



**WASHINGTON STATE
CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
SPECIAL CONERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES**

February 28, 2014

**Department of Health, Town Center 2 Building, Room 237
111 Israel Road SE,
Tumwater, WA 98501**

Commission Members:

Gabe (Gary) Smith, DC, Chair, Matthew Waldron, Vice-Chair, Harold Rasmussen, DC, David Folweiler, DC, Matthew Waldron, DC, Aaron Chan, DC, James Slakey, Public Member, Winfield Hobbs, DC, (absent), Ron Rogers, DC, Doug Long, DC, (absent), Robert Schmitt, DC, Bryson Langel, DC, Ronwynn Pratt, DC, Judy Colenso, Public Member, and Louise Stephens, Public Member (absent).

Commission Staff Present

Leann Yount, Program Manager
Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Lilia Lopez, Assistant Attorney General
Patrick Hanley, Staff Attorney
Mike Ellsworth, Supervising Staff Attorney

Others Present

Kristi Weeks, Legal Services Director
Danielle Welliever, DOH Policy
Lori Grassi, Executive Director WSCA

On February 28, 2014 the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (commission) held a conference call in Tumwater Washington at 111 Israel Road SW – Town Center Two Building, Room 237. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was e-mailed to members of the commission’s listserv and posted on the chiropractic website.

OPEN SESSION

1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Smith, Chair

1.1 The agenda was approved as presented.

2. CLASSIFICATION OF CHIROPRACTIC PROCEDURES AND INSTRUMENTATION LIST (List) – Electrocardiogram (EKG) (differential diagnosis)

2.1 Commission members reviewed recent legislative activity regarding chiropractors using EKGs. They also revisited the issue of including EKG on the List, as follows:

Lori Grassi, Executive Director with the WSCA was notified that the legislature has concerns with chiropractors not being trained to perform an EKG. They are concerned that the

commission is trying to expand the scope of practice without going through the proper avenue.

During the [HB2338](#) House Committee on Healthcare and Wellness (committee) hearing, the commission, Board of Physical Therapy, and the Board of Naturopathy were mentioned. The perception of the legislature, and some members of the public, is that these boards and the commission are trying to expand their scope of practices through Interpretive Statements and other policies instead of through the rulemaking process.

The committee is not happy that the commission didn't remove EKG/ECG from the list during the February 13, 2014 meeting.

Commission members are interested in an avenue to communicate with the legislature to answer any questions and concerns they may have. They also felt it would be a good opportunity to educate them on the chiropractic core curriculum and what they are trained to do. EKGs are covered as part of the chiropractic college education. In addition, the national exam has questions on it pertaining to EKGs.

Ms. Grassi also mentioned that the WSCA board is doing a site visit of the University of Western States. The WSCA is going to see if there are legislative representatives that are interested in going.

Commission members voted eleven in favor to remove EKG from the List. Three commission members were absent for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

1:23 p.m.

**Next Business Meeting: April 10, 2014
Department of Health
Point Plaza East Building, Rooms 152/153
310 Israel Road SE,
Tumwater, WA 98501**