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## Presidential Message

### Dear colleagues and clinic owners:

I attended the FCLB district 3&5 meeting in Nashville September 16-17. The meeting discussed prevalent topics that FCLB has received in power poll questions the past year. The topics discussed were DC's performing insurance audits in jurisdictions where they are not licensed, documentation compliance, treating employees, what does telehealth mean to your jurisdiction, does your jurisdiction have language addressing independent Medical Examination, and certifications and diplomates regulated by licensing board. The majority of the discussion concerned the use of out of state reviewers and how this issue is handled by the respective state board. The consensus is that the review of records by a doctor constitutes the practice of Chiropractic and the DC should be licensed in the state the services were performed. The use of out of state reviewers is viewed as an abusive practice and the reviewer is not held to the same standard as the doctor providing the services. Several of the states issue cease and desist orders to the reviewing doctor the insurance company ordering the review and the respec-

tive state board where the reviewer is licensed. Some of the states have legislative authority to do so and others are considering it a matter of licensure to perform these reviews. Pennsylvania has some of the most specific rules regulating the independent medical exams requiring the doctor be in practice for a minimum of 20 hours per week. Most states have minimal standards for recognizing Certifications and Diplomates and these are typically the issuing agency, number of hours for the program 100-300 being the recognized standard. The issue of telehealth is still evolving with the consensus that it is basically the same requirements of licensure and should be regulated as such. FCLB is also working on a National model for a passport for licensing which credentials the providers in one centralized process

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## REMINDER

Please see the website for a list of licensees and clinics who have not completed the renewal process. **If your name is on the list please contact the Board immediately regarding license renewal. It's not too late. There is still time to renew your license / permit and prevent it from being automatically suspended.**

**NOTE: If you are able to login and pay do not send any hours or Business License to the board. Also, do not fax and email the same information as this slows the process. Do not call to be sure we received the information just wait 2 days and try to log in to renew.**

# Online Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

**Data Trace Publishing** offers the following ONLINE course until December 2016. For information contact Rachel Miller at 1-410-494-4994.

1. OUM 2016 REDUCING RISK

**DCHours.com** offers the following ONLINE courses until September 2017. For information contact Debbie Brendler at 1-800-811-0269 or click [https://ahs.prosperitylms.com/req/ahs\\_student/index.cfm?prog=18](https://ahs.prosperitylms.com/req/ahs_student/index.cfm?prog=18) for a list of all DC Hours courses approved by Alabama and for registration.

1. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
2. "BASIC CASE MANAGEMENT"
3. "BASIC MRI PART 1"
4. "BASIC MRI PART 2"
5. "BASIC MRI PART 3"
6. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 1"
7. "FUNCTION BASED CARE PART 2"
8. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 1"
9. "PASSIVE CARE MODALITIES PART 2"
10. "RADICULOPATHY: PATIENT ASSESSMENT"
11. "SPINAL DECOMPRESSION"
12. "SPINAL PAIN SYNDROMES"
13. "THE NEUROLOGY OF PAIN"
14. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 1"
15. "UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 2"

**DC Online** offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2017. For information contact Karen Moreau at 1-712-260-2507 or click <https://secure.ecollege.com/mcc/index.learn?action=registration>

1. "A CASE BASED APPROACH TO SOFT TISSUE INJURY"
2. "ACTIVE CARE FOR THE LUMBAR SPINE FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"
3. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"
4. "ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 4 HOURS"
5. "ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT OF THE HIP FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER"
6. "BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS AND UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS"
7. "ETHICAL ISSUES IN CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE"
8. "IMMUNIZATION: MAKING INFORMED CHOICES"
9. "PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE KNEE"
10. "PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES"
11. "RISK MANAGEMENT IN CHIROPRACTIC"
12. "SOFT TISSUE CARE IN CHIROPRACTIC"
13. "SPECIAL POPULATIONS IN CHIROPRACTIC: THE OSTEOPOROTIC PATIENT"

**National University of Health Sciences** offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Jenna Glenn, DC at 1-630-889-6622.

1. "CIHP: INTEGRATIVE GASTROENTEROLOGY"
2. "COX INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE & INTEGRATION"
3. "THE COX TECHNIC SYSTEM OF SPINAL PAIN MANAGEMENT: BIOMECHANICS, EXAMINATION..."

**Palmer College of Chiropractic** offers the following ONLINE courses until December 2016. For information contact Kati Sproston at 1-563-884-5715.

