow participants to be supervised by a licensed chiropractor, and to allow them to gain practical experience in addition to classroom education prior to licensure.
3. **Temporary supervised practice for pending chiropractic applicants (Policy No. 13-001)** — allows supervised practice under certain circumstances for those license applicants who are awaiting licensure.
4. **Marketing and advertising (Policy No. 13-002)** — clarifies the limits and prohibitions on advertising, solicitation, and promotions (including the use of coupons and discount advertising).
5. **Non-District licensed chiropractors participating in a clinic or an event in the District (Policy No. 13-003)** — establishes the parameters within which a non-District licensed chiropractor may participate in a clinic or an event in the District of Columbia without first obtaining a license in the District.
6. **Continuing education (Policy No. 13-004)** — increases the number of continuing education hours from 24 to 30 hours.

These regulatory changes will be published in the District of Columbia Register and thereafter incorporated into the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations. Until then these policies are available at www.doh.dc.gov, by following the links to health professionals and licensing boards. Each licensee is encouraged to review the complete text of each of the policies.

SEPTEMBER IS DC BOC CHIROPRACTIC MONTH!
Stay tuned for our Open House date.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR (continued from page 1)

In an effort to keep current with national/international regulatory affairs and board development, I, along with Dr. Watson and Attorney Kim, attended the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board, (FCLB) and National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, (NBCE), 88th Annual Educational Conference on April 30-May 4, 2014 in Myrtle Beach. Drs. Daniel St-Germaine, NBCE board member, gave an excellent presentation on leadership and Dr. Louis Sportelli, President of NCMIC Group, spoke about moving the profession forward in an increasingly diverse and global healthcare environment if we are to remain relevant as a profession on a global scale.

I also announced my candidacy and ran for the At-Large Director of the NBCE. Although I did not win the seat, it was a victory in that it opened the door of taking the task in the cause of inclusion and diversity. Dr. Donna Craft was nominated and elected. She made history in becoming the first woman ever to become the President of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

We want to extend our appreciation to all those who participated in the boards regulatory and work force development process. As we continue to move towards a "Best Practice" board, we invite you to join us for open session meetings the 2nd Tuesday every other month.

Lastly, District III and V will meet September 4-7, 2014 in Palm Beach Florida. I will attend along with board member Dr. Miya Bazley.

Thank You and Make It A Great Year!

Dr. Keita Vanterpool
Chairperson
DC Board of Chiropractic

FAREWELL TO HRLA SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FESEHA WOLDU, PHD

In October, DC Department of Health bid farewell to Feseha Woldu, PhD, who served as Senior Deputy Director of the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) for 14 years. At HRLA, Dr. Woldu not only oversaw the licensing of the city's healthcare professionals, but also compliance and investigations, controlled substances, food inspections, and rodent control. During his tenure, Dr. Woldu was able to expedite online licensure renewal and instituted a system to make compliance information available online.

Dr. Woldu is now serving as the Associate Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Quality for Howard University and in that capacity works with Howard University Hospital executives, physicians of the Faculty Practice Plan and the Deans of the Health Sciences colleges to ensure excellence in those clinical programs.

We wish him all the best in his new



Dr. Woldu and Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander pose for a photo with current and former Directors of the Department of Health (left to right) Dr. Gregg Pane, Dr. Garcia, Dr. Pierre N.D. Vigilance, and Dr. Ivan Walks.

MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR ADMIN TEAM

The DC Board of Chiropractic welcomed three new health licensing specialists during September 2013 - March 2014:

- **Ms. LaJuan Jeffries-Johnson** worked in the processing department of the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration for two years prior to coming to the Board. Before DOH, she worked as an office manager for a defense contractor.
- **Mr. Marvin Romero**, joined the team in March. Before joining the Board staff, he worked at US Renal Care, Inc., as the capitol region Insurance advocate and financial advisor. Prior to US Renal Care, he worked with the American Kidney Fund as a Medicare Part D/ Safety Net Coordinator. He brings over 10 years of health care experience to the Board.
- **Ms. Mary Harris**, joined the team in September 2013. Prior to joining the staff of the DC Board of Chiropractic, she was on the staff of the Georgia Board of Medicine and served as their licensing manager.

Welcome Aboard!



