



NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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North Dakota State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Report for April 2017 – April 2018

The mission of the NDSBCE is to protect the public's health, welfare and safety through effective licensure, investigation and enforcement of the properly updated statutes and rules governing the practice of chiropractic to ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice in all areas of the profession.

The Board held their election of officers at the January 2018 meeting. Current officers are: President, Dr. Michael Remmick (term ends 8/31/2022); Vice President, Dr. Steven Pederson (8/31/2020); Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Eric Froehling (8/31/2019); other members of the board are Dr. Dion Ficek (8/31/2018) and Dr. Kent Yohe (8/31/2021).

The NDSBCE held 3 in person board meetings and 11 conference call meetings in 2017. Board meeting information can be found on the board's website: www.ndsbce.org.

In 2017, 18 formal complaints were received from insurance companies, consumers, and other chiropractors. 13 of those complaints were for advertising violations of our current Practice Act and Administrative Rules.

All licensees received an email or notice from the Board in February concerning the need for review and evaluation of their websites and social media postings. Concerns include, but not limited to, giveaways, dual fee promotions, advertising campaigns, inducements, or any other activity that may be considered in violation of our Laws and/or Administrative Rules. Remember, as license holders, you are responsible for all content in all of your professional activities whether this activity is performed by yourself, corporations whom you contract with, or other entities you may use for your professional presence whether in hard copy or social media.

This board does not actively pursue violations of the license holders. However, following a formal signed complaint, due process requires the board to ask for a response to the complaint by the licensee(s) and then, in review of the complaint and response, determine if there has been a violation of the Laws and/or Administrative Rules. There has been concern voiced that only chiropractors were filing these complaints. Additionally, the older license holders must be the individuals filing these complaints against the younger/newer practitioners. This is not and has not been the case.

The Board will continue to utilize mass emails for notifications, news, and reminders to the licensees throughout the year. Our intention is not to spam or inundate you with trivial information. We intend to keep these items to frequently asked questions and important notice or deadline reminders.

The law for Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistants (CCCA) took effect on August 1, 2017. As with all new things, there has been confusion, questions, and frustration. We have done our best to answer and clarify the information for all. There has also been excellent compliance. We thank you for your due diligence in making sure your offices are properly certifying your staff.

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The Board would like to thank you for your compliance of Section 10-30-13 of the ND Century Code pertaining to Professional Organizations-Annual Reports-Renewals that we made you aware of in 2017 in various notices. Providing a copy of your annual report to the Board is an ongoing requirement. These reports are on file in the board office and have not and will not be reviewed by board members. Any request of this information will be made to the board office and appropriately shared, when properly requested.

Lisa Blanchard continues in the Executive Director's position for the Board. She was instrumental in the development and continued updating of the Board's website. For example, as of March 1, 2018, we now require all license applicants to successfully complete the online Jurisprudence Examination. Additionally, the completion of this examination, by a licensee following a formal or informal sanction issued to them by the Board, has been and will continue to be a consistent requirement.

The Board continues to be active on a national level with participation in regulatory and licensing activities. We participate in the development of the practical Part IV National Board examination in addition to the administering of that same exam at different testing sites. We continue to serve as delegates to the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and have input on regulatory policy as well as educational training required for Board activity and responsibilities. The education gained is valuable in understanding the regulatory challenges other states are experiencing.

There are currently 436 active license holders and 57 inactive license holders in our state. Additionally, there are 76 Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistants with an additional 33 pending applicants.

We encourage you to welcome and get to know the following new doctors (since April 2017) to our state:

Dr. Riley Knoll

Dr. Kimberly Weber

Dr. Benjamin Whitten

Dr. Matthew Chuppe

Dr. Thomas Keller

Dr. Chase Enget

Dr. Kendra Styron

Dr. Gregory Lowenberg

Dr. Christopher Pischel

Dr. Amy Wolf

Dr. Michael Koehn

Dr. Jared Mann

Dr. Neville Lambourne

Dr. Kent Maier

Dr. Timothy Corrigan

Dr. Curtis Weinstein

Dr. Robert Kleinfeld

Dr. Chantel Pokorny

Dr. Joseph Grausgruber

Dr. Brittany Dusek

Dr. Amanda Johnson

Dr. Catrina Lindvig

Dr. Cameron Schroeder

Dr. Charlsey Johnson

Dr. Jamison Englund

Dr. Kristal Weinstein

Dr. Jenna Smaby

Dr. Matthew Gilbertson

Dr. Brett Wegleitner

Dr. Allison Klug

Dr. Kevin Russeau

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Michael A. Remmick, President NDSBCE