1. "ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE: TRACK 1"
2. "PETTIBON ONLINE: ANALYSIS & TREATMENT"
3. "PETTIBON ONLINE: CASE MANAGEMENT & BILLING"
4. "PETTIBON ONLINE: CLINICAL PROTOCOLS & HOME CARE"
5. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNCTIONAL NEUROLOGY"
6. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNCTIONAL NUTRITION"
7. "PETTIBON ONLINE: FUNDAMENTALS"
8. "PETTIBON ONLINE: PATIENT ANALYSIS"
9. "PETTIBON ONLINE: POST TREATMENT REHAB"
10. "PETTIBON ONLINE: PRE-TREATMENT REHAB"
11. "PETTIBON ONLINE: X-RAY PROCEDURES"

**Parker University** offers the following ONLINE courses until. For information contact Teresa Wright at 1-800 266-4723.

1. "BOUNDARIES WITH PATIENTS: CONFIDENTIALITY & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT"
2. "EXTREMITY ADJUSTING PROTOCOLS: THE FOOT (CODE P)"
3. "DAVILA-PHILOSOPHY & MEDICAL NECESSITY (CODE P)"
4. "FROM THE GROUND UP-GLOBAL POSTURAL PATTERNS OF THE HUMAN BODY"
5. "INTRO TO FUNCTIONAL TAPING (CODE P)"
6. "NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH OSTEOPOROSIS"
7. "SUPPLEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ATHLETE"
8. "THE POWER OF SELF HEALING—THE NEW SCIENCE OF CHIROPRACTIC PHILOSOPHY (CODE P)"
9. "UNDERSTANDING SCOLIOSIS"

**Southern California University of Health Sciences** offers the following ONLINE course until December 2016. For information contact Yvonne Rabago at 1-562-902-3373.

1. "FUNCTIONAL DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE TRAINING 2016 Module 3"

**Texas Chiropractic College** offers the following ONLINE courses until April 2017. For information contact Angelique Whittle at (800) 533-9822.

1. "CHIROPRACTIC AS PRIMARY SPINE CARE"
2. "IMPAIRMENT RATING: SPINE AND NERVOUS SYSTEM"
3. "INTERPROFESSIONAL HOSPITAL BASED SPINE CARE"
4. "MEDICAL-LEGAL-INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION"
5. "MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, CONCUSSION"
6. "PATIENT INTAKE, HISTORY, AND EXAMINATION"
7. "SPINAL BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERING"
8. "SPINAL TRAUMA PATHOLOGY"
9. "TRIAGING THE TRAUMA AND NON-TRAUMA PATIENTS"
10. "UTILIZING RESEARCH IN CLINICAL PRACTICE"

## Online Seminars Continued

**University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic** offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Paul Powers, DC at 1-860-463-9003.

1. "ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINERS 301"
2. "ATHLETIC TIPS CERTIFICATION SEMINAR"
3. "ALABAMA CHIROPRACTIC LAW (RULES AND REGULATIONS)"
4. "MANAGEMENT OF COMMON CONDITION 208-211"
5. "MANUAL MUSCLE TESTING 201-206"
6. "NEUROLOGY 210A"
7. "PHYSICAL DIAGNOSIS 150-153"
8. "PHYSICAL THERAPY 101"
9. "RISK 130"
10. "SOFT TISSUE INJURIES 110"
11. "X-RAY 129-134"
12. "X-RAY 150-153"

**University of Western States** offers the following ONLINE courses until November 2016. For information contact Ana Phongsavath at 1-503-251-5719.

1. "ANCILLARY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING PROCEDURES"
2. "CHIROPRACTIC GUIDE TO SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE"
3. "CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS INJURIES"
4. "GERIATRIC HEALTH CARE"
5. "PAIN MANAGEMENT"
6. "SPORTS INJURIES"

### BOARD QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Applications Sent	11
Transcripts Processed	30
New License Issued	16
License Verifications	284
Complaints Received	7
Disciplinary Hearings	0
Outgoing Correspondence	1419
Continuing Education Reviewed	57

## Condolences

Dr. Ronald D. Brandon. Dr. Brandon graduated Palmer College in 1977 and received his Alabama license in 1978. He lived in Trussville, AL and practiced in Gardendale, AL.

Dr. Robert E. Richards. Dr. Richards graduated Logan Chiropractic College in 1959 and received his Alabama license in 1960. He lived in and practiced in Huntsville, AL.

The Board and staff send condolences to the family and friends of  
Drs. Brandon and Richards.