LaJuan Jeffries-Johnson, Marvin Romero and Mary Harris

BOC STATS as of April 28, 2014

# of Chiropractors	89
with PT privileges	66
ACU privileges	0
# of licenses issued	1 since July 1, 2013
# of disciplinary orders	6 (4 consent orders; 2 NSAs) since 7/2013

**THE DC BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC
WELCOMES NEW LICENSEE
SANGBUM JOO, D.C.
Chiropractic & Physiotherapy**

WELCOME NEW HRLA SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR

RIKIN S. MEHTA, PHARM.D, JD, LLM

Dr. Rikin Mehta was appointed Senior Deputy Director for the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration for the DC Department of Health on January 13, 2014.

Dr. Mehta (or "Rik") comes from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) where he served as the Deputy Director for the Division of Medical Policy Programs at the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Office of Medical Policy. As the Deputy, Dr. Mehta created and led the Nonprescription drug Safe Use Regulatory Expansion (NSURE) Initiative exploring regulatory methods to alleviate the undertreatment of common conditions or diseases through the use of innovative technologies or other conditions of safe use to expand access to medications.

Dr. Mehta started his FDA career in CDER, Office of Compliance (OC), where he worked primarily on the Agency's unapproved drugs initiative. His responsibilities included ensuring industry compliance for the drug approval process, better patient access to safe and effective medicine. Following this work, Dr. Mehta served on detail as Senior Advisor for Globalization. In that role, he advised a working group that published the Commissioner's Special Report on the Pathway to Global Product Safety and Quality. Dr. Mehta was also involved in creating a new sub-office within CDER's Office of Compliance focused



Rikin S. Mehta, PharmD, JD, LLM

on drug security, integrity and recalls to work on domestic and international policies related to supply chain security and anti-counterfeiting. In this position, he enhanced the programmatic mission for global supply chain security by working on a 6-month tour of duty at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland to further elements of a global surveillance system for detecting and reporting counterfeit drugs. Notably, Dr. Mehta served as an FDA technical advisor to INTERPOL and member of their coordination committee for a week-long operation called Operation Pangea IV. This operation involved the coordination of 81 countries and resulted in multiple arrests and the seizure of 2.4 million potentially harmful medicines worth USD 6.3 million worldwide.

Prior to FDA, Dr. Mehta worked as a drug store pharmacist as well as an emergency room/critical care pharmacist at a university hospital. Dr. Mehta received his B.S. in pharmacy from Rutgers University and Pharm.D. from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He later received a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and a Master of Laws in Global Health Law and International Institutions through a joint program with Georgetown University Law Center and the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Mehta is originally from Houston, Texas and lives in the District of Columbia with his wife Reema, son Shailen and his puppy Dexter.

CHANGING TIDES IN CHIROPRACTIC

DC BOC members at the the **88th Annual Congress** in Myrtle Beach networked with colleagues and discussed best-practices in licensure and regulation and topics such as Social Media, Ethics and Boundaries Assessments, and International Accreditation. Participants engaged in a lively Speed Dating activity where ideas were exchanged in a rapid format on how to deal with common problems facing regulators of chiropractic. Board Counsel Brian Kim served as a presenter on the attorney panel where he provided advice on best practices on legal matters pertaining to boards' efforts toward protecting the public.



Members of Region III at the



Speed Dating activity where ideas were exchanged in a rapid format on common problems facing regulators of chiropractic.



Chiropractic Board's Counsel Brian Kim at far right.



CAROL HOPSON, DC

Dr. Carol Hopson is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Life University (cum laude) in Marietta, Georgia; she has practiced in the Washington, DC area since 1997. Dr. Hopson has received extensive training in Applied Kinesiology, Sacral Occipital Technique and Functional Medicine. She is also a practitioner of Hatha Yoga and an Argentine Tango enthusiast. Dr. Hopson applies a holistic approach to care. She believes that although Chiropractic has a limited focus, the implications are broad because the nervous system is the controlling system for total body function.

When were you appointed?

I was appointed to the Board on November 12, 2013.

Why and how did you get involved with the Board?

I was encouraged by current and former Board members to consider serving.

What unique perspective do you bring to the Board (if any)?

I have practiced in both underserved communities and more affluent areas of the District with a higher density of Chiropractors.

What new skills have you developed since becoming a Board member?

It may be too early to say; I have been a Board member for only a short time.

MEET BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC NEW MEMBER CAROL HOPSON, DC

What Board-related issue interests you most?

Community outreach: Educating the public about chiropractic care.

Is there anything about the District or the DC population that poses a unique challenge regarding the regulation of chiropractic?

Bridging the gap between the underserved and well served areas of the District. Chiropractic care is a critical part of any health benefit, as we are first points of contact for many who would not otherwise seek medical care.

