

## NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

## Minutes of the Conference Call Board Meeting of the North Dakota State Board of Chiropractic Examiners held February 15, 2017.

Call to Order: Dr. Michael Remmick called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM CST.

**Roll Call:** Those present included Dr. Michael Remmick, Dr. Dion Ficek, Dr. Eric Froehling, Dr. Steven Pederson, Dr. Kent Yohe, Assistant Attorney General Mr. Edward Erickson, and Executive Director Lisa Blanchard. There were no other public attendees on the call.

Additions to the Agenda: No additions to the posted agenda.

## Cases:

Dr. W. Nelson. A motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Yohe, to close the case and have the Executive Director send a letter stating that information. Motion passed.

Dr. N. Weiss. The Executive Director shared the update from Affiliated Monitors. Information only.

Dr. Lamp. Mr. Erickson shared that Dr. Lamp's attorney has indicated by email that Dr. Lamp accepts the Settlement offer and will be signing and mailing it in to Mr. Erickson. Updated/Information only.

Dr. Isaacson. The Board has reviewed the Facebook advertising complaint against Dr. Isaacson. The Board reviewed the response from Dr. Isaacson's wife, as she is the person that made the post. A motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Froehling, to offer Dr. Isaacson a Conditional Dismissal for the advertising violation to include a \$500.00 fee. Dr. Ficek amended the motion, second by Dr. Yohe, to include the successful completion of the online Jurisprudence Examination when it is available online. Amendment passed. A roll call vote was taken for the amended motion with all members voting in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Premier Chiropractic. The Board has reviewed the responses to the offers of conditional dismissal from Dr. Mason and Dr. Perry-Domres. Per legal advice, Dr. Pederson made a motion, second by Dr. Yohe, to invite the doctors to attend the next face-to-face board meeting on April 21, 2017 in Grand Forks, ND. Motion passed.

Freedom Chiropractic. The Board is waiting for the  $4^{th}$  Peer Review Committee report. When it is received, the Executive Director will share all reports with all parties involved. Mr. Erickson advised that the Board should allow a 30-day time period for each party to respond. No action taken at this time.

Strive Chiropractic. The letter to ND BCBS has been sent regarding any investigation information they may share regarding this clinic. No response has been received at this time. A motion was made by Dr. Yohe, second by Dr. Froehling, to table this case until further information is received from ND BCBS. Motion passed. There have been some indications that they may have advertising violations on their clinic website and social media. The Executive Director will review and make screen shots for the Board to review.

## **Business:**

Questions from Dr. Vein. Mr. Erickson has briefly reviewed the contracts but has not had time to fully review and research. No action taken at this time.

New Dr. Seminar Non-compliance. There are 4 active license holders that appear to be in violation with failure to attend the mandatory New Dr. Seminar. A motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Yohe, to have Mr. Erickson send orders to each doctor indicating that they must be at the September 22, 2017 seminar, unless they are exempted by the Board. Failure to attend will result in a suspension of their license. The individuals must agree to attend prior to re-licensure at renewal time. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative. The Executive Director will provide Mr. Erickson with the information he needs.

Acupuncture Certificate/Notification/Registration. The Executive Director shared a draft certificate with the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Pederson, second by Dr. Froehling, to provide the 101 current certified chiropractors with a certificate along with information about the new continuing education rules. In future notifications to all license holders, it will be shared that the Board sent out certificates and if someone did not receive one and they feel that is an error, they need to contact the Board ASAP. Motion passed.

CE Hours when reactivating an Inactive license. The continuing education hours used to reactivate and inactive license cannot also be used for license renewal if completed during the current cycle. Those are 2 separate items. No action taken – discussion on a policy point.

CCCA Bill/Hearing. Dr. Froehling gave a brief update on the outcome of the hearing held on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Information only.

Administrative Rules Committee Hearing. Dr. Remmick will provide the testimony. Mr. Erickson thought a copy of the Medicare rules on advertising and value of gift items would be a good document to have available. No action taken.

Per Diem. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference Call held. A motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Yohe, to pay the 2016 Per Diem rate of \$200.00 for the Conference Calls held on 08/17/16; 08/31/16; 11/02/16; 02/15/17. Motion passed.

Items Tabled: Animal Chiropractic; Wellness Documentation

**Adjourn.** A motion was made by Dr. Ficek, second by Dr. Froehling, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The conference call ended at 1:41 PM CST.

The next scheduled conference call meeting will be on March 15, 2017.

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

Eric Froehling, D.C., Secretary

Date