### **Presidential Message Continued:**

allows for the licensee to have a smoother process of licensing in other states. We also had a lengthy discussion regarding the problem all jurisdictions are seeing regarding the over use of opiates. The North Carolina Board has been approached by a Hospital and granted \$100,000.00 to create an alternative treatment program to combat the drug problem.

The license renewal process is currently underway and again I encourage you to get it done as soon as possible to allow time to correct any issues you may encounter in order to renew on time.

**Brian Wells, DC**  
President ASBCE

# Upcoming Seminars

The Seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

**A+ Chiropractic** presents the following courses. For information contact Scott Martin at 828-550-7568.

"Nutritionals-Putting It All Together" 6 hours November 5 in Prattville, AL, and November 6 in Gadsden, AL.

**Georgia Chiropractic Association** presents the following course. For information contact Carly Sharec at 770-723-1100.

"GCA Fall Conference" 19 hours October 21-23 in Atlanta, GA.

**Life University** presents the following courses. For information contact Melissa Scharffenberg at (770) 426-2753.

"PI Beast Camp" 12 hours October 21-22 and December 2-3 in Atlanta, GA.

"CCEP Mod 6: Global Extremity Assessment" 15 hours November 19-20 in Marietta, GA.

"Spinal Correction Workshop" 12 hours December 2-3 in Celebration, FL.

**Logan University** presents the following course. For information contact Ralph Barrale at 800-842-3234.

"Class IV Laser Therapy in Clinical Practice" 8 hours October 15 in Orlando, FL and December 3 in Franklin, TN.

**National University of Health Sciences** presents the following course. For information contact Jenna Glenn, DC at 630-889-6622.

"FMT Blades Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue" 8 hours October 8 in Collierville, TN.

"FMT Basic/FMT Performance" 16 hours October 22-23 in Atlanta, GA.

**New York Chiropractic College** presents the following courses. For information contact Cynthia Logatto at 516-796-5923.

"Active Release Technique Spine" 21 hours October 2 in Atlanta, GA.

"Active Release Technique—Long Tract Nerve Entrapment" 8 hours October 22 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**Palmer College of Chiropractic** presents the following course. For information contact Kati Sproston at 563-884-5715.

"Activator Methods Chiropractic Technique Basic" 12 hours October 22-23 in Atlanta, GA.

"Chiropractic Technique Clinical Practice and Research" 12 hours October 22-23 in Atlanta, GA.

"Activator Methods Chiropractic Technique Advanced Tests and Research Topics" 12 hours October 22-23 in Atlanta, GA.

**Sherman College of Chiropractic** presents the following courses. For information contact Jillian Kersh, DC at 864-578-8770.

"Blair Upper Cervical Annual Conference 2016" 17 hours October 6-8 in Atlanta, GA.

"GCC-CE B4 DE Oct 2016" 5 hours October 13 in Atlanta, GA.

"Advanced Atlas Orthogonal Seminar 2016" 12 hours October 15-16 in Atlanta, GA

"Florida Chiropractic Society—St. Pete" 18 hours November 5-6 in St. Petersburg, FL.

**Texas Chiropractic College** presents the following courses. For information contact Angelique Whittle at 800-533-9822.

"Quantitative Egg & Neurofeedback" 16 hours October 15-16 in Marietta, GA.

**Turning Point Logistic Systems** presents the following courses. For information contact Angel Tribuno at 770-605-1218.

"Exodus; Hands on Workshop" 24 hours November 4-6 in Knoxville, TN.

"CBP Mirror Image Bracing for Scoliosis Deformities" 12 hours November 12-13 in Miami, FL.

"CBP Cervical Rehab" 12 hours November 19-20 in Atlanta, GA.

**University of Bridgeport Health Sciences** presents the following courses. For information contact Eileen Herlihy-Santiago at 203-576-4880.

"Fundamentals of Functional Blood Chemistry" 16 hours October 1-2 in Tampa, FL and November 11-13 in Atlanta, GA.

"Mastering the Thyroid" 20 hours December 9-11 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"Current Trends in Functional Medicine" 15 hours October 15-16 in Miami, FL.

"Florida Chiropractic Physicians Association CE Seminar" 20 hours October 3-4 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

## Disciplinary Actions

**Jamey Wagner, DC** (Madison, AL) License # 1765 - Board order finding violation of Code of Alabama 1975 § 34-24-166(b)(3)(7)(11) and assessing an administrative fine in the amount of \$30,000 with suspension of license for 5 years with immediate reversion to probation .

## Complaints Received

The Board has received 22 complaints to date this fiscal year. Four of these have been closed with no action, two have been closed with a warning, twelve remain pending.

## To Check Hours received by the Board Office

You may check the continuing education hours the Board has on file for you by visiting our website [www.chiro.alabama.gov](http://www.chiro.alabama.gov). You will then click on Online Services and License Renewal. Enter your license number and the last 4 digits of your social security number then click LOGIN to continue. The next page will contain a table indicating all hours the Board has received for you. If **AFTER** checking here you have submitted hours not reflected please call Ashley at 800-949-5838 ext. 221 or email her at [ashley.stewart@chiro.alabama.gov](mailto:ashley.stewart@chiro.alabama.gov). **The Continuing Education Search will no longer be available anywhere else on the website.**

## Thank You for Your Positive Comments

\*\*I just renewed my Alabama license online. I have to tell you guys, this is a zillion times easier process that what they have in Florida now days. It took me two months this year to renew my license in Florida. I renewed my Alabama license in less than 2 minutes. Of course I send my paperwork as I receive them through the year to the board....but less than 2 minutes. It just does not get easier than this.....

\*\*I renewed my Alabama license online. I can't see how it could get any easier than this. Thanks for all who have made this process so user friendly.

\*\*Thank you so much for all the information and your time for my concerns. I truly appreciate it. Take care.

\*\*I really appreciate you doing this so quickly! Have a great week

\*\*Thank you for your prompt response! Have a great day!

## Increase in License Verifications

We have seen a recent increase in license verifications.

Specifically insurance companies questioning if the DC has PT and / or Acupuncture Certificates. If you have completed the requirements for either of these Certifications and have not submitted to the Board please submit these as soon as possible so we can list in your file.

## FCLB Districts III & V Regional Meeting

*Connecting  
Regulators*  
2016 District Meetings

The Board President, Dr. Brian Wells, recently attended the FCLB's Regional Meeting in Nashville, TN. Attending these meetings keeps our Board up to date on issues and trends nationwide.



### Some of the topics on the agenda included:

- \* *D.C.'s performing insurance audits in jurisdictions where they are not licensed*
- \* *Documentation compliance*
- \* *Treating employees - is your staff treated like the public? (Records, documentation)*
- \* *Social Media - guidance for licensees*
- \* *What does the expansion of Telehealth mean to your jurisdiction?*
- \* *Does your jurisdiction have language addressing Independent Medical Examination*
- \* *Does your jurisdiction allow CE for licensees who take seminars from a different entity*



**This following rules were adopted and became **effective**  
September 20, 2016.**

**Please become familiar with these to avoid future violations of these rules.  
Please hold the CTRL key and click the following link for the entire rules.**

**[Current Board Rules](#)**

**Rule 190-X-1-.18 Fees**

**Rule 190-X-2-.19 Application; Licensure by Credentials**

## Board Member Interviewed by New York Times



**Current Board Member Dr. Toya Burton was recently interviewed by the New York Times regarding the shortage of pain management availability to African Americans. She is pictured here treating Robert Prince at Whatley Health Services in Tuscaloosa, AL. To read the full article please hold the CTRL key and click the link below.**

**[News Article](#)**

**Please Note: Debra Darnell retired in December of 2015. Please remove her name from all correspondence to the Board.**

## *Congratulations to those licensed since July 2016*



Beilke, Cameron B.	Of Mobile, AL	
Bollason, Vignir T.	Of Homewood, AL	205-803-1234
Debease, Robert Jr.	Of Sharpsburg, GA	
Glover, Kenneth S.	Of Vestavia Hills, AL	205-967-0280
Kang, Grace S.	Of Auburn, AL	334-356-6075
Luoma, Nathan	Of Gulf Shores, AL	
O'Rear, Jason P	Of Pensacola, FL	
Smith, Alexander L.	Of Haleyville, AL	256-974-7778
Willilams, Ruston L	Of Mandeville, LA	

## DATES TO CALENDAR

Board meetings / hearings:

October 6-9, 2016  
Orange Beach, AL

October 21, 2016  
November 18, 2016  
December 9, 2016  
Clanton Board Office

## 2016 State Holidays

The Board Office will be closed on the following:

Columbus Day	October 10
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 24
Christmas Day	December 26

### OUR MISSION

*To regulate and license doctors of chiropractic in order to protect the people of Alabama.*

### OUR VISION

*To ensure the people of Alabama will receive professional, ethical and quality care in utilizing chiropractic services to maximize health benefits.*

### OUR VALUES

*Excellence, integrity, communication and ethics.*

### Board Members

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