

BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE, CHIROPRACTOR AND NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

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Message from the Executive Director

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Acupuncture, Chiropractor and Naturopathic Physicians continue to grow as a valued component of integrative health care in the District. The Board recognizes your dedication to patient-centered practice, cultural competence, and holistic healing. We remain focused on maintaining rigorous standards while supporting collaboration with other licensed health professionals. Thank you for bringing balance, skill, and compassion to your patient's care and for advancing wellness across our community.

— Vito DelVento, DVM, Executive Director



Welcome & Introduction

The Health Systems and Preparedness Administration (HSPA) at the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) is committed to ensuring that all licensed health professionals meet the highest standards of competence, ethics, and public safety.

This newsletter serves as a communication pathway between DC Health, the professional licensing boards, and licensees. Each issue provides important regulatory updates, continuing education opportunities, public health initiatives, and professional achievements.

Through collaboration, transparency, and accountability, DC Health continues to advance its mission of protecting, promoting, and improving the health of all District residents.

About DC Health | HSPA

The Health Systems and Preparedness Administration (HSPA) is one of five administrations within DC Health. Within HSPA, the Office of Health Professional Licensing oversees 15 professional licensing boards, the Investigations Division, and the Pharmaceutical Control Division.

Each respective board falls under the Office of Health Professional Licensing within HSPA, ensuring that health professionals practice safely and effectively through:

- Licensing and renewals for health professionals
- Policy development and enforcement of laws and regulations
- Board support for disciplinary actions, rulemaking, and continuing education
- Public-health partnerships promoting safe, ethical, and quality care

HSPA also includes four additional offices:

- Office of Health Care Facilities
- Office of Operations
- Office of Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

Each professional board is composed of members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the DC Council, representing both professional expertise and public interests. Together, these boards uphold DC Health's core values: integrity, excellence, accountability, and service.

HSPA Mission

HSPA coordinates public health and emergency healthcare preparedness, response, and recovery efforts by leveraging partnerships to ensure readiness to protect those who reside, visit, or do business in the District of Columbia.

About the Board

The **Board of Acupuncture, Chiropractor and Naturopathic Physicians** a division within the DC Department of Health, Health Systems and Preparedness Administration (HSPA) has the responsibility to regulate the practice of Acupuncture, Chiropractic and Naturopathic Physicians in the District of Columbia. Its mission is to serve and protect the public and ensure high standards of acupuncture, chiropractor and naturopathic care and professionalism through best practices in regulation, education and outreach.

Board Updates & Priorities

Board – 7 members

- Two (2) Acupuncturists
- Two (2) Chiropractors
- Two (2) Naturopathic Physicians
- One (1) Consumer member

Vacancies:

- One (1) Acupuncturist
- One (1) Naturopathic Physician

The Board is also working on regulatory changes to the Scope of Practice for Acupuncture, Chiropractor and Naturopathic Physicians. The public is welcome to attend the Open Session Meeting of the Board.

Continuing Education Spotlight

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) FOR RENEWALS

What are my CEU requirements?

- Acupuncturists - Thirty (30) hours of CE, which includes at least two (2) hours of CE in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency and three (3) must be in a topic designated as a public health priority. For licensees with a certification in Chinese Herbology, at least ten (10) of the total thirty (30) hours need to be in the topic of Chinese herbology.
- Chiropractor- Thirty (30) hours of CE, which includes at least two (2) hours of CE in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency and three (3) must be in a topic designated as a public health priority.
- Naturopathic Physician - Thirty (30) hours of CE, which includes at least two (2) hours of CE in the subject of LGBTQ cultural competency and three (3) must be in a topic designated as a public health priority.
- Please note that continuing education requirements for this 2026 renewal period may be satisfied through approved online continuing education courses.
- For LGBTQ CE courses, please check out the [link](#).

The Director of the Department of Health has now issued a notice identifying acceptable public health priorities, a copy of which can be found online [HERE](#)

Board Chair Corner

This marks a new and exciting chapter in the work of the DC Board of Acupuncture, Chiropractic, and Naturopathy. Having served as Chair of the DC Board of Chiropractic for the past 13 years, I spent much of that time advocating for chiropractic to remain a distinct regulatory body—ensuring clarity, protection of scope, and strong professional identity. That work mattered, and it laid an important foundation. Today, however, I also recognize the tremendous value in collaboration and integration, particularly as we look to expand access to high-quality, evidence-informed complementary and integrative care for District residents. Our collective goal as a Board remains clear: to serve and protect the public and ensure high standards of acupuncture, chiropractic, and naturopathic care and professionalism through best practices in regulation, education, and outreach.

As we move forward together, one of my priorities is to increase access to regulated complementary and integrative health care—recognizing that access, when grounded in licensure, education, and oversight, is fundamentally a patient safety issue. Ensuring the public understands how to identify licensed providers and access safe, accountable care is central to our responsibility. This moment also represents a personal transition. As I close the chapter on my service as Vice President of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and as a Director of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), I do so with deep gratitude.

Under my leadership—alongside an incredible and dedicated Board—the DC Board of Chiropractic made lasting contributions to both the regulatory and testing arms of the profession. Together, we leave a meaningful legacy and footprint in national regulation, licensure portability, education, and examination standards.

From open houses with the DC City Council, to providing continuing education opportunities for licensees, to fostering engagement with students and early-career professionals, our work has always been rooted in service, excellence, and public trust. That commitment continues as we move forward in this expanded, collaborative framework.

I am grateful to Mayor Muriel Bowser for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and for the continued confidence placed in this Board. I look forward to a robust year ahead, working alongside my fellow Board members, the Department of Health, and our regulatory partners as we strengthen collaboration, advance public protection, and support safe, high-quality integrative care across the District.

Dr. Keita Vanterpool, DC

Board Chair

DC Board of Acupuncture, Chiropractor, and Naturopathic Physicians



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Board Members

- **Keita Vanterpool, DC** - Chiropractic Member
- **Stephanie Johnson** - Chiropractic Member
- **William Elliott, MD** - Acupuncturist Member
- **Nancy Aboulmouna, ND** - Naturopathic Physician Member
- **Terrance Hunter** - Consumer Member

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- January 15, 2026 (Virtual)
- March 19, 2026 (In-Person)
- May 21, 2026 (Virtual)
- July 16, 2026 (Virtual)
- September 17, 2026 (Virtual)
- November 19, 2026 (In-Person)

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Closing Note

DC Health thanks all licensed professionals for their service and commitment to public health. Together, we advance to a stronger, healthier, and more resilient District. [Board Website](#)

