



**NORTH DAKOTA  
STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

**Minutes of the Conference Call held August 17, 2016**

A special meeting of the North Dakota State Board of Chiropractic Examiners was held via conference call on August 17, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Michael Remmick, at 12:30 pm CST.

**Roll call:** Present - Dr. Remmick, Dr. Froehling, Dr. Ficek, Dr. Weiss, Dr. Pederson, and Executive Director Lisa Blanchard. Also present on the call: Dr. Kent Yohe. No other public were present on the call.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by Dr. Weiss, second by Dr. Ficek, to add the email regarding billing concerns for Dr. Erik Haroldson to the posted agenda. Motion passed.

Dr. Nelson. The Board reviewed his last response to Mr. Erickson. A motion was made by Dr. Pederson, second by Dr. Ficek, to send a letter instructing Dr. Nelson to pay the \$1,500.00 directly to the board and that he may attend the January 2017 New Dr. Seminar in lieu of the September 2016 seminar due to personal conflict. Motion passed.

Dr. Peters. The Board reviewed the responses from the pet owner and Dr. Peters response. In preparation for the September 23, 2016 meeting, the Board would like further information from all parties involved. A motion was made by Dr. Weiss, second by Dr. Ficek, to request Dr. Peters provide official verification of his training hours and to share the precautions he takes regarding the prevention of potential contagious diseases. Additionally, the Board would like to review 5 additional patient records of animals Dr. Peters had treated in the last 2 months. From the pet owner the Board would like to know if prior to seeking Dr. Peters care, was she aware he was not a Veterinarian; did she have any concerns regarding his animal chiropractic knowledge or training; was she given any false expectations regarding animal chiropractic; and did any other providers provide care for her pet. From the Veterinarian, the Board would like a copy of the patient records. Motion passed.

Freedom Chiropractic. A copy of the response has been received, but at the time of the meeting, the patient records have not been received. The Board would also like further information in this case for discussion at the September 23, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Weiss, second by Dr. Ficek to ask the patient if the statements made by Progressive in the complaint regarding her contacting them are correct and if she ever felt badgered by them. Additionally, the Board would like to know if she ever felt that she was encouraged (by the clinic) to have care beyond necessary. The Board would also request a copy of all bills received by Progressive to be sent in order to compare with the records from Freedom. Motion passed.

Dr. Lamp. Dr. Lamp's attorney has been in contact with Mr. Erickson. Mr. Erickson has reported that they will have something ready for the Board by the September meeting. No action taken.

Genetic Testing inquiry. After reviewing the question asked, a motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Weiss, to have the Executive Director respond that it is the opinion of the Board that the ordering of genetic testing for their patients is included in the scope of practice for ND chiropractors. If a chiropractor chooses to do this testing in their clinics, they will be held responsible if any issues or complaints arise. This opinion of the Board does not endorse, certify, or support the company. Motion passed.

CCCA. One new question regarding the bill has come up and Dr. Pederson and Dr. Froehling have responded. The sub-committee may meet again, but nothing has been set. Dr. Remmick asks that Dr. Pederson and Dr. Froehling put together a plan regarding future legislative presentations and who will need to be in attendance for the hearings. No action taken at this time.


Dr. Erik Haroldson. The email regarding billing issues was not a formal complaint, but the Board has concerns. A motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Pederson, to have the Executive Director share the email with Dr. Haroldson and ask him to provide feedback regarding the situation to the Board and also encourage him to rectify the situation before it becomes a formal complaint. Motion passed.

Assignments for the September 23, 2016 meeting from Dr. Remmick:

1. Be ready to discuss what we would like to present to the Vet board in December when we meet with them.
2. He would like each member to do a self-board evaluation for feedback on how the year has been going.

**Adjourn.** A motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Froehling, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm CST.

These minutes were prepared by Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director, for the signature by the Secretary, Dr. Eric Froehling.

  
Eric Froehling, D.C., Secretary

10/10/16  
Date