In recent years, what do you feel is the greatest accomplishment of the Board?

Making the licensing process more efficient and transparent.

What challenges do you anticipate that the Board might face in the future?

Good question. It's best to be prepared, and the BOC is definitely a forward-thinking group.

What would you tell someone who is thinking about applying to serve on your Board?

This is a wonderful opportunity for personal and professional growth.

Any message you would like to convey to licensees?

The BOC is very approachable. You are encouraged to work with us as many of you did during the recent Work Force Survey Questionnaire development meeting.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member, thus far, that has surprised you?

I am positively impressed the BOC's high standards of professionalism and efficiency. The work has involved more legal issues than I had anticipated.



Health Licensing Specialists **Mary Harris** and **Deniz Soyer**; Statutory Member **Sajeed Popat, JD**; Board Member **Carol Hopson, DC**; Board Chair **Keita Vanterpool, DC**; Board Member **Miya Bazley, DC**; Board ED **Dr. Jacqueline Watson**, and Board Attorney Advisor **Brian G. Kim, Esq.**

FCLB FALL REGIONAL MEETING



Above: Dr. Vanterpool and Dr. Watson pose with members of the BOC team and FCLB colleagues.



A CAPITOL WELCOME!

DISTRICT III & V REGIONAL MEETING

were held on September 20, 2013, at the Hyatt Hotel on Capitol Hill. The DC Board served as a cohost of the meeting and welcomed all members in attendance.

The DC Board engaged attendees in a Welcome to DC Capitol trivia "icebreaker." We were pleased to have James Bulger, Aide to Mayor Vincent Gray, present a resolution and Ron King presented the proclamation on behalf of Councilmember Yvette Alexander declaring September 20, 2013, National Chiropractic Day.

At the meeting, representatives discussed relevant matters focused on the changing tide in regulation for chiropractors.



Above: DC Board Chairperson Keita Vanterpool, DC



James Bulger reads proclamation. Mr. Bulger is Aide to Mayor Vincent C. Gray for Community Relations/Outreach.



Above: DC Board Member Miya Bazley, DC



Dr. Watson and Dr. Vanterpool with fellow conference attendees.



Dr. Vanterpool, Dr. Bazley, and Sajeed Popat, JD (center)



Ron King presents a proclamation on behalf of Councilmember Alexander.

BOARD ORDERS

July 1, 2013 to April 28, 2014

FINED

Zahira Yousefi (8/14/2013): This chiropractor was fined \$200 for failing to comply with the CE requirement to maintain licensure. This chiropractor was also ordered to complete the deficient CE credits along with CE requirements for the new renewal period.

Reza Zandieh (8/8/2013): This chiropractor was fined \$500 for failing to answer the Board's inquiry and an additional \$1,200 for failing to comply with the CE requirement to maintain licensure. This chiropractor was also ordered to complete the deficient CE credits along with CE requirements for the new renewal period.

Jenny Faber (8/14/2013): This chiropractor was fined \$500 for failing to answer the Board's inquiry regarding the respondent's failure to comply with their CE requirements to maintain licensure. This chiropractor was also ordered to complete the deficient CE credits along with CE requirements for the new renewal period.

Anahita Yousefi (1/14/2014): This chiropractor was fined \$300 for failing to comply with the CE requirement to maintain licensure. This chiropractor was also ordered to complete the deficient CE credits along with CE requirements for the new renewal period.

All public orders may be viewed online at www.doh.dc.gov/boc

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD

To file a complaint against a licensed DC Chiropractor, go to www.doh.dc.gov/boc to download and complete the complaint form and mail to:

**DC Board of Chiropractic
899 North Capitol Street NE
First Floor
Washington, DC 20002**

You can also fax the complaint to the Board at (202) 442-8117.

If your complaint alleges unlicensed activity, you should address your complaint to:

Timothy Handy, Esq., Supervisory Investigator
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration
899 North Capitol Street NE, First Floor
Washington, DC 20002
You can also fax the complaint to the investigator at (202) 442-4924.

Please be advised that the health professional licensing boards do not have jurisdiction over fee disputes, except for billing for services that were not provided. If you have a fee dispute with a health professional, you can seek redress through the civil courts.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE TASK?!

The DC BOC is establishing a taskforce to examine criteria for **International Chiropractor Licensure** in the District.

If you are interested in participating in this taskforce, please send an email to:

marvin.romero@dc.gov

by May 30, 2014.

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