



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

**April 29, 2013**

**Commission Members:**

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

**Staff Present**

Leann Yount, Program Manager  
Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director  
Lilia Lopez, AAG  
Steve Saxe, Director, Office of Health Professions and Facilities  
Andy Fernando, HSQA Legislative & Rules Analyst Supervisor  
Dick Goldsmith, HSQA Legislative & Rules Analyst

**On Phone**

Lori Grassi, WSCA

On April 29, 2013 the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) held a telephonic conference call in Tumwater, Washington at the Department of Health, Town Center 2, Room 124, 111 Israel Rd SE.

**OPEN SESSION**

**12:15 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Rasmussen, Chair**

**1.1** The agenda was approved as presented.

**1.2** Message from Dr. Rasmussen, as follows:

On February 25, 2013, the commission sent a letter to the secretary of the former Department of Health (department), Mary C. Selecky, informing her that the Chiropractic Commission was impressed by the performance improvements of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission under their pilot projects. And, if afforded the opportunity, would like to consider if a pilot project could also improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and timeliness of the Chiropractic Commission's public protection and patient safety activities. In light of the results of the other Commissions' pilot projects, the Chiropractic Commission would appreciate an equal opportunity to elect to participate in a pilot project.

The letter was also delivered to the governor's office.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Rasmussen requested a meeting with the department's new secretary John Wiesman, D.Ph., MPH. Secretary Wiesman, Karen Jensen, HSQA Assistant Secretary, and Kelly Cooper, Director of Policy Legislative and Constituent Relations met with Drs. Rasmussen and Smith. Drs. Rasmussen and Smith discussed the Chiropractic Commission's desire to enter into the pilot project should the bill pass. They asked for the department's support of SBH 1518 allowing the Chiropractic Commission the opportunity to enter into a pilot project.

## **2. 2SHB 1518 – PILOT PROJECT DISCUSSION – Dr. Rasmussen, Chair**

**2.1** Steve Saxe, Director addressed the commission on behalf of Karen Jensen, Assistant Secretary, as she wasn't able to attend the meeting. Mr. Saxe thanked the commission for the work they do. He said he feels the department and commission work well together under the current structure and the missions are consistent with public protection.

Mr. Saxe also pointed out that the OA was amended to include the commission's wishes. The commission was able to increase the program manager's time from 50% to 90%. He said the department would work with the commission to increase executive director and other dedicated staff time under the current structure.

Bob Nicoloff briefly discussed information about the Commission's budget and the pilot cost analysis. The information was the same as what was reviewed during the February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings. The cost analysis hasn't changed.

Commission members voted all in favor to enter into the pilot project as directed by 2SHB 1518. The commission requested the continued support of Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director and Leann Yount, Program Manager during the transition. The commission will send a letter to Secretary Wiesman informing him of the commission's decision.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**12:33 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** June 6, 2013  
Department of Health  
CenterPoint - Creekside Three, Room 307  
20425 – 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Suite 200  
Kent, WA