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**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
MEETING MINUTES
Continuing Education Committee
September 24, 2008
State Capitol
Assembly Room 126
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Committee Members

Richard Tyler, D.C., Chair
Hugh Lubkin, D.C.

Staff Present

Brian Stiger, Executive Officer
LaVonne Powell, Senior Staff Counsel
April Alameda, Associate Analyst
Genie Mitsuahara, Staff Services Analyst

Call to Order

Dr. Tyler called the meeting to order 8:37 a.m.

Roll Call

Dr. Lubkin called the roll. All committee members were present.

Approval of Minutes

September 4, 2008

DR. LUBKIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2008, MINUTES; DR. TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION; VOTE 2-0; MOTION CARRIED.

Update on the Draft Proposal to Amend the Continuing Education Regulations

Dr. Tyler thanked Mr. Stiger and the workgroup for the wonderful work the group completed on this project.

Dr. Tyler stated that the increase of 24 hours is an excellent idea, but he would like to spend more time studying the complete package.

Mr. Stiger stated that the "product" which is before the CE committee members, "proposed regulatory language for continuing education", started in April 2008. The committee members recognized that they could not just change the hours; they would have to go back and do a

comprehensive review of the regulations.

Mr. Stiger put together a very diverse working group and they are: Eric Banta, from International Chiropractors Association of California; Carlyle Brakensiek, from California Society of Industrial & Surgery; Melea Fields from Southern California University of Health Sciences, Dr. Kendra Holloway, from Life West; Dr. Sherry McAllister; from Palmer West; Dr. Mitchell Peritz, Dr. Lou Ringler from Innercalm Associates; Dr. William Updyke from California Chiropractor's Association; Dr. J. Ray Welch, Dr. Linda Shanks, and also staff members, April Alameda, Genie Mitsuhara, John Melendez and LaVonne Powell.

Mr. Stiger stated that he understood that the CE committee was interested in increasing the required hours, include mandatory courses and a balance of elected courses, online courses, and reviewing the 50 minute hour. These were the guidelines the workgroup used as a basis.

Mr. Stiger stated that the workgroup reviewed every regulation that has the term CE hours and that the workgroup was not satisfied with the proposal as it is currently written. This workgroup is willing to continue to work on this effort if it's the will of the CE committee to do so.

Dr. Tyler agreed that the following topics should not be approved for CE credit: those that only benefit the licensee, financial management, income generated, billing, collections, self- motivation, practice building and patient recruitment.

Dr. Lubkin stated continuing education is a privilege and we need to make sure that people who are providing the courses are focused on what the Board wants for continuing education which is to promote high quality practitioners with good diagnostic skills for the protection of public.

Dr. Tyler and Dr. Lubkin expressed their concerns and views regarding the current proposals and would like to join the workgroup at their next meeting to discuss the changes and to come up with a finalized version

Process to Review and Approve Continuing Education Courses

Mr. Stiger stated the revise document within the handout, clarifies those areas where we are unsure of in regard to course content and that we are going to use our trained subject matter experts to provide assistance on approving those courses.

Open to Public Comment:

Mr. Howe, California Chiropractic Association, commends and applauds the working group, this committee, for the brain power, time, and expense they have brought to the process. CCA has concerns about physical therapy and billing.

Dr. Charles Davis, President, International Chiropractors Association of California, stated just a precautionary comment; lets not get into micro-managing everything, it intends to be restrictive. This will become the most micro-managed regulations of any type of Chiropractic Board in the country.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Tyler